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Over 30 terror targets destroyed in N. Iraq op.

Drones, refueling aircrafts, over 20 warplanes used in overnight operation, says Turkish Defense Ministry

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ANKARA - Turkish jets have destroyed over 30 terror targets in northern Iraq in an overnight operation, the Defense Ministry said in a statement on Friday. The army used over 20 warplanes as well as drones and refueling aircrafts during the operation in which the Mt.

Karajak area -- some 165 kilometers (102 miles) inside Iraq -- was hit for the first time, it said. It further stated that the terror targets in northern Iraq were determined in coordination with the intelligence units, adding the utmost care for the safety of civilians and environment was taken. The Airborne Early Warning and... **MORE DETAILS**



Turkey's operations in N. Iraq to continue

ISTANBUL - President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Friday said his country's anti-terror operations in northern Iraq will continue. Turkey wasted enough time to intervene with the terror swamp the east of the Euphrates River,

Erdogan said at the Organization of Islamic Cooperation's (OIC) member/observer states judicial conference in Istanbul. "We will no longer tolerate a single day of delay," Erdogan added. **MORE DETAILS**



219 soldiers sought for suspected FETO-links

ISTANBUL - Turkish prosecutors in Istanbul ordered Friday the detention of nearly 220 soldiers for their suspected links to the Fetullah Terrorist Organization (FETO), the group behind

July 2016 defeated coup in Turkey. The arrest warrants were issued for 219 soldiers in active service as part of an ongoing investigation into the presence of FETO in the Turkish Army. **MORE DETAILS**

Israel arrests 40 Palestinians in overnight raids



By Abdelraouf Arnaout

JERUSALEM - Israeli forces rounded up 40 Palestinians in overnight raids carried out across the occupied West Bank, according to the Israeli military on Friday. The individuals who include 37 Hamas members were arrested for "suspected involvement in popular terrorist activities", the army said in a statement, without elaborating on the nature of these activities. The Israeli army frequently carries out wide-ranging arrest campaigns across the occupied West Bank on the pretext of searching for... **MORE DETAILS**

Bulgaria likely option for TurkStream 2nd route



ANKARA - Turkey will transform from an end user to an intermediate user with the commissioning of the second line of the TurkStream natural gas project, while eliminating transit risks through Ukraine, Volkan Ozdemir,

head of the Ankara-based Institute for Energy Markets and Policies (EPPEN), said in an exclusive interview with Anadolu Agency. Russia will sell gas to Europe via Turkey for the first time... **MORE DETAILS**



Myanmar crimes against Rohingya 'genocide'

WASHINGTON - The House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed legislation Thursday labeling as "genocide" Myanmar's ongoing crimes against the country's minority Muslim Rohingya population.

The resolution cleared the chamber 394-1. Steve Chabot, who introduced the legislation, said in a statement after its passage that he asked fellow lawmakers to "affirm that the Burmese military's... **MORE DETAILS**



WASHINGTON - U.S. senators voted Thursday to pass a resolution condemning the murder

of Jamal Khashoggi and holding Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman responsible for the heinous act. The resolution was introduced by foreign relations committee chairman Bob Corker. The resolution was adopted by voice vote. It is the second resolution to pass the chamber Thursday following an earlier approval... **MORE DETAILS**