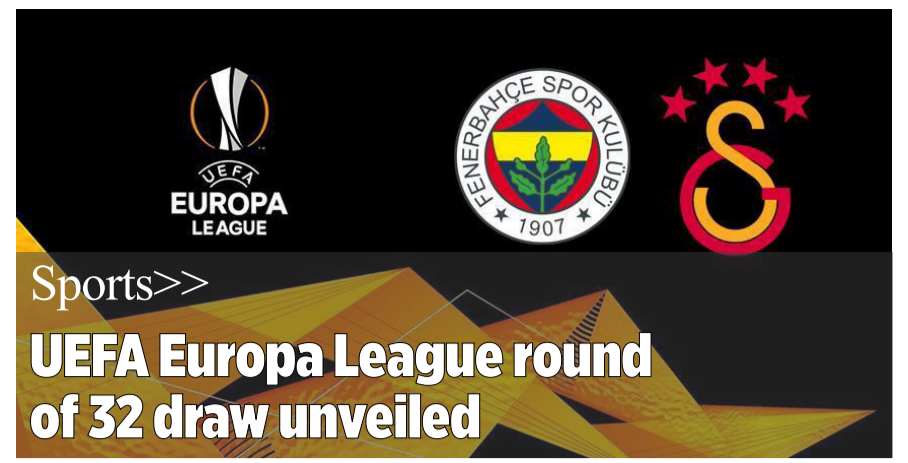




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Turkey's budget records \$1.4B surplus in Nov.

Central government's budget balance, excluding interest payments, saw surplus of nearly \$2.8 billion last month

By Tuba Sahin

ANKARA - Turkey's central government budget balance posted a surplus of 7.57 billion Turkish liras (\$1.4 billion) in November, the Treasury and Finance Ministry announced on Monday. The country's budget revenues totaled 81.9 billion Turkish liras (\$15.3 billion), rising 25.6 percent

year-on-year, the ministry said in a monthly report. During the same period, budget expenditures saw an annual hike of 31.1 percent to reach 74.3 billion Turkish liras (\$13.9 billion), data showed. The budget balance, excluding interest payments, saw a surplus of 14.8 billion Turkish liras (some \$2.8 billion) in November... [MORE DETAILS](#)



Op. east of Euphrates 'any moment'

By Diyar Guldogan

ANKARA - Turkey will launch a military operation east of the Euphrates River "any moment now", President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said on Monday. "We can start our operation any moment now in Syrian territory at any place, especially along the 500-kilometer border, without harming

U.S. soldiers," Erdogan said at the mass opening ceremony at Mevlana Square in central Konya province.

Erdogan said the army has completed preparations for the planned operation, adding that Turkey will do "what is necessary" regarding terror corridors east of the Euphrates River. [MORE DETAILS](#)

Turkish economy sees total turnover rise in Oct.



'US can't confine us east of Euphrates'

ANKARA - Turkey's minister of interior anticipated Monday that the United States will try to hinder Turkey from conducting an anti-terrorism operation east of the Euphrates River in Syria to eliminate the

YPG/PKK terrorist group. "[The U.S.] has tried to confine us in northern Iraq, it tried to confine us in Afrin, [Syria]. And now, it will try to confine us east of the Euphrates. Turkey did not let it happen back then and... [MORE DETAILS](#)

Arrest warrants out for 111 FETO suspects

ANKARA - Turkish prosecutors issued arrest warrants on Monday for some 111 people including active-duty soldiers across the country for their suspected links to Fetullah Terrorist Organization (FETO), the group behind

the 2016 defeated coup attempt. Ankara Chief Public Prosecutor's Office issued the warrants for 64 suspects -- 55 non-commissioned officers including 35 on-duty soldiers -- within... [MORE DETAILS](#)

'US Rohingya move to encourage others'



Rohingya need 'protected homeland in Myanmar' for being repatriated, says pro-democracy Euro-Burma Office head

By Sorwar Alam

ANKARA - The U.S. House of Representative vote declaring persecution of the Rohingya minority in Myanmar a "genocide" should encourage other nations to follow suit, a senior rights activist said. In an interview with Anadolu Agency

on last week's vote, Harn Yawnghwe, son of Myanmar's first president Sao Shwe Thaik, said the move "affirms the action taken by the International Criminal Court to further investigate, and the UN's Independent International Fact-Finding Mission (IIFFM) report that there is credible evidence against the Myanmar

government and its security forces."

The U.S. House of Representatives approved a resolution by a vote of 394-1 on Dec. 14 affirming "the Burmese military's actions were genocide against the Rohingya people". A UN fact-finding mission... [MORE DETAILS](#)

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