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EU top FDI source in Turkey



EU countries are top FDI investors to Turkey, amounts to over 66 percent of total inflow

By Gokhan Ergocun

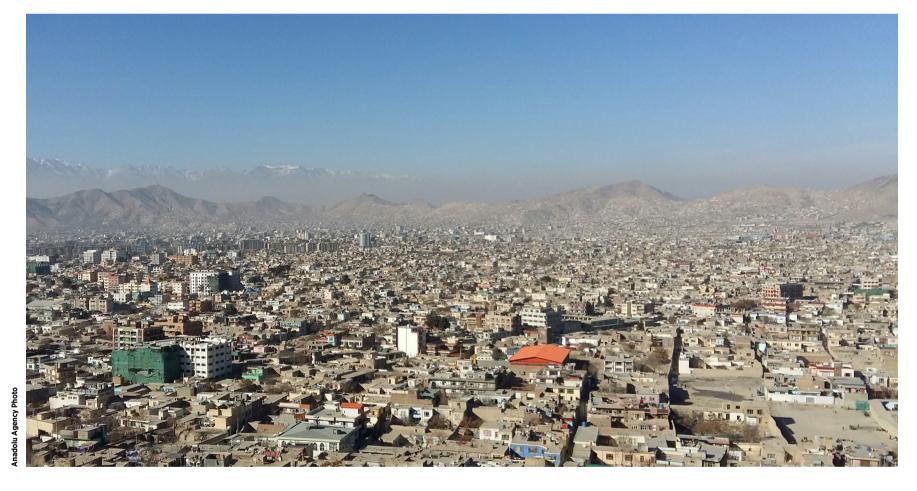
ISTANBUL - Turkey received \$9.16 billion in net foreign direct investment from January to October 2018, the Industry and Technology Ministry announced on Thursday.

According to the official data, the amount of net FDI the country received was \$1.05 billion in October, while the highest amount of FDI was seen in June with \$1.3

billion during the 10-month period. Regarding equity investment, which is the leading item on the overseas direct investment account, direct inflow to Turkey was some \$4.8 billion, with 66.4 percent of this amount coming from the European Union.

During the period, the Netherlands (\$578) million), Italy (\$491 million) and Austria (\$449 million) were the top three European sources of direct capital inflow. MORE DETAILS

Residents gasp for air in toxic Kabul smog



By Shadi Khan Sait

KABUL - From dusk till dawn, the Afghan capital of Kabul resembles an abandoned city these days, shrouded in the thick black smoke

of mostly coal-fired heaters amid the harsh winter.

Air pollution during the winter in this fast-developing metropolis has made breathing difficult for locals, especially during the evening.

According to AirVisual, an organization that ranks the world's cities according to an Air Quality Index (AQI), Kabul was number one on the list with the worst air quality, registering an AQI... MORE DETAILS



Trump makes surprise visit to troops in Iraq

By Umar Farooq and Haydar Karaalp

WASHINGTON / BAGHDAD - President Donald Trump made a surprise Christmas visit

to U.S. troops in Iraq, the White House said Wednesday. It marked the first time the president has visited a combat... MORE DETAILS

Sudanese president blames West for economic troubles



By Husameldin Badawi Ahmed Almayl, Safiye Karabacak

KHARTOUM - The West's embargo has caused economic troubles in Sudan, the country's president said

on Tuesday. Sudanese state TV reported that Omar al-Bashir, who addressed residents of a village in the Gezira state near Khartoum... MORE DETAILS



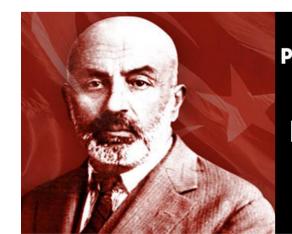
By Mustafa Yildirim

IZMIR - Turkish police arrested 15 suspects in the Aegean Izmir province for their alleged links to the PKK/KCK terror group on Thursday, security sources

Anti-terror and intelligence police carried out

simultaneous operations early morning to nab the suspects.

The arrests came after the Izmir Public Prosecutor's Office issued arrest warrants for 15 suspects, who were allegedly working on behalf of the PKK/KCK. During the... MORE DETAILS



Profile of the week

Mehmet Akif Ersoy

Mehmet Akif Ersoy: Poet of Turkish national anthem

By Meryem Goktas

ANKARA - The legacy of the Turkish author and poet of Turkey's national anthem Mehmet Akif Ersoy lives on in the country, as Turkey commemorates the 82nd anniversary of his death.

Akif -- also was an

academic and member of the parliament -- is mostly regarded in Turkey as the "National Poet", since he was the writer of the lyrics of Turkish National Anthem -- the march of independence -- which was adopted in 1921 by the **Turkish Grand National** Assembly. MORE DETAILS