



Turkey's growth in 2018 should top estimates: Erdogan

By Diyar Guldogan

ANKARA - Once the figures are announced, Turkey's economic growth in 2018 is likely to beat the estimates, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said on Friday. "Hopefully, growth in 2018 will be above estimates despite the plot that was launched

against our country using the triad of exchange rates, interest rates, and inflation," Erdogan told a meeting of ruling Justice and Development (AK) Party provincial heads in the capital Ankara. Erdogan said Turkey's economy grew 7.4 percent in 2017 compared to the previous year, adding... [MORE DETAILS](#)



First Turkish mayor in US wants to inspire others

NEW JERSEY - Tayfun Selen, the first Turkish-American mayor in the U.S., said his election would be a "source of inspiration" for the diaspora. "I think that my election as a mayor may be a

source of inspiration for Turkish people and young people living here, and also an occasion for Turks to go into politics," Selen told Anadolu Agency on Thursday. Selen, 47, was sworn in as mayor in... [MORE DETAILS](#)

Turkey 'intensely' preps for counter-terror op in Syria

Defense Minister Hulusi Akar says Turkey determined to end terrorism wherever it may be



By Sarp Ozer

SANLIURFA - Turkey's preparations for a possible operation in Syria in the east of Euphrates continue "intensely", the defense minister said on Friday. "We have Manbij, and the east of Euphrates ahead. Necessary planning was made regarding this. Our preparation continues intensely," Hulusi Akar said while inspecting troops near the border with Syria. Akar said Turkey was determined to end terrorism wherever it may be. "We have no problems..." [MORE DETAILS](#)

Yellow Vests ruin most of France's speed cameras



PARIS - Yellow Vest protesters have destroyed or vandalized nearly two thirds of France's fixed speed cameras since demonstrations began in

November, the country's interior minister said Thursday. Christophe Castaner told reporters that 1,920 of the country's 3,200 cameras had been degraded.

He also criticized those supporting Christophe Dettinger, a former French boxing champion filmed punching two police officers during Yellow Vest... [MORE DETAILS](#)

Israeli army continues Ramallah raids, sparking clashes

JERUSALEM - Israeli forces have continued conducting raids in the occupied West Bank city of Ramallah, triggering clashes with local Palestinians. On Thursday evening, the fifth consecutive day of raids, dozens of soldiers and at least eight military vehicles raided Ramallah's Al-

Masyoon district, according to an Anadolu Agency correspondent based in the area. The raids have already sparked several clashes in Al-Masyoon, with Israeli troops using teargas and rubber bullets to disperse stone-throwing Palestinian youths. According to the Palestinian Red

Crescent, at least four Palestinians were taken to the Ramallah Medical Center after suffering the effects of excessive teargas. For the last five days, Israeli forces have continued to carry out raids in the city -- the Palestinian Authority's administrative capital -- on the pretext of... [MORE DETAILS](#)