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Turkey has no issue with Kurds, but PKK

ANKARA - Turkey does not have any issue with Kurds, the issue is the PKK terror group and its extensions in Syria, the country's presidential communications director said on Monday. "The Republic of Turkey is not an enemy of Kurds, but a protector [of them]," Fahrettin Altun said on Twitter. Altun stressed that "national security"

was most essential for Turkey. "Terror is terror and it must be eradicated. What Turkey doing in Syria is exactly that," he said. Altun stressed that PYD and YPG are terror organizations reiterated Turkey's determination in the fight against terrorism. His remarks came hours after U.S. President Donald... [MORE DETAILS](#)

Turkey not deterred by threats, says FM

Mevlut Cavusoglu says economic threats will avail nothing, following Donald Trump saying he would 'devastate' Turkey

By Diyar Guldogan

ANKARA - Ankara will not shrink from threats by U.S. President Donald Trump, said Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu on Monday. "We have repeatedly said that we are never afraid of threats. Threatening Turkey economically will get you nowhere," Cavusoglu told a news conference with his Luxembourg counterpart Jean Asselborn in the Turkish capital Ankara. Cavusoglu's remarks came in response to Trump's threat to attack Turkey's economy if

Ankara hits the terror group PKK/YPG during the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Syria. "Strategic partners" should not communicate through social media, Cavusoglu added, in clear reference to the perennially tweeting U.S. leader. "[The US] Will devastate Turkey economically if they hit Kurds," Trump tweeted on Sunday, conflating "Kurds" with the terrorist PKK/YPG, a confusion that Turkey has repeatedly criticized. Cavusoglu said Turkey is not the enemy of the Kurdish... [MORE DETAILS](#)



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16 killed in plane crash near Iranian capital

TEHRAN - At least 16 people were killed when a Boeing 707 cargo plane operated by Kyrgyzstan Airlines crashed while landing in Iran on Monday, according to state television.

The plane crashed while making an emergency landing at Fath Airport, located in Karaj in the Alborz province 40 kilometers (around 25 miles) west of the capital Tehran... [MORE DETAILS](#)

Europe battleground for US and Russia

By Bahattin Gonultas

BERLIN - Should the U.S. impose sanctions on the German and Russian-backed Nord Stream 2 pipeline (NS2), it would be regarded as "unacceptable

political interference" on Europe's energy policy and could even be "counterproductive", experts and German leaders warned. German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas said on Thursday that... [MORE DETAILS](#)

Dome of the Rock shut over 'Jewish cap'

JERUSALEM - Palestinian authorities shut Jerusalem's iconic Dome of the Rock mosque on Monday after an Israeli policeman attempted to force his way into the place, according to a spokesman. "Palestinian guard closed the mosque after an Israeli policeman wearing a Jewish

cap tried to enter the worship place," Firas al-Dibs, a spokesman for Jerusalem's Jordan-run Religious Endowments Authority, said. "The guards asked the policeman to take off his cap before entering the mosque, but he refused and attempted to force his way into the place,

prompting the guards to close it," he said. Al-Dibs said two Israeli policemen conduct a tour inside the mosque every day for security reasons. Meanwhile, al-Dibs said Israeli Agriculture Minister Uri Ariel stormed East Jerusalem's flashpoint Al-Aqsa... [MORE DETAILS](#)