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PKK killed 27 civilians in 2018

By Sertac Bulur

ANKARA - The terrorist organization PKK killed 27 civilians in 2018, the Turkey's Interior Ministry said. In a statement on Wednesday, the ministry said PKK's terrorist attacks

targeted women and children as well. The statement said that PKK terrorists killed seven civilians during Turkey's Operation Olive Branch in northern Syria, identifying them as Nadi Al Faras, Sahin Elitas, Muzaffer

Aydemir, Tareq Tabbaq, Fatma Avlar, Rifat Sinirli, and Ahmet Sanverdi. On Jan. 20, 2018 Turkey launched Operation Olive Branch to remove YPG/PKK and Daesh terrorists from Afrin. On March 18, Turkish troops and the Free Syrian Army... **MORE DETAILS**



Turkey's CB keeps policy rate unchanged

By Muhammed Ali Gurtas

ANKARA - The Turkish Central Bank (CBRT) on Wednesday kept its one-week repo rate -- also known as the policy rate -- constant at 24 percent. The decision came in a statement from the bank's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting, which is the first of eight meetings

scheduled for the year. Among 19 economists surveyed by Anadolu Agency on Monday, only one economist expected a 150-base-point decline, i.e. 1.50 percentage points, in one-week repo rate, while all the others foresaw no change in interest rates. In 2018, the CBRT held nine MPC meetings, as interest rates climbed from... **MORE DETAILS**

Turkey hit by harsh winter, snowfall



ANKARA - Harsh winter conditions dominate many parts of Turkey, affecting daily life. An old woman in eastern Bingol province was killed when an avalanche of snow fell over her from the roof of her house.

The roads to thousands of villages across Turkey were covered with snow. In Ovacik district of eastern Tunceli province, the height of snow reached three meters (10 feet). Roads between Ankara-Izmir,

Afyonkarahisar-USak and Afyonkarahisar-Kutahya cities in western Turkey were blocked early Wednesday due to heavy snow. These roads were opened later with snow plowers. Aid agencies, Disaster... **MORE DETAILS**

Istanbul police seize large amount of drug in op.

By Huseyin Bagis

ISTANBUL - Some 115 kilogram of cocaine and heroin and more than half million opiate pills were seized in large-scale bust in Istanbul, security source said on Wednesday. After receiving a tip-off, anti-drug police squad conducted raid in the northernmost Sariyer

district of the city on Sunday, said the source who asked not to be named due to restrictions on speaking to the media. A total of 47 kg (103 pounds) of cocaine was confiscated at the operation. They also seized 68 kg (150 pounds) of heroin and 550,000 opiate pills during the raid. **MORE DETAILS**



Turkey to take all legal actions against FETO head

ANKARA - Turkey will take all legal actions for the extradition of Fetullah Terrorist Organization (FETO) leader Fetullah Gulen by

the U.S., the country's justice minister said Tuesday. "We believe that this extradition will happen. It should happen. **MORE DETAILS**

EU says risk of no-deal on Brexit imminent



By Faruk Zorlu

ANKARA - The risk of no-deal on Brexit is imminent, European Union's chief Brexit negotiator said on Wednesday following British lawmakers' rejection of Brexit deal. Speaking at the EU parliament, Michel Barnier said: "We are fearing more than ever, that there is a risk of a no deal, and we still are focused on avoiding that scenario." Barnier went on to say: "But at the same time, we must remain lucid and clear in our approach which is why we are stepping up our efforts to be prepared for that possibility." Lawmakers in the House of Commons rejected... **MORE DETAILS**