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'Syria buffer zone talks to go on'

Whether Turkey and US views on safe zone are overlapping will be seen during upcoming talks, says Turkish foreign minister By Sibel Ugurlu

Turkey's foreign minister on Thursday said a proposed safe zone in northern Syria is important both for the country's stability and

displaced Syrians' return home. It should emerge at upcoming talks whether Turkish and U.S. views are overlapping or not

about the ideas of a Syrian safe zone, something first brought up by Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan at th... MORE DETAILS





European bank boosts Turkish lira financing in 2018

European Bank for Reconstruction and Development invests €1B in Turkey, one-third of it in local currency

By Tuba Sahin

ANKARA (AA) - The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) in 2018 stepped up Turkish lira financing in Turkey to a record €331 million (some \$390 million) through 13 transactions with Turkish companies. That was up from €228.8 million (\$258.5 million) in 2017, according to a

statement from the bank on Thursday. "The EBRD increased its support for local currency financing in Turkey to a third of its total investment in the country in 2018, a particularly challenging year when an economic slowdown and a dramatic currency depreciation

affected... MORE DETAILS

New US-bound migrant caravan arrives in Guatemala

BUENOS AIRES (AA) A fresh group of at least 700 Honduran migrants headed for the U.S. arrived Wednesday at Agua Caliente border crossing on the Guatemalan frontier, according to La Prensa newspaper. Migrants who held

proper documents for travel were allowed to cross into Guatemala as border guards have taken strict measures at 54 checkpoints to prevent migrants cross the Mexican border.
Tania Silva, a migration specialist lawyer, said there is only a slight chance that... MORE DETAILS

Rohingya long for an end to their suffering



COX'S BAZAR (AA)-Rohingya Muslims, forced to emigrate from their homeland to escape oppression and horrific massacres, cannot escape

their painful memories. Nearly 1.5 million Rohingya Muslims who fled from ethnic and religious persecution in Myanmar and crossed

into Bangladesh are struggling to survive in camps in Cox's Bazar district. Many Rohingya Muslims, some of whom lost family members, are

dreaming of a peaceful life despite their pain. But they do not want to return to their country unless they are given assurances... MORE DETAILS

Turkish business group urges free trade deal with US

By Dilara Zengin and Tuba Sahin

ANKARA (AA) - A free trade agreement between Turkey and the U.S. is the way to boost bilateral trade between the two

countries, according to the head of a key business council. "The current trade volume figure of some \$20 billion is... MORE DETAILS

Brexit: Parliament to vote on Plan B



By Ahmet Gurhan Kartal

LONDON (AA) - British lawmakers will vote on the government's Brexit Plan B on Jan. 29, Andrea Leadsom, the leader of the Commons, said Thursday.Prime Minister Theresa May will make a statement on her new strategy for Brexit on Monday after her plan was largely rejected by MPs earlier this week. May will submit a motion aiming for progress in the Brexit process and a debate will be held at the House of Commons on Jan. 29 before a vote, Leadsome said. May said late Wednesday that she has started constructive meetings with the represent.. MORE DETAILS