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57M+ to vote for local polls on March 31

By Aylin Sirikli Dal

ANKARA - More than 57 million Turkish citizens are registered to vote at the local elections slated for March 31, the head of the country's electoral authority said Tuesday. The preliminary preparations for the local elections are almost complete and the current number of voters in Turkey is 57,970,985, Sadi Guven, head of the Supreme Election Council, told Anadolu Agency. In response to claims that

Syrians in Turkey will vote in the polls, Guven said it is not possible for those who are not Turkish citizens to cast a vote. Interior Minister Suleyman Soylu said on Sunday a total of 53,099 Syrians who have acquired Turkish citizenship will be able to vote in local elections. A day after, Soylu said 553,000 security staff -- including the coast guard -- will be on duty to ensure safety during the election. Turkey had assigned 6,680 additional security... [MORE DETAILS](#)



By Enes Kaplan

ANKARA - Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin are set to have their first face-to-face meeting of 2019 on Wednesday. During Erdogan's one-day working visit to the Russian capital Moscow, the two leaders will exchange views on regional and international issues, particularly Syria, as well as bilateral relations between Turkey and Russia. Prior to his visit, an article penned by Erdogan titled "Turkey-Russia cooperation, critical for resolving the crisis in Syria" was published on Russian daily Kommersant last week. "We will not seek advice on how to deal with a terrorist group from anyone whose activities have been directed against our citizens for more than 30 years, or ask for permission... [MORE DETAILS](#)

Turkey condemns Afghan terror attack



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Foreign ministry voices sorrow over suicide car bomb attack in central Maidan Wardak province

By Diyar Guldogan

ANKARA - Turkish Foreign Ministry on Tuesday "strongly" condemned a terror attack that was perpetrated in the Maidan Wardak province of Afghanistan earlier on Monday. "We strongly condemn this terror

attack. We wish Allah's mercy upon those who lost their lives, wish speedy recovery to the wounded and convey our condolences to the brotherly people and friendly Government of Afghanistan," the ministry said in a statement. A total of 50 people -- which also

includes personnel of the Afghan special forces -- were killed after a suicide car bomb attack hit central Maidan Wardak, situated less than 50 kilometers (31 miles) south of capital Kabul. Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahed claimed responsibility... [MORE DETAILS](#)

'YPG/PKK biggest threat to Kurds'



ANKARA - YPG/PKK terror group poses the biggest threat to Kurds after Daesh in war-torn Syria, said the head of an opposition Syrian-Kurdish group on Tuesday. Speaking to Istanbul-based TRT World, a Turkish news channel broadcasting in English, Abdulhakim Bashar,

chairman of the Kurdish National Council in Syria (KNC) said that YPG/PKK threatened to kill him if he did not leave the country. "The PYD/YPG/PKK is neither Kurd nor Syrian. It does not have any agenda regarding Syria or Kurds," Bashar said. [MORE DETAILS](#)

120 Syrians return home from Turkey

KILIS - At least 120 Syrians living across Turkey have returned to areas liberated from YPG/PKK and Daesh terrorists in Turkey's anti-terror operations in their home country, local officials said on Tuesday. Syrians, including women and children, left Turkey's

border province of Kilis as part of the Voluntary Return Programme initiated by the provincial migration authority. Syrian refugee Muhammed Hattab told reporters that he left Syria three years ago due to the civil war. He said Turkey... [MORE DETAILS](#)