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Turkish, Russian leaders meet in Moscow

Putin offers Erdogan condolences over death of Turkish sailors

By Elena Teslova

MOSCOW - Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin have started their first face-to-face meeting of 2019. Putin expressed his condolences to Erdogan over the death of 16 Turkish citizens, who were killed in a twin vessel fire in the Kerch Strait on Jan. 21. Putin said the incident had happened in neutral waters as one of the vessels was transferring its cargo of liquified gas to the other. "Our services reacted quickly -- did everything to save the people. But it is still a great tragedy for the families, for the victims. Please accept our condolences," he said. Putin also praised the development of Russian-Turkish cooperation in 2018 and said the trade turnover between the two countries shows further growth. [MORE DETAILS](#)



FETO serves foreign intelligence agencies

By Cankut Tasdan and Vakkas Dogantekin

ANKARA - The Fetullah Terrorist Organization (FETO), a group behind the 2016 defeated coup in Turkey, works with and serves the interests of Western spy agencies around the world, especially U.S. intelligence services, according to a new report. FETO and its U.S.-based leader Fetullah Gulen serve the U.S. interests in Russia, the Balkans, Eurasia, Caucasus and the Middle East, said the Turkish Police

Academy report, "FETO - An International Threat." The terror network also runs more than 140 U.S. charter schools funded by American taxpayers, as an operational and financial base to promote its global interests, said the report. In addition to numerous FETO-linked businesses that pour millions of dollars into the cult's reserves across the U.S., especially its charter school network with 60,000 students provides it an annual revenue stream of \$500 million that funds... [MORE DETAILS](#)



Turkey working to solve crisis in Syria

ANKARA - Turkey is working for a political solution to the "devastating" crisis in Syria, the presidential communications director said on Wednesday. "Turkey isn't just fighting all forms of terrorism in Syria. We are also

working for a political solution to the devastating crisis next door," Fahrettin Altun said on Twitter. "Syria's territorial integrity and political stability are Turkey's key priorities. We will continue to work toward those goals," he added.

Altun's remarks came ahead of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's visit to Moscow, where he will meet his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin. "President @RT_Erdogan will be in Moscow today to holds... [MORE DETAILS](#)

Man's heroic acts save Afghans' lives

TOKAT - A newspaper distributor's quick thinking and heroic actions after a fire broke out in a house of an Afghan family saved their life in Turkey's Black Sea region on Wednesday. Remzi Ozyurt was distributing newspaper in northern Tokat province in the early morning

when he noticed flames and smoke coming from a two-story wooden house. Ozyurt immediately called fire service and police and then woke the family up. The newspaper distributor later caught two children of the family -- Mukaddese, 7, and Umit, 5... [MORE DETAILS](#)

Over 30,000 Ahiska Turks naturalized

BILECIK - More than 30,000 Ahiska Turks have been granted Turkish citizenship, the head of The World Union of Ahiska Turks, which serves members of the community in nine countries, said on Wednesday. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan gave special

priority to the plight of the community, with the latest efforts being in 2015 to facilitate of the group's settlement in Turkey, Fuat Ucar told Anadolu Agency in the western province of Bilecik following an event. Ucar highlighted that 3,000 people in 677... [MORE DETAILS](#)

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