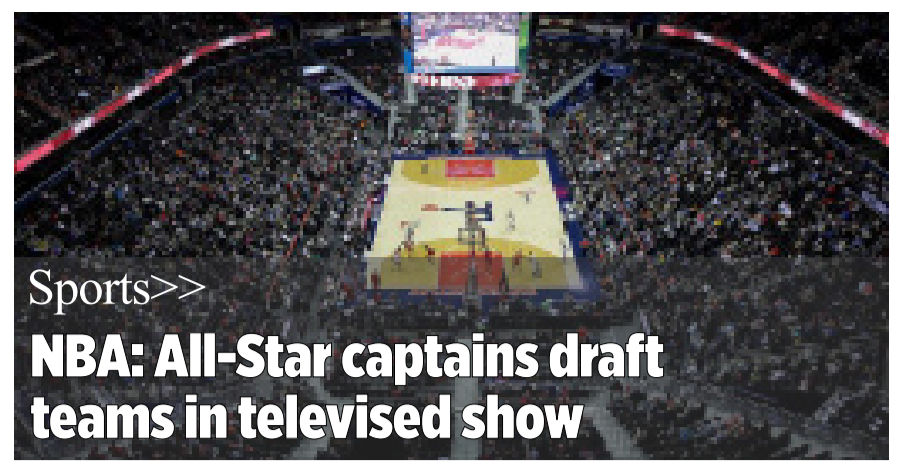




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Turkey to foil any attempts against its goals, interest

'We will foil every plot against Turkey's interests, achievements and goals,' President Erdogan says

By Ilkay Guder and Aynur Ekiz

ANKARA - Turkey will foil any attempts against its interests and goals, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said on Friday. "We will foil every plot against Turkey's interests, achievements and goals," Erdogan told a campaign rally for local elections in the central province of Sivas. "Our homeland, our flag, our state, our nation and our independence is our honor," he said. Erdogan held his first rally for the March 31 local elections in Sivas province. Turkey is gearing up for the local polls, held every five years, with 13 political parties taking part... [MORE DETAILS](#)



'Murder planned long before': Khashoggi case

By Dildar Baykan

NEW YORK - The Saudi crown prince was plotting the murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi for at least a year before his death in Istanbul last fall, The New York Times reported. An article on Thursday cited former and current officials from the U.S. and other countries saying that intelligence agencies intercepted a conversation between Mohammed bin Salman and a senior advisor. It constituted "the most

detailed evidence to date" that the crown prince considered having Khashoggi killed long before a team of Saudi operatives strangled him inside the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul. The conversation between bin Salman and his adviser Turki Aldakhil in September 2017 reveal the Saudi government was increasingly disturbed by Khashoggi's criticisms, said an official who saw intelligence reports. The official added that in the same conversation... [MORE DETAILS](#)



Seized FETO terrorist audio shows 'parallel state' goal

SAKARYA - Newly seized audio of the FETO terrorist leader reveals him telling his followers to infiltrate strategic positions in the Turkish state to replace it with a "parallel state," according to a court indictment. "Our dedicated, virtuous

friends have to take very important points in the other state," says Fetullah Gulen, U.S.-based leader of the Fetullah Terrorist Organization (FETO), in the voice recording, referring to his followers infiltrating the Turkish state, which they attempted to... [MORE DETAILS](#)

Only Erdogan can solve Halki Seminary issue

By Furkan Naci Top

ATHENS - Only Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan can solve the problem of Halki Seminary of Heybeliada between Greece and Turkey, a Greek official said Thursday in wake of the Turkish leader's suggestion of reopening the seminary. Greek Alternate Foreign Minister Georgios Katrougalos told Anadolu

Agency: "If a decision on the reopening of the Heybeliada Halki Seminary is taken, it can only be taken by president Erdogan." Her remarks came after Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras' visited to the site of the Halki Seminary on Heybeliada island Wednesday as part of a two-day official visit to Turkey. Erdogan welcomed Tsipras on Tuesday for a two-day visit focused on steps

to improve bilateral cooperation. Relations between Ankara and Athens was comprehensively reviewed during the visit where Erdogan and Tsipras exchanged views on regional and international developments. Erdogan suggested the seminary could be reopened if Athens improved conditions for the Muslim community in Western Thrace -- an area with a large Turkish Muslim population. [MORE DETAILS](#)

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1st in its history, Thai royal to contest election

ANKARA - In an unusual move, stunning many in and out of the country, a member of the royal monarchy has jumped in the upcoming election to run for prime minister in Thailand, local media reported on Friday. Princess Ubolratana Rajakanya Sirivadhana Barnavadi, the elder sister of Thailand's King Maha Vajiralongkorn, will be prime ministerial candidate for the

Thai Raksa Chart Party in elections slated for March 24, the local daily The Nation cited her as saying. Her remarks came as a confirmation after the party registered her as a candidate at the Thai EC today following which the announcement was made by Thai Raksa Chart Party leader Preechapol Pongpanich. "Princess is sole [PM] candidate. [MORE DETAILS](#)