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Hulusi Akar and Evangelos Apostolakis meet on sidelines of NATO meeting in Brussels

By Fatih Hafiz Mehmet

ANKARA - The Turkish and Greek defense ministers have agreed to establish technical working groups to address issues including confidence-building measures, the Turkish Defense Ministry said on Wednesday. On the sidelines of a NATO meeting in Brussels, Turkey's Hulusi Akar and Greece's Evangelos Apostolakis met and discussed current issues between the two countries, the ministry said in a statement. Their meeting comes off the heels of last week's official visit to Turkey of Alexis... [MORE DETAILS](#)



'Muslims, Kashmiris grateful to Turkey'

ANKARA - Pakistan's top envoy in Turkey thanked the country for its continuous support to the cause of Kashmir during an event held in the Turkish capital. Addressing the participants at an event organized by the Turkish think-tank Economic & Social Researches Center (ESAM) to mark the Kashmir Solidarity Day, Pakistani Ambassador to Turkey Syrus Sajjad Qazi said that

Muslims are grateful to the people of Turkey. "The people of Pakistan, the Kashmiris across the globe, the members of the Muslim Ummah and indeed every person with a conscience, is truly grateful to the people of Turkey for their unambiguous, unwavering, unequivocal support for the just struggle of the Kashmiri people," said Qazi. Kashmir Solidarity Day -- first proposed... [MORE DETAILS](#)



Democratic faction backs Omar in anti-Semitism spat

By Dildar Baykan

NEW YORK - An alliance of progressives and liberals in U.S. Congress on Wednesday voiced support for Ilhan Omar, the first congresswoman to wear hijab who has recently been accused of anti-Semitism. In a written statement,

Mark Pocan and Pramila Jayapal, the co-chairs of the Congressional Progressive Caucus which is affiliated with the Democratic Party, responded to President Donald Trump's call for Omar's resignation over her statements on the Jewish lobbying groups in the U.S. "President Trump's... [MORE DETAILS](#)

Sinn Fein say hard Brexit will trigger Irish unity vote



By Ahmet Gurhan Kartal

LONDON - The fate of a referendum on Irish unity is not tied to Brexit, but in the event of a no-deal Brexit with Britain crashing out of the European Union, the timing is right for the question to be put to the people, said the deputy leader of Irish nationalist party Sinn Féin. Speaking to Anadolu Agency, Michelle O'Neill said she would be "fearful

for the small element in society that made an attempt to bring us back to the past, but we have to stand very strong against that". "There is no room for violence," she added. O'Neill said that is why they need to protect the Good Friday Agreement and the backstop clause in the EU withdrawal agreement. Underlining that there can be no return to a hard border in the island of Ireland, O'Neill stressed that Sinn... [MORE DETAILS](#)

Turkey's exports to Venezuela triple in 2018

IZMIR - Turkey's exports to Venezuela tripled in 2018 with a 223-percent rise compared to the previous year. According to the data compiled by Anadolu Agency based on the Aegean Exporters Association, Turkey's exports to Venezuela reached \$120.8 million in 2018, versus \$37.4 million in 2017. Among the most exported products were pasta (\$27.9 million), sunflower oil

(\$13.6 million), wheat flour (\$7.9 million) and red lentil (\$5 million). The close relation between Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and his Venezuelan counterpart Nicolas Maduro had a direct effect on the trade, according to Mustafa Terci, the head of the Aegean Cereals, Pulses, Oil Seeds and Products Exporters Association. He underlined that the economic problems in Venezuela are the... [MORE DETAILS](#)



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