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US decries plight of Chinese Uighurs

ANKARA - The U.S. Embassy in Ankara joined Turkey on Friday in slamming China's systematic assimilation policy towards Uighur Turks. "The #USA agrees w/ @MFATurkey's assessment," the embassy in Turkey said on Twitter, sharing a Turkish Foreign Ministry statement saying: "It is no longer a secret that more than one million #Uighur Turks incurring arbitrary arrests are subjected to torture

& political brainwashing in internment camps and prisons." Last week, ministry spokesman Hami Aksoy called China's assimilation policy towards Uighur Turks "a great embarrassment for humanity." Turkey urges Chinese authorities to respect the fundamental human rights of Uighur Turks and shut down the concentration camps, said Aksoy. Earlier this week, Turkey's ruling Justice and Development... [MORE DETAILS](#)

'Turkey can act as center for arbitration'

Alexis Mourre, the president of ICC International Court of Arbitration sees 'promising future' for Istanbul, Ankara

ISTANBUL - Turkey has the necessary know-how and potential to act as a center for international arbitration in its immediate region and beyond, country's trade minister said Friday. Turkey has been laying the legal groundwork for dispute resolution, Ruhsar Pekcan told an event in Istanbul marking the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Turkey Arbitration Day 2019 conference. "The new world economy is built on technology

and this complicates business partnerships and agreements," she told the conference. "This is why the speedy resolution of commercial disputes is very important, she added. Rifat Hisciklioglu, the president of the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey and ICC Turkey chair, said arbitration played a crucial role in doing business. "In any dispute, an presence of an impartial, objective, respectable, and regular authority protects... [MORE DETAILS](#)



UN launches fund-raising campaign for Rohingya



UN seeks to raise \$920M for refugees from Myanmar and host communities in Bangladesh

ANKARA - The UN said Friday it has launched a campaign to raise \$920 million for Rohingya refugees and their host country Bangladesh. They aim to launch a joint action plan to protect the refugees with the contribution of 132 partners including the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) and

Migration Agency (IOM). The plan will cover the needs of 900,000 refugees and 300,000 Bangladeshis in host communities, the UNHCR and IOM said in a joint statement. Basic needs such as food, shelter, water and sanitation as well as child protection and gender-based violence will be funded. "Our humanitarian imperative

today is to stabilize the situation of stateless Rohingya refugees and their Bangladeshi hosts. We are hoping for timely, predictable and flexible contributions in order to meet the goals of this year's appeal," said UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi. According to Amnesty International, more than 750,000 Rohingya... [MORE DETAILS](#)

Buhari's record, 2023 race to shape election



LAGOS - Nigeria's 84 million registered voters on Saturday will vote in a presidential election featuring at least 70 candidates for the top job. Despite the scores of hopefuls, analysts have said the ballots will be a straight fight between President Muhammadu Buhari, the ruling All Progressives

Congress' (APC) incumbent, and Atiku Abubakar of the main opposition People's Democratic Party. The projection is based on the strength of the two parties, which have enormous presence across the country. A long-shot third option with rising popularity is a Kingsley Moghalu, who was recently endorsed for the job at an influential... [MORE DETAILS](#)

Nearly 60 die of flu in past three months

KOMOTINI - Fifty-six people have died of flu caused by a strain of influenza A known as H1N1 in Greece in the past three months, country's disease control agency said Friday.

The country's Center for Disease Control and Prevention said the number of flu cases has significantly risen in the last days. The agency said in just a week, 18 people died in intensive care. It also urged... [MORE DETAILS](#)