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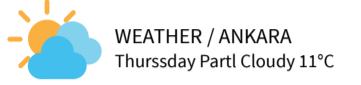
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## Drug trafficking: Financial lifeline of PKK terrorism

*Trafficking in drugs, organized crime vital economic arteries that keep terror group afloat, reports show*

### Europe unwilling to reclaim Daesh fighters

By Selen Temizer

ANKARA - European countries appear reluctant to reclaim home-grown Daesh militants fighting in Syria following a call by U.S. President Donald Trump for them to face justice in their home countries. The YPG/PKK terrorist group, with U.S. assistance, has captured Daesh's last stronghold of the town of Bagoz in eastern Syria's Deir

Ez-Zor province. Last Saturday, Trump tweeted: "The United States is asking Britain, France, Germany and other European allies to take back over 800 ISIS fighters that we captured in Syria and put them on trial," using another abbreviation for the terror group. German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas on Monday told a press conference Trump's demand would be... [MORE DETAILS](#)



ANKARA - PKK/KCK terrorism is intertwined with drug trafficking and other forms of organized crime, security reports obtained by Anadolu Agency show. According to multiple reports and testimony by PKK terrorists captured by Turkish security forces, the smuggling and distribution of illicit drugs constitute a major economic activity for the group to finance its terrorist campaign. The taxation of drug transfers across territories, as well as payments from traffickers and smugglers at borders, serves as a crucial income... [MORE DETAILS](#)

### FETO terror group denial strategy won't work

By Kemal Karadag

ANKARA - FETO, the group behind the 2016 defeated coup in Turkey, is pursuing a strategy of simply denying their many crimes in the hopes of escaping justice, said the Turkish justice minister on Wednesday. Speaking to Anadolu Agency, Abduhamit Gul said that the members of the Fetullah Terrorist

Organization (FETO) deny their crimes "in line with orders" despite the evidence against them. But the Turkish state's efforts against FETO have not flagged, he said. "Major operations, investigations, and prosecutions of the administrative, covert, infiltration elements of FETO are continuing," he added. [MORE DETAILS](#)



### Turkish jets hit PKK targets in northern Iraq

ANKARA - Turkish jets destroyed ammunition depots and shelters of the PKK terror group in northern Iraq, the Defense Ministry said on Wednesday. On Twitter, the ministry said that the airstrikes destroyed

the PKK targets in the Metina, Hakurk and Zap regions. In its more than 30-year terror campaign against Turkey, the PKK -- listed as a terrorist organization by Turkey, the U.S. [MORE DETAILS](#)

### 13th-century painting of Jesus under protection



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By Ramazan Kaya

KAYSERI - A 13th-century painting of the crucifixion of Jesus seized by Turkish anti-smuggling police has been

put under the protection of the Turkish state, authorities said Wednesday. A museum in Kayseri, the central Turkish province where police found the painting during a raid on a suspected

antiquities smuggler, put the artwork under its protection. A delegation from Turkey's Cultural and Natural Heritage Preservation Board is expected to release a report... [MORE DETAILS](#)



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CAIRO - Egyptian authorities on Wednesday executed nine youths convicted of assassinating the country's prosecutor-

general in 2015, according to local media. The death sentence was carried out despite calls by international... [MORE DETAILS](#)