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Prime Minister Imran Khan says he will speak with Turkey's President Erdogan to ease tensions with India

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan army on Wednesday claimed that the country's air force has shot down two Indian fighter jets that crossed into Pakistani territory. "IAF [Indian Air Force] crossed LOC [Line of Control], PAF [Pakistan Air Force] shot down two Indian aircraft inside Pakistani airspace. One of the aircraft fell inside AJ&K while other fell inside IOK [Indian occupied Kashmir]," Pakistan army spokesman Maj. Gen. Asif Ghafoor said in a Twitter post, referring to the Indian-administered Jammu and Kashmir. Later, speaking to reporters, Ghafoor said: "Two Indian pilots were arrested by troops on... **MORE DETAILS**



Indian PM urges nation to 'fight as one'

CHANDIGARH - A day after cross-border air raids escalated tensions with nuclear-armed neighbor Pakistan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said India will fight as one nation. Speaking on Thursday to his party workers across the nation in a video conference, he said the enemy wants to destabilize the country. "When the enemy tries to

destabilize India, then one of their motives is to ensure that India's development is stalled. "We must show that the nation will not stop. Our soldiers are defending our borders. We must also work like soldiers and continue our work," local broadcaster India Today reported. "India will live as one; India will work as one;... **MORE DETAILS**



Legacy of 1997 post-modern coup

ANKARA - The last successful coup against an elected Turkish government took place on Feb. 28, 1997, when a military-forced change of the political landscape was followed by a crackdown on religious workers in public institutions. Although the coup was carried out in a "post-

modern" way, through pressure rather than outright bloodshed, it disrupted the lives of Turkey's religious citizens in many ways, as tens of thousands were forced to drop out of school, were dismissed from public posts, or ended up behind bars on trumped-up charges. "It was a dark era... **MORE DETAILS**

Trump, Kim leave Hanoi summit without deal

ANKARA - The U.S. and North Korean leaders early Thursday unexpectedly cut short their summit in Hanoi, with U.S. President Trump saying he could not agree to the North's request for a complete lifting of sanctions. "Sometimes we have to walk away," he said about leaving the summit session half-way. "And we decided not to sign anything today." Speaking to reporters in the Vietnamese

capital soon after exiting the summit with Kim Jong-un, he explained: "It was about sanctions. Kim wanted sanctions to be lifted in entirety, we could not do that. [But] we have not given up." Trump also, however, expressed optimism, saying: "We have made lot more progress today." Accompanied by his secretary of state, Mike Pompeo, Trump reiterated that he shares a... **MORE DETAILS**



800-year-old Hebrew book seized in Turkey



Turkish Coast Guard saves 47 migrants

CANAKKALE / HATAY - Nearly 50 irregular migrants, adrift at sea and near drowning, were rescued by the Turkish Coast Guard on Thursday. The Afghan-origin migrants were in the sea off Gokceada in Canakkale, northwestern Turkey, headed to Greece, when their rubber boat lost power.

Then the boat started taking on water, putting the 47 migrants -- including nine women and 23 children -- at serious risk of drowning. Fortunately, they were able to reach a Turkish Coast Guard hotline, which led to their rescue. The migrants were later taken to provincial migration directorates. **MORE DETAILS**

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