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## Turkish economy left the worst behind

*Turkey's growth rate of negative 3 pct in Q4 of 2018 occurred as was expected, says Turkish treasury and finance minister*



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ISTANBUL - Turkey has left the worst behind on the road to growth this year, according to Turkey's treasury and finance minister. "The negative 3 percent growth rate in the last quarter of 2018 occurred as was expected," Berat Albayrak tweeted on Monday. He stressed: "We started a reduction of inflation and the

current deficit in this period when we provided internal and external balance." Despite the narrowing in the last quarter, the positive contribution of net external demand to growth by 9.7 percent was an important sign for the balancing process, he said. "We believe that Turkey will continue to grow in 2019 as expected under the new economic program... [MORE DETAILS](#)



## US criticism of Russian S-400 deal goes too far

Mehmet Tosun

ANKARA - U.S. criticisms of Turkey's deal to buy a Russian S-400 missile defense system have gone too far, said the spokesman for Turkey's ruling party on Monday. "The remarks have crossed the line," Omer Celik, the ruling Justice and Development (AK) Party

spokesman, told reporters in the capital Ankara. They have reached the "unreasonable" point of suggesting the U.S. might cancel its deal to sell Turkey F-35 fighter jets, something unworthy of a NATO ally, added Celik. "Allies can solve issues by talking," he said, adding that no one can... [MORE DETAILS](#)

## PKK/YPG, Daesh terror clash follows broken deal



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ANKARA - Two terror groups, the PKK/YPG and Daesh, have exchanged fire in eastern Syria after some of them

refused to evacuate a small enclave, violating a previously reached deal, according to correspondents on the ground. A U.S.-brokered deal was reached last

month between the YPG/PKK and Daesh terrorists in the town of Bagoz in the eastern Deir ez-Zor province. Under the agreement, a large number of Daesh terrorists had left the... [MORE DETAILS](#)



## Erdogan most popular foreign leader in Kuwait

ANKARA - President Recep Tayyip Erdogan is the most popular foreign leader in Kuwait, according to a recent poll. A poll conducted by local Arabic daily Al Qabas on Sunday showed that 64 percent of the Kuwaitis chose Erdogan as their favorite foreign leader. Chinese President Xi Jinping came second in the poll with 49 percent of the votes. U.S.

President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin scored poorly with approximately 5 percent each. Turkey's bilateral relations with Kuwait have strengthened in recent years through high-level visits during which numerous agreements have been signed. Kuwaiti Emir Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al... [MORE DETAILS](#)



## Power outage in Venezuela enters 4th day amid crisis

## Turkish Airlines big switch Istanbul Airport on April 6



ANKARA - As it switches its operations to the new mega-Istanbul Airport, Turkish Airlines will end all scheduled flights at Ataturk Airport as of April 6 at 2.00 a.m. local time (April 5, 2300GMT), the airline said on Monday. The national flag carrier will resume all flight operations planned for Ataturk Airport from its new home Istanbul Airport as of the afternoon of April 6 at 14.00 local time (1100GMT), it announced on Twitter. Istanbul Airport, the "world's new hub," officially opened

on Oct. 29, 2018, the 95th anniversary of the founding of the Turkish Republic. Once fully completed -- including four phases with six runways -- Istanbul Airport is set to serve 150 million passengers annually. At full capacity, Istanbul Airport will become a global aviation hub by hosting more than 100 airlines and flights to over 300 destinations around the world. Turkish Airlines, founded in 1933 with a fleet of five aircraft, currently has more than 330 aircraft, including passenger... [MORE DETAILS](#)