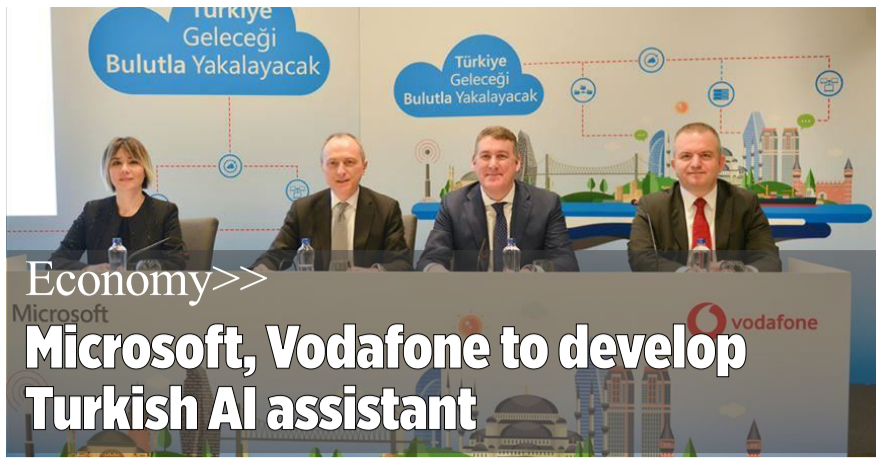




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Massacre in mosque

Deadliest terrorist attack in New Zealand history raises alarm at rising racism, Islamophobia

ANKARA - Twin attacks on Muslim worshippers in two mosques in New Zealand that killed 49 on Friday continue to gather condemnations around the world. At least 39 others were injured with 11 in critical condition police commissioner Mike Bush told reporters. The known targets so far were the Masjid al Noor mosque in central Christchurch where the death toll has surpassed 40, as

well as a second mosque in suburban Linwood, police said. New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern described the twin shooting -- the worst in her country's history -- as a terror attack. "It is clear that this can now only be described as a terrorist attack," Ardern said, adding that it constituted one of New Zealand's "darkest days". She announced that New Zealand had raised its

security threat level to the highest degree and said four suspects who harbored extremist views were currently in police custody with one man who police said was in his late 20s charged with murder. The suspects -- three men and a woman -- had not been on any police watch-lists. Australia's Prime Minister Scott Morrison told reporters one suspect in custody was "an extremist, right-wing, violent terrorist... MORE DETAILS



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Turkey's Erdogan strongly condemns New Zealand attacks

ANKARA - President Recep Tayyip Erdogan strongly condemned two deadly mosque shootings in New Zealand on Friday. "I strongly condemn the terror attack against the Al Noor Mosque in New Zealand and Muslim worshippers," Erdogan said on Twitter.

Erdogan wished God's mercy upon the victims of the shooting and a speedy recovery to the wounded. "On behalf of my country, I offer my condolences to the Islamic world and the people of New Zealand, who have been targeted by this deplorable act -- the latest example of rising... MORE DETAILS



Muslims in New Zealand in state of shock after massacre

ISTANBUL - Muslims in New Zealand are in a state of shock after Friday's terror attacks on two mosques in Christchurch, a city on the country's east coast. New Zealand-based Arab journalist Asma Shukr told Anadolu Agency the tragedy has not yet sunk in for Muslims in the country. "[They] still do not believe what has happened

and how these mass shootings took place, as New Zealand is a quiet country where Muslims go about their daily lives and worship in peace," she said. To quote an example, she said she goes to university every day using public transport and faces no problem at all although she wears a hijab, unlike Muslims living in Europe and the U.S. who face racism. MORE DETAILS

Syrian children continue to bear brunt of war Istanbul up 9 places in financial centers ranking

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ANKARA - As the conflict in Syria entered its ninth year on Friday, children inside the war-weary country continue to bear the brunt of the conflict. Many young Syrian children have never known peace. Still living in refugee camps, they have been deprived of their futures and continue to face exceptionally harsh living conditions. Anadolu Agency spoke with three children in the Babusselam refugee camp in Syria's northern city of Azaz. Set up by Turkey's Humanitarian Relief Foundation... MORE DETAILS



ANKARA - Istanbul's rank jumped 9 spots in the Global Financial Centres Index (GFCI), to 59th place, according to GFCI's latest ranking. Published twice by the London-based Z/Yen group of companies, GFCI was established to provide evaluations of competitiveness and rankings for the major financial centers by using 133 instrumental factors and 2,373 online

surveys. In its first entry into GFCI in November 2009, Istanbul was ranked 72nd, and rose to 68th place in September 2018. Eastern Europe, which includes Turkey, stands out as the region with the highest increase in index scores, according to the GFCI. During a recent meeting with the Turkish Presidency Finance Office, the director of Z/Yen Mark Yeandle said that he is happy to see... MORE DETAILS