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Turkey urges world to stop using 'provocative language'

Vice President Fuat Oktay says terror and terrorists have 'no religion, no race, no geography'

Terror attacks in New Zealand 'organized'

CANAKKALE - Last week's terror attacks in New Zealand that killed at least 50 mosque worshippers were not "an individual act, but organized," Turkey's president said Monday. "We speak once again from Canakkale after 104 years, and say we have received your message," Recep Tayyip Erdogan said during ceremonies marking the 104th anniversary of the Battle of Canakkale, commemorating the martyrs in the historic victory.

"We also understand what kind of terrorist it is who expresses the threat 'You will not go from the Anatolian side to the European side'," said Erdogan, referring to the Islamophobic manifesto posted online by the accused terrorist in the attacks. "This was not an individual act, but organized." In a phone call, Erdogan also offered condolences to the families of victims in the attack. "We expect the New Zealand government to take... [MORE DETAILS](#)



ANKARA - Turkish Vice President Fuat Oktay on Monday called on the world to stop promoting "provocative language" in wake of Friday's terror attacks at two mosques in New Zealand. "We have to start using a different language. The whole world has to stop promoting some type of provocative language," Oktay told reporters along with Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu. Oktay and Cavusoglu are on a two-day visit to Christchurch city in an effort to underline Turkey's firm stance against Islamophobia and xenophobia, as well as to show its solidarity with New Zealand upon deadly terror attacks. [MORE DETAILS](#)

Turkey, Iran launch joint op. against PKK

ANTALYA- Turkey has launched a joint operation with Iran against PKK terrorist group on Turkey's eastern border, Turkish interior minister said on Monday. "We started joint operation with Iran against PKK on eastern border at 08.00 a.m. local time [0500GMT]," Suleyman Soylu said in Mediterranean city of Antalya.

"We will announce the outcome of the operation later. We will eliminate [terrorist PKK]," Soylu added. In its more than 30-year terror campaign against Turkey, the PKK -- listed as a terrorist organization by Turkey, the U.S. and the EU -- has been responsible for the deaths of nearly 40,000 people, including women and children. [MORE DETAILS](#)



Injuries reported in tram shooting

UTRECHT - Several people were injured after a gunman opened fire on tram passengers in the Netherlands, security sources said on Monday. The attack was carried out at October 24 Square in the

central city of Utrecht. The Dutch police are investigating the case as a terrorist attack. "A possible terrorist motive is part of the investigation," it said on Twitter. The national... [MORE DETAILS](#)

Turkey's elderly population over 7M in 2018



ANKARA - Turkey's elderly population reached nearly 7.2 million as of end of 2018, the country's statistical authority said on Monday.

TurkStat said the figure grew by 16 percent over the past five years, up from around 6.2 million in 2014. "While the proportion of the elderly

population in the total population was 8 percent in 2014, it increased to 8.8 percent in 2018. "44.1 percent of elderly... [MORE DETAILS](#)

Petition to remove Australian senator

ANKARA - More than one million people have signed a petition to remove Australian Senator Fraser Anning from parliament after his remarks following Friday's terrorist attacks at two mosques in New Zealand. "Remove Fraser Anning from parliament" petition started on change.org --

world's largest petition platform -- by local neurologist Kate Ahmad. The move came after Anning held responsible Muslim immigration for the terrorist attacks in Christchurch, where at least 50 people were killed when a terrorist named Brenton Harrison Tarrant opened fire on worshippers... [MORE DETAILS](#)