



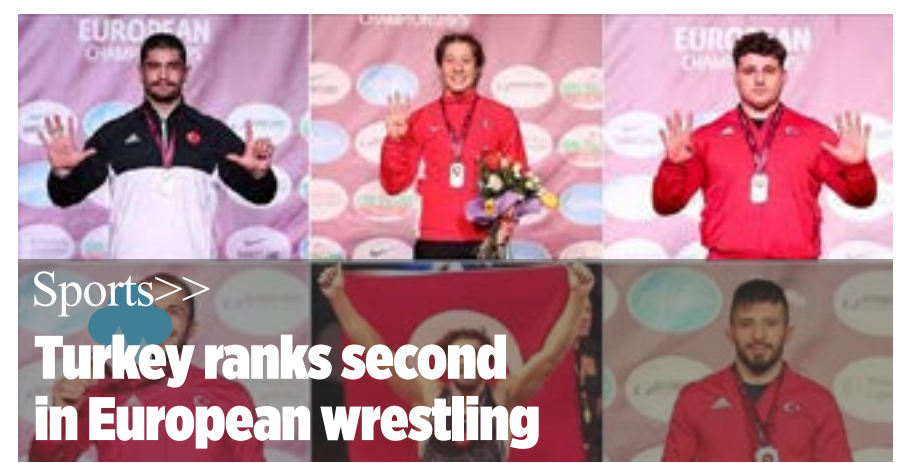
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Major crackdown on drug dealers

At least 13 suspects detained in international waters on Mediterranean

6 suspects also arrested in operation conducted in Van province



ANKARA - Nearly 5 tons of powdered marijuana were seized in international waters

on the Mediterranean Sea, Turkey's Interior Ministry said on Monday. The "Unity Operation" against drug smugglers was conducted by Turkish police, gendarmerie and coast guard, the ministry said in a statement. Acting on a tip-off, Turkish security forces determined that suspected drug traffickers aboard a Turkish flagged fishing boat set off from the country's Aegean province of Izmir on Feb. 5 to the coasts of Mauritania, Morocco and Algeria, to acquire large amounts of drugs. The suspects were aiming to transfer the drugs into fishing vessels in international waters before smuggling them...[MORE DETAILS](#)

VAN, Turkey - Turkish security forces on Monday seized some 285.6 kilograms (629.5 pounds) of heroin in the eastern Van province, local police said. Acting on a tip off, anti-narcotic police teams carried out an operation at a cargo company in Tusba district and found 269 kg of heroin (593 pounds) in 515 packages hidden in toy boxes. Later, special police force carried out another operation in order to catch the suspects. Six suspect were arrested during the operation in a house in Akkpru neighborhood, where police teams also seized 16.6 kg of heroin (36.5 pounds) stuffed in 32 packages hidden in nutmeat.



After the operation, two suspects were released under judicial control...[MORE DETAILS](#)



Despite issues Turkey praises 'good ties' with US

WASHINGTON - Turkey and the U.S. have developed a good relationship despite a number of issues between the two countries, Turkey's presidential spokesman said on Sunday. "The U.S.-Turkey relationship has a special place," Ibrahim Kalin said

at a reception held ahead of the 37th annual conference on the U.S.-Turkey relations, organized by the Foreign Economic Relations Board of Turkey (DEIK), Turkey-U.S. Business Council (TAIK), and American-Turkish Council (ATC), in Washington...[MORE DETAILS](#)

Gazans show solidarity with hunger-striking inmates



Mustafa Haboush

GAZA CITY - Hundreds of people on Monday demonstrated in Gaza City to show solidarity with fellow Palestinians incarcerated by Israel who for the past

eight days have been waging a hunger-strike to protest their conditions. Organized by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), Monday's demonstration saw participants march through the city's

main streets before converging on the local office of the International Committee of the Red Cross. Protesters waved Palestinian flags and carried banners bearing slogans in support of hunger-striking...[MORE DETAILS](#)

Sudan rulers order army command restructure

Mahmoud Barakat

KHARTOUM - The head of Sudan's transitional military council, Lt. Gen. Abdel Fattah Burhan, on Monday ordered a restructure of the army's Joint Staff Command. The restructure includes the appointment of General Hashim Abdul Motalib Ahmed Babikir as a new head of the Joint Staff Command and General Mohamed Osman al-Hussein as his deputy. Navy Admiral Abdullah al-Matari al-Fardi was appointed Inspector-General of the Armed Forces and

Lieutenant General Adam Harun Idris as head of the Joint Operations Command. Lieutenant General Magdi Ibrahim Osman was also appointed head of the Ground Force, Air Force Lieutenant General Mohamed Ali Mohamed as head of Air Force and Navy Lieutenant General Magdy Sayyed Omar as head of the Navy. Last week, the Sudanese army ousted longtime President al-Bashir, who ruled Sudan since 1989, following months of popular protests against his rule. The army also established a military council...[MORE DETAILS](#)

'Ilhan Omar is impacting conversation of politics in US'



Riyaz ul Khaliq

ISTANBUL - Ilhan Omar, a Democratic member of U.S. Congress, is victim of "fabricated controversies" but it has galvanized support for her, believes an American activist and a friend of Omar. Speaking to Anadolu Agency Sunday on the sidelines of an Islamophobia conference at Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University, Ahmed Bedier, leader of United Voices of America, said that it

was "very dangerous and irresponsible" for the U.S. President Donald Trump to spread misinformation about Congresswoman Omar. "It is rare that a president would tweet and talk about a fresh member of the Congress. It is made up of 435 members. There are many of them who represent the country and not all of them get the attention of the U.S. president. He normally deals with the leadership not fresh members...[MORE DETAILS](#)