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## 'Turkey expects S-400 missiles in June'

*Missile batteries most likely to be used for defense of capital Ankara, Istanbul, says Defense Minister Hulusi Akar*



Sarp Ozer

WASHINGTON - Turkey is expecting to receive Russian S-400 air defense batteries by June, the country's defense minister said Monday in Washington.

Speaking at the 37th annual conference of the Foreign Economic Relations Board of Turkey, Turkey-U.S. Business Council, and American-Turkish Council, Hulusi Akar said the date had been offered by Moscow in the latest meetings on the systems' delivery. Following protracted efforts to purchase an air defense system from the U.S. with no success, Ankara decided in 2017 to purchase the Russian S-400 system. U.S. officials have advised Turkey to buy the U.S. Patriot missile system rather than the S-400s from Moscow, arguing that the Russian system would be incompatible with NATO systems and expose the F-35 to possible Russian subterfuge.

Akar underlined that the decades-long cooperation between Ankara and Washington in military affairs as well as other fields was important and that current efforts to resolve outstanding issues between the two allies would continue. "It will be us who solve these problems, not anybody else," Akar said, stressing that dialogue was essential. "At times, there have been serious misunderstandings and inaccurate expressions. "While these may sometimes occur naturally, they may also be consciously uttered to mislead," he said, adding that any detail may be critical in the decisions of policymakers. Akar said Turkey was...[MORE DETAILS](#)



## Industrial output rises 1.3pct in Feb.

ANKARA - Turkey's industrial production in February rose by 1.3% from a month earlier, the country's statistical authority said on Tuesday. Among the three main sub-indices, the manufacturing index posted the highest monthly rise in February,

with 1.4%, TurkStat said in a statement. The electricity, gas, steam, and air conditioning supply index went up 0.8%, while the mining and quarrying index rose by 0.3% during the same period. Industrial production is considered a vital...[MORE DETAILS](#)



## Netanyahu secures votes to form gov't

Mahmoud Barakat

JERUSALEM - Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has secured the required Knesset (parliament) support to form the upcoming government, according to Israeli media. The right-wing parties of

Yisrael Beiteinu and United Right on Tuesday informed President Reuven Rivlin of their recommendations to task Netanyahu with forming the Cabinet. On Monday, Blue and White coalition -- the main rival of Netanyahu-led Likud party -- recommended...[MORE DETAILS](#)

## More than 100 held in climate change protests



## Syrian children hold on to education despite problems

AZAZ, Syria - As the conflict in Syria enters its ninth year, a generation born and raised in an environment of conflict continues to hold on to education despite tough conditions. While conflict, displacement and violence became part of the daily life in Syria, children hold steadfast to hope for a brighter future in the Shuhada Miskan school located in the Yazidi Bagh

refugee camp in Syria's northwestern Azaz region. Speaking to Anadolu Agency, Iman Mustafa Zaydan, a class teacher at the school, said her students enjoy education despite all odds. The school teaches around 350 students until sixth grade in containers and tents. "While it becomes very hot and dusty in summer, it is cold and muddy in winter...[MORE DETAILS](#)

Yusuf Ozcan

PARIS - A massive fire at the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris has been extinguished after eight-and-a-half hours, a spokesman for the local fire brigade said late Monday. Firefighters will continue to ensure that the fire, which seriously damaged the iconic landmark, does not rekindle, Lt. Col. Gabriel Plus told reporters. Earlier, French President Emmanuel Macron pledged to rebuild the cathedral. "The worst was avoided, even if the battle has not been completely won yet, and the next few hours will

be difficult," Macron told reporters after inspecting the scene. Fire breaks out in Notre Dame cathedral in Paris PARIS, FRANCE - APRIL 15: Firefighters continue to work at the site for inspection after the fire at the Notre Dame cathedral in Paris, France on April 15, 2019. ( Mustafa Yalcin - Anadolu Agency ) He said a national fundraising campaign would be launched to restore the 850-year-old structure. The cause of the fire is still unknown. One of the city's most important tourist...[MORE DETAILS](#)

## Macron pledges to rebuild Notre Dame Cathedral

