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Erdogan calls for unity

Turkish president called for public restraint, saying: 'We need to focus on our main agenda, particularly on the economy and security, leaving the election debate behind'



ISTANBUL - Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has called for "unity" and "restraint" following the local elections in the country last month. "All 82 million of us should act as a 'Turkey alliance,' putting aside our political differences when it comes to the country's survival," Erdogan told an international business conference held by the Confederation of Public Servants Trade Unions (Memur-Sen) in the capital Ankara on Thursday.

"We need to focus on our main agenda, particularly on the economy and security, leaving the election debate behind," he stressed, saying that now should be a time of "unity and togetherness." However, he also said his ruling party will continue to contest irregularities in the local elections "to the last", adding that the country's top election body will have the final say. "When the Supreme Election Council makes the final decision, the issue will be finished for us..." [MORE DETAILS](#)



Turkey sends food for thousand of Rohingyas

Md. Kamruzzaman

COX'S BAZAR - The Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) distributed food items Wednesday to 1,012 Rohingya refugee families living in makeshift camps in

Bangladesh's Cox's Bazar district. "We are giving each Rohingya family 25 kilograms of rice, six kilograms of dal [lentils] and three liters of [cooking] oil," TIKA deputy coordinator Emrah Ekinci told... [MORE DETAILS](#)

'Turkey must focus on the economy': CHP



ANKARA - With last month's local elections largely concluded, Turkey must now focus on the economy, the nation's real agenda, the leader of the main opposition party said Thursday. "How to resolve the

[economic] crisis must be the main topic for politicians," Kemal Kilicdaroglu, leader of the opposition Republican People's Party (CHP), said in a press release. He urged the ruling Justice and Development (AK) party to help find common solutions to Turkey's economic issues, adding: "We don't just point to a problem if there is one, we share our view on how to overcome the problem." CHP leader's remarks came a day after Ekrem Imamoglu, the party's candidate in last month's Istanbul... [MORE DETAILS](#)



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10,000 irregular migrants held in Turkey this year

IZMIR - Some 10,000 irregular migrants were rounded up off Turkey's Aegean Sea coast in the last three months, security sources said. Coast guard units held 5,729 migrants. Six migrants lost their lives due to drowning or hypothermia and 15 human smugglers were arrested. Also, 3,919 migrants and 82

human smugglers were held by the land forces. All of the migrants were later referred to provincial migration directorates. Last year, 6,336 irregular migrants were held in Turkey. Turkey has been the main route for irregular migrants trying to cross to Europe, especially since 2011, the start of the Syrian... [MORE DETAILS](#)