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PKK/YPG recruiting children in N.Syria



Terror group set up special unit to recruit children, youth in northern Syria

ANKARA - Having difficulty to find new members, PKK/YPG terrorist group is reportedly recruiting children and youngsters in northern Syria, security sources said on Friday. PKK/YPG has established a special unit in northern Syrian regions controlled by the terror group to search for children and youth to take under arms, a source told Anadolu Agency on condition of anonymity due to restrictions on speaking to media.

After Turkey's successful anti-terror operations Olive Branch and Euphrates Shield and preparations on Manbij, PKK/YPG is said to have been recruiting at least one young person from every house in the Hasakah region, which is mostly populated by Arabs. These children and youngsters get addicted to drugs, encouraged to suicide attacks, and sent to fight on the front lines in clashes. Families who want to see and take back their...[MORE DETAILS](#)



FM: Turkey is 'serious' investor in F-35 project

ANKARA - Turkey is a partner of the project that developed the U.S. F-35 fighter jet and made "serious investments" towards this effort, Turkey's foreign minister said on Friday. "So far, Turkey spent roughly \$1.2 billion on this project and produced [parts] in Turkey," Cavusoglu told a joint news conference with his Romanian and Polish counterparts Teodor

Melescanu and Jacek Czaputowicz in the capital Ankara. He added that four F-35s had already been delivered to Turkey and that the training of Turkish pilots at a U.S. base is ongoing. The two F-35s were already delivered to Turkey in June and are currently at Luke Air Force Base in Arizona where Turkish pilots are being trained. The jets...[MORE DETAILS](#)

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Erdogan sends Passover wishes to nation's Jews

ANKARA - Turkey's president on Friday released a message expressing Passover (Pesach) holiday greetings to the nation's Jewish community. "Our social structure, based on respect for peace and all beliefs, cemented with mutual love and respect and enriched by its differences, is the foundation of our firm unity and solidarity," Recep

Tayyip Erdogan said in his message. Passover, which commemorates the Israelites' exodus from Egypt under the Prophet Moses, is considered one of the most important holidays on the Jewish calendar. Stressing Turkey's multicultural, multi-faith character, Erdogan emphasized the...[MORE DETAILS](#)

UK police arrest 570 in climate change protests



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LONDON - At least 570 climate change protesters have been arrested in London since Monday, British police said Friday. In a Twitter post, the Metropolitan Police said the "protesters are using tactics of lying on the ground when approached" and this makes "at least four officers to remove one person to ensure their safety". The protesters demand urgent action from the government to tackle climate change and ecological crisis. They have blocked some main and busy roads in London, which includes Waterloo Bridge, Oxford

Street, Piccadilly Circus and Marble Arch since Monday morning. A small group of younger protesters blocked a roundabout in Heathrow Airport area Friday morning but they were removed from the roads to keep the disruption to a minimum. Heathrow Airport said that they were working with police to avoid such disturbance. The protesters -- gathered by an environmentalist group called the Extinction Rebellion -- demanded the government to acknowledge there is an environment crisis, enact legally binding policies to reduce carbon emission by 2025 and form...[MORE DETAILS](#)

Turkish church donates to repair Notre Dame

IZMIR - Worshippers at a church in the Turkish Aegean are donating money for the renovation of Paris' Notre Dame from this week's devastating fire. Father Gabriel Ferone of Notre Dame De Lourdes in the Aegean city of Izmir, a church built nearly 120 years ago, expressed his deep sorrow over the fire. "I was thinking about collecting money [for the renovation] but now there's no need because our

community immediately donated," said Ferone. He also thanked Turkish people for offering their condolences. Calling Notre Dame "the heart of France," he added: "All of the sacred objects survived, including the stained glass [windows], icons, and the holy altar." After the fire, a large photo of Notre Dame was placed in the local church, he said. The iconic landmark was severely damaged...[MORE DETAILS](#)