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Attack on opposition leader 'unwelcome'

By Yakkas Dogantekin

ANKARA - Turkish president on Monday said the attack against opposition leader Kemal Kilicdaroglu has been investigated thoroughly. Six people, one of them identified as Osman Sarigun, allegedly attacked Kemal Kilicdaroglu, head of the Republican People's Party (CHP), on Sunday when he was attending a Turkish soldier's funeral. Describing the physical attack "an unwelcome act of violence",

Erdogan said he won't let anyone disturb the peaceful climate in Turkey. "Unfortunately, some unwelcome incidents took place yesterday during the funeral for one of our martyrs in Cubuk [district of Ankara] and protests against CHP leader Kemal Kilicdaroglu turned into an act of violence," he said on Twitter. "The incident is investigated thoroughly at all levels. We never approve of violence," the president added. After the attack...

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Turkey, Azerbaijan to hold joint military drill

By Ruslan Rehimov

BAKU - Ankara and Baku will hold a joint military exercise from May 1 to 3, Azerbaijani Defense Ministry said on Monday. Turkish soldiers who will participate in the exercise have arrived in Azerbaijan, the ministry

said in a statement. The exercise "Mustafa Kemal Ataturk 2019" named after the founder of the Turkish Republic, aims to improve coordination between the two armed forces. The joint exercise will include military units as well as... [MORE DETAILS](#)

Pakistan, Iran to form 'joint reaction force' on border

Understanding came at meeting between Pakistani Prime Minister Khan and Iranian President Rouhani in Tehran



By Islamuddin Sajid

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan and Iran on Monday agreed to set up a Joint Rapid Reaction Force to protect the common border between the two countries and promptly act against militants, Pakistan's state-run media reported. The understanding came at a meeting between Iranian President Hassan Rouhani and visiting Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan in

Tehran, according to Radio Pakistan. On April 18, heavily-armed assailants had shot dead at least 14 personnel of Pakistan's security forces after offloaded them from buses on main highway that connects the country's commercial capital Karachi to strategic Gwadar port in Balochistan province. On Saturday, Pakistan's foreign minister

said the gunmen had come from Iran and that Islamabad shared all information with Tehran about the incident. Addressing a joint news conference with Pakistani prime minister, aired by state-run PTV news, the Iranian president said they will not allow anyone to harm brotherly relations between Iran and Pakistan. "In recent days, we witnessed some tension in the border areas

where terrorists perpetrated their nefarious acts but we will not allow anyone to harm our good relations with Pakistan," Rouhani said. "We want to establish links between Chahbhar ports [Iran] and Gwadar, [a strategic port in southwestern Pakistan] to strengthen our commerce relations" Rouhani said. He said his country is ready to meet the oil and gas, and electricity... [MORE DETAILS](#)

Turkish agencies restore confidence of Rohingya

By Md. Kamruzzaman

Ameena Begum, 22, is stitching a dress at a sewing center located at a refugee camp in the Cox's Bazaar town of Bangladesh. Begum, a mother of one, is among the thousands of Rohingya Muslims who fled a military crackdown which started on Aug. 25, 2017 in Myanmar's Rakhine state to Bangladesh. She no longer waits for aid

to come to her. Instead, she spends a good part of the day making both male and female dresses at a training center run by Turkiye Diyanet Foundation (TDV), an aid organization under Turkey's religious authority. "It seems to me now that I am a human being and I am doing something for my family. I dream of going

back to my homeland [Rakhine] and set up a small tailoring shop there," Begum told Anadolu Agency. Another Rohingya trainee at the sewing center, Morium Hatun, said: "After losing my own country I am now living in a country where I can work. It's a great pleasure for me amid piles of sorrows..." [MORE DETAILS](#)



Iran says 79 people killed by floods

By Muhammet Kursun

TEHRAN - Relentless rains and flooding have killed 79 people and injured 1,000 others in Iran, according to an Iranian official on Monday. Several Iranian provinces have been ravaged by a wave of torrents since last month. "The floods have hit 25 provinces and affected the lives of 10 million..." [MORE DETAILS](#)



PKK terrorists nabbed in Iraq brought to Turkey

At least four PKK terrorists were brought to Turkey from northern Iraq after they were nabbed in an operation, security sources said Monday. The terrorists were transferred to Turkey on Thursday, the sources said speaking on condition of anonymity due to restriction on

speaking to the media. The terrorists identified as V.K. (34), M.K. (21), A.O. (20) and K.I. (16) were operating in Syria and Iraq, the source said. In its more than 30-year terror campaign against Turkey, the PKK -- listed as a terrorist organization by Turkey, the U.S. and... [MORE DETAILS](#)