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Turkey slams Greece for acquitting terrorists

ANKARA - Turkey on Wednesday criticized Greece for acquitting nine DHKP-C terrorists who were arrested in 2017. In a written statement, Foreign Ministry spokesman Hami Aksoy said: "The acquittal reveals why these terrorist elements are

nested in Greece." The terrorists were arrested by Greek police over suspicion of attempting to assassinate Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. This decision by the Greek court clearly is interrupting the efforts to combat terrorism in Europe, Aksoy... [MORE DETAILS](#)



Ayhan Simsek

BERLIN - Chancellor Angela Merkel has underlined strategic importance of Turkey for Germany Friday, despite persistent political differences between Berlin and Ankara. "Our political values differ in many areas and yet we have common interests," Merkel said

in an interview with the daily Sueddeutsche Zeitung. She highlighted Turkey's important role for a political solution in Syria and in fight against terrorism, as areas where both countries share common interests. "Foreign policy is always conducted as a mixture of values and interests, and one also... [MORE DETAILS](#)

Turkish agency opens village for Rohingya



Ismail Ozdemir

BURSA - A Turkish aid agency has built a village for Rohingya

refugee Muslims in Bangladesh's Cox Bazaar region. Named as "Emir Sultan", the village consists of 414 bamboo

houses, two water wells, two mosques, a community space and a garbage plant. "Thanks to these houses... [MORE DETAILS](#)



Criminalizing Ramadan: Illiberal tendencies in Western democracies

Farid Hafez

SALZBURG - Ramadan has since long turned into a political object in Western politics. When Madeleine Albright first started to

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Landslide destroys 15 houses in Turkey

ORDU - A landslide destroyed 15 houses in the Black Sea province of Ordu in northern Turkey early Thursday. The houses destroyed were in the Aybasti district, a landslide site where 29 houses were evacuated after a landslide in February. The landslide also left

some houses, including a mosque, slanted. Following an expert investigation in the area, the teams decided to evacuate the Saglik neighborhood which had 70 households. The gendarmerie took security precautions and prohibited... [MORE DETAILS](#)



Oil prices on rise amid Middle East tensions

ANKARA - Crude oil prices opened with gains on Thursday, as the attack on two Saudi oil-pumping stations and tankers continues to raise concerns of possible supply disruptions in the region. International benchmark Brent crude was trading at \$72.43 per barrel at 0618 GMT with a 0.37% gain after it closed

Wednesday at \$72.16 a barrel. American benchmark West Texas International was trading at \$62.42 a barrel at the same time. A drone attacked two oil-pumping stations in Saudi Arabia on Tuesday, provoking concerns over secure crude supply from the region. Attacks on the Kingdom's two oil tankers off the... [MORE DETAILS](#)