



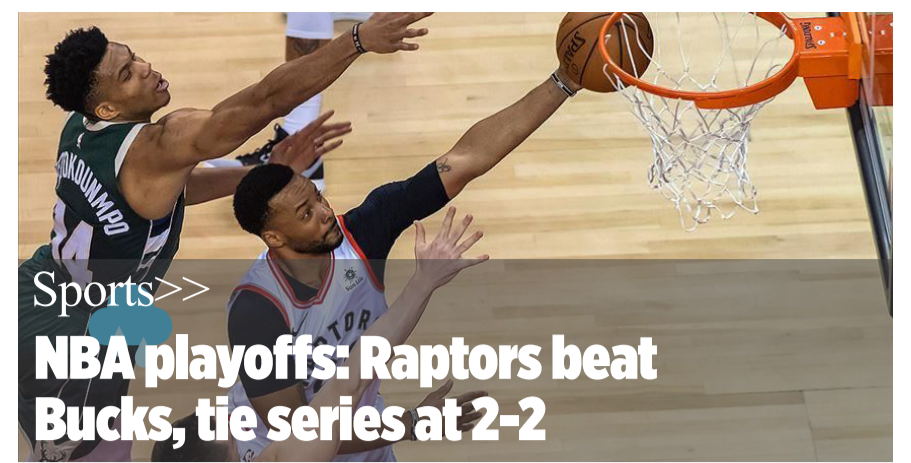
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Turkish military staff in Russia for S-400 training

Turkey needs air defense system to protect 82 million population, says Turkish defense minister



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ANKARA - Turkish military personnel are currently receiving training in Russia for the use of the S-400 air defense system, Turkey's defense minister told reporters in Ankara. "We've sent personnel to Russia for S-400 training that will begin in the coming days and will span the following months," Hulusi Akar said on Tuesday.

"We need to set up an air defense system to protect our 82 million people and our country," Akar said, stressing that Turkey was under threat of air and missile attacks from Syrian borders. Underlining that the S-400 systems only had defense capabilities, he said "no one should be bothered" by their use by Turkey. Turkish staff in U.S. for F-35s Akar emphasized that the F-35 fighter jet... **MORE DETAILS**

Erdogan to unveil judicial reform strategy May 30

ANKARA -Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan will unveil Judicial Reform Strategy Document on May 30, the country's justice minister said on Wednesday .

Abdulhamit Gul said the document will be "Turkey's roadmap" for 82 million citizens that will increase confidence in the country's judiciary. His remarks... **MORE DETAILS**

Regime attacks kill 12 in Syria's de-escalation zones



Esref Musa, Burak Karacaoglu

IDLIB - Twelve civilians were killed in regime airstrikes in Syria's northwestern de-escalation zones, sources with the White Helmets civil defense agency said

on Wednesday. The attacks targeted the towns of Maarat Al-Numan and Maarat Herma in Idlib province, the sources said. Also, regime forces and Iran-back terrorist group shelled the town of

Khan Sheykhun and the villages of Al-Kassabiyya, Abdin, Karasaa, Kafr Sajna and Al-Naqeer. The new deaths brought to more than 455 civilians, who have lost their lives in Idlib since April 25. Some 1.5 million people... **MORE DETAILS**



Oil prices down as Saudis vow peace in Middle East

ANKARA - Crude oil prices were down to begin Wednesday as Saudi Arabia promised it would promote peace in the Middle East to prevent further escalation of conflicts, and to support and achieve balance in the global oil market. International benchmark

Brent crude was trading at \$71.83 per barrel at 0650 GMT with a 0.26% decline after it closed Tuesday at \$72.02 a barrel. American benchmark West Texas Intermediate was at \$62.55 a barrel at the same time, posting a 0.37% fall... **MORE DETAILS**

Turkey cuts duties on some US goods by half

Tuba Sahin

ANKARA - Turkey decided to reduce by half the additional duties levied on 22 products originating in the U.S. in a reciprocal move, the trade minister said on Wednesday. The move came after the U.S. government announced that it decreased

tariffs on Turkish iron and steel imports to 25% from 50% last week. "With this decision, duties levied on the US originating aforementioned products will be reduced from \$521.2 million to \$260.6 million," Ruhsar Pekcan said on Twitter. The list of products includes rice, alcoholic beverages, cosmetic products,

and some motor vehicles. Turkey keeps working on eradicating all obstacles to bilateral trade and achieving bilateral trade volume target, she added. In February, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and U.S. President Donald Trump set a goal of \$75 billion in bilateral trade. **MORE DETAILS**

Turkish agency gives aid kits to Pakistani schools

ISLAMABAD - Turkey's state aid agency has donated 300 first aid kits to Pakistani schools, an official said here on Wednesday. The kits were handed over to Pakistan Red Crescent Society [PRCS] officials during

a ceremony here in the capital city of Islamabad. The PRCS would be distributing these kits to 150 schools across the country. The ceremony was attended by the president of Turkish Red Crescent supervisory... **MORE DETAILS**