



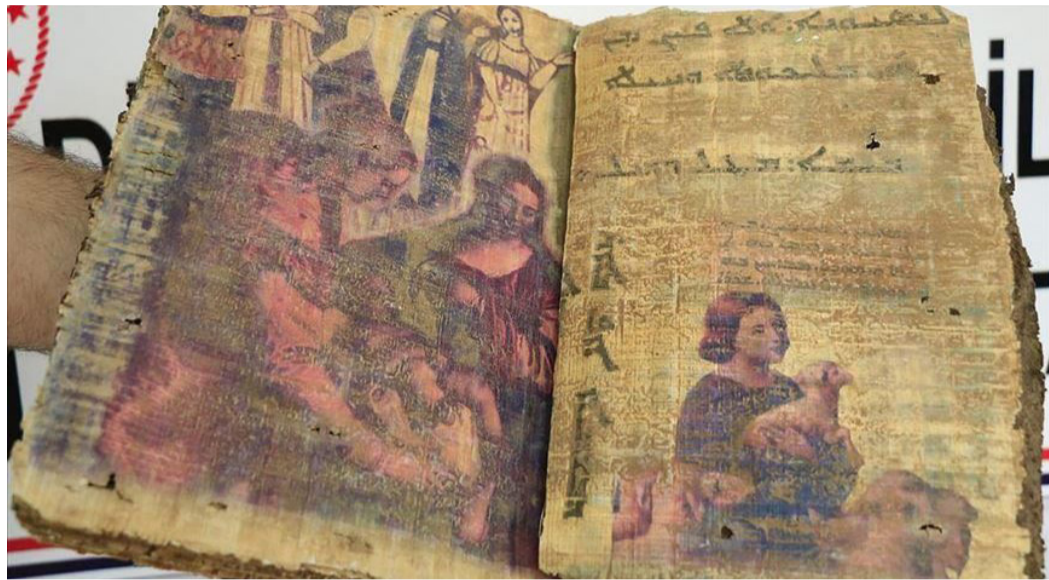
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## Turkey: Security forces seize 1400-year-old book

DIYARBAKIR - A religious motivational book believed to have been written 1,400 years ago was seized Friday by security forces in southeastern Turkey. The 36-page book written on papyrus paper was seized in

an operation carried out by local gendarmes in Diyarbakir province. The anti-smuggling and organized crime unit of the gendarmerie received a tip off that three people were looking for customers for an... [MORE DETAILS](#)

# Judicial reforms to 'inspire confidence'

*Turkish justice minister says new reform document prepared with participation across Turkey*

*Bilal Acar*

ANKARA - Turkey's justice minister said on Thursday that the basic philosophy of a new document on judicial reform would be to ensure justice that "inspires confidence". "The document is a roadmap, which is more liberal, which further develops democracy, and brings rights and freedom under further protections," Abdulhamit Gul said at a gathering in the capital Ankara.

Gul underlining that the Judicial Reform Strategy Document had been prepared over a nine-month period with the participation of "many segments of society", taking into account "every opinion, every idea, all concerned and all stakeholders." He added that the document had benefited from data gathered in surveys carried out across the country. Reiterating that Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan will unveil the... [MORE DETAILS](#)

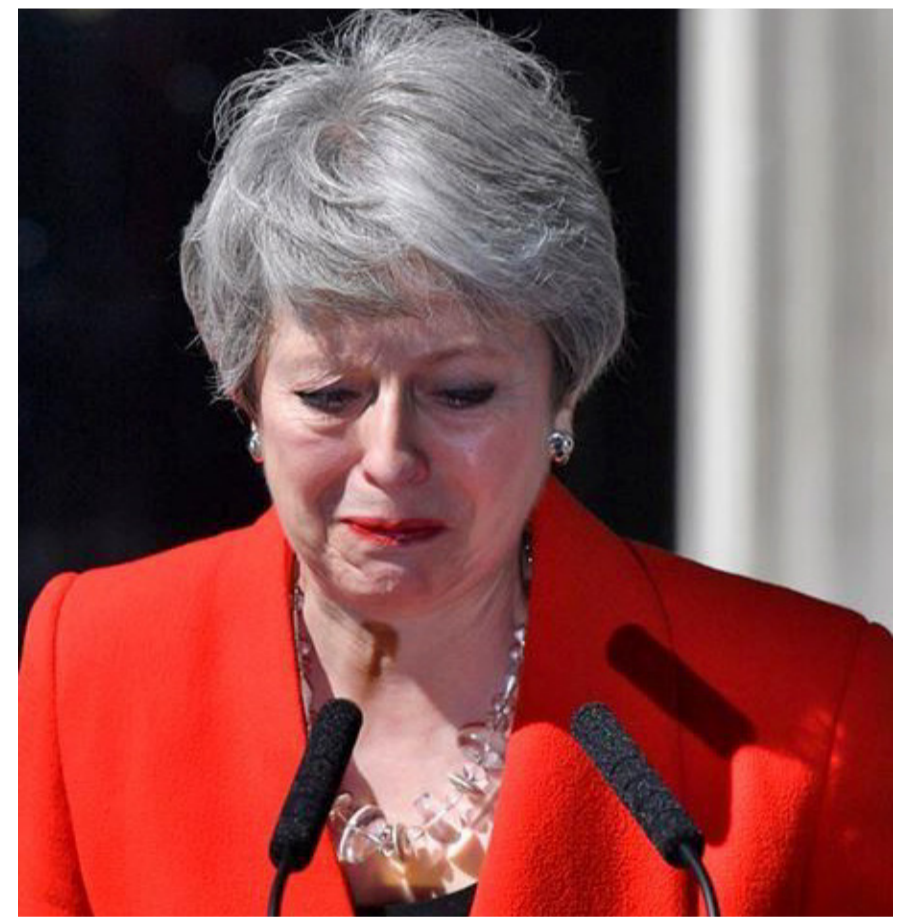


## How Modi won second term in India

ANKARA - Cruising through farm distress, low economic indicators, joblessness and anxiety among minorities, the 2019 electoral victory of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led National Democratic Alliance [NDA] is a rare occurrence in the country when an incumbent

won a second term with a majority. The main opposition Congress which was riding high on its recent provincial assembly poll successes and a grand alliance of the Samajwadi Party (SP) and Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) in India's electorally significant province of

Uttar Pradesh [UP] have failed to prevent Modi's juggernaut. Modi's own Bharatiya Janata Party [BJP], part of NDA, has passed the half-way mark necessary to claim power. The state of economy, joblessness and farm distress had given Modi's adversaries reasons to... [MORE DETAILS](#)



## Theresa May announces resignation

*Ahmet Gurhan Kartal*

LONDON - Prime Minister Theresa May said on Friday she will step down from the top government office and as leader of the Conservative Party on June 7. May's announcement came this morning after meeting the chair of her party's 1922 Committee, Sir Graham Brady. "Back in 2016, we gave the British people a choice, against all predictions the British people voted to leave

the European Union," she said in an emotional statement at Downing Street. "I feel as certain today as I did three years ago that in a democracy if you give people a choice you have a duty to implement what they decide. I have done my best to do that... I have done everything I can to convince MPs to back that deal," she added. "Sadly I have not been able to do so. I tried three times. I believe it was right to persevere even when the odds... [MORE DETAILS](#)

## UN excavates 12 mass graves in Iraq



*Islamuddin Sajid*

UNITED NATIONS - A UN team investigating the crimes of the Daesh terror organization in

Iraq unearthed 12 mass graves, according to a recent UN report. In the report sent to the UN Security Council, the team said their efforts in the region

were focused on three initial investigations: the massacre of Yazidis in 2014, crimes committed in the northern city of Mosul in 2016, and the mass... [MORE DETAILS](#)