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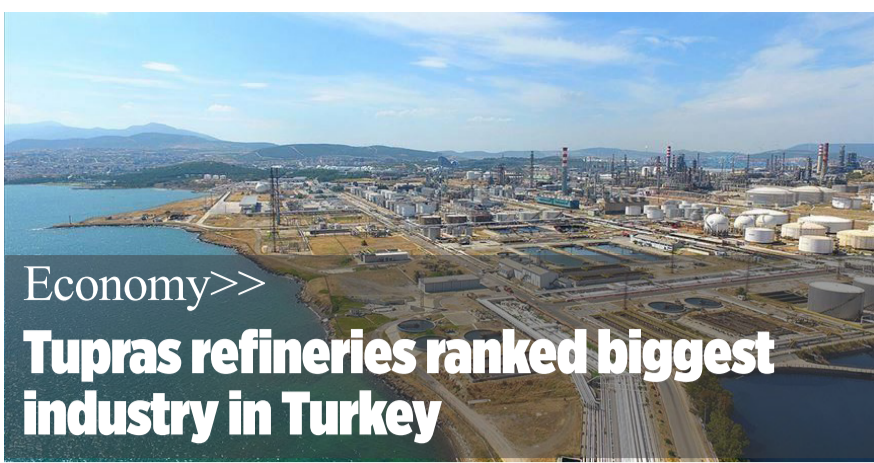
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Counter-terror operation in N. Iraq launched



Operation launched on Monday aim to neutralize terrorists, destroy their caves and shelters

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ANKARA - The Turkish Armed Forces launched a counter-terrorism operation in Hakurk, northern Iraq, according to a statement by Turkish National Defense Ministry on Tuesday. The military offensive initiated on Monday aims to neutralize terrorists in the area.

The offensive began with artillery shelling and continued with airstrikes and commando operations. Airstrikes destroyed weapons positions, shelters, caves and ammunition depots used by the terrorists, with support from combat drones. The Ministry underlined that the operation was ongoing, as planned.

Turkish National Defense Minister Hulusi Akar and top generals of the Turkish Armed Forces commanded the operation throughout the night. In its more than 30-year terror campaign against Turkey, the PKK -- listed as a terrorist organization by Turkey, the U.S. and the EU -- has been responsible for the deaths... [MORE DETAILS](#)

Moon stirs controversy in Pakistan



Islamuddin Sajid

ISLAMABAD - A conflict between science and religion has stirred yet another controversy in Pakistan with the government introducing its first-ever lunar calendar. Pakistan on Sunday launched its official moon-sighting website and lunar calendar for the next five years marking the Islamic months and special occasions including the beginning of Ramadan, Eid al-Fitr and Eid ul-Adha. "This is the first official website of the

country which marks the important religious festivals for the next five years," Fawad Hussain Chaudhry, the minister of science and technology, told reporters in Islamabad. The move aims to end controversy surrounding moon-sighting in the country with various clerics fighting for relevance. Pakistan has a Ruet-e-Hilal (moon-sighting) committee comprising various religious scholars. The body formed in 1974 was tasked with announcing religious holidays based on witnesses across the country who had sighted the... [MORE DETAILS](#)



Turkish defense chief denies US deadline on S-400

ANKARA - Turkey's defense minister on Monday denied claims the U.S. gave Turkey a deadline to reconsider buying the S-400 air defense missile systems from Russia. Speaking to local Haberturk channel, Hulusi Akar said Turkey has not been given any

such deadline. About measures Turkey would take in case of possible sanctions from the U.S. over Ankara's procurement of S-400 missile defense system from Moscow, Akar refused to comment on "assumptions." "We are... [MORE DETAILS](#)

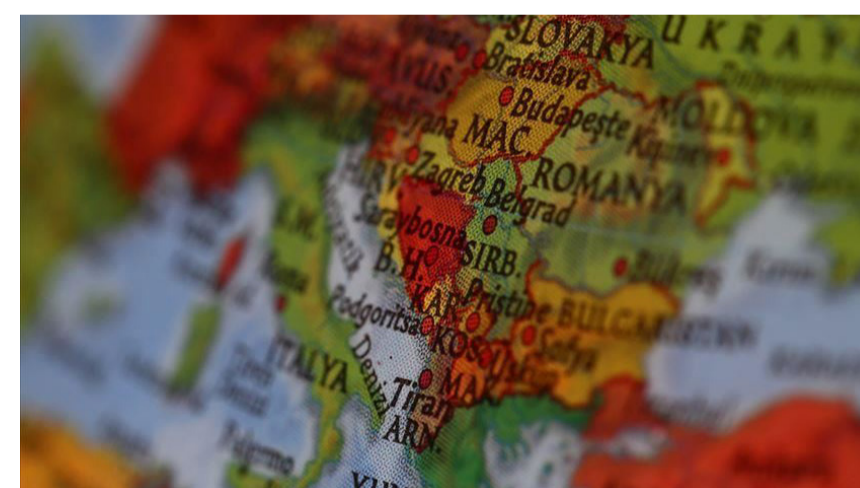


Central Bank reserves at \$92.8B in April

ANKARA - Turkish Central Bank's official reserves amounted to \$92.8 billion as of the April-end, the bank said on Tuesday. The figure went down 3.6% from a month earlier, according to a bank data. Foreign currency reserves of the bank slipped 4.3% to hit \$70.7 billion in April. Gold reserves totaled \$20.5 billion -- including gold deposits and, if appropriate, gold swapped--, down 1.5% during the same period.

On a yearly basis, official reserves of the bank went down 17%, when the figure was nearly \$112 billion at the end of April 2018. The data also showed that short-term predetermined net drains of the central government and the bank decreased 11% to reach \$10.8 billion during the same period. "Liabilities arising from the bank's financial derivative activities with resident banks and non-resident banks indicated a net stock of \$14.9... [MORE DETAILS](#)

Tensions rise in W. Balkans after Kosovo arrests Serbs



BELGRADE - A fresh dispute between Serbia and Kosovo has broken out after the latter's police raided a Serb-majority municipality in northern Kosovo on Tuesday. In a statement, Kosovo police said several people were arrested in a police crackdown on suspicion of establishing or participating a crime group, smuggling, and corruption.

The arrests were made in the southern and northern parts of the Mitrovica city, it said. "The police operation was preceded by a one-month investigation of the Kosovo Police Inspectorate and the Kosovo Police, based on the order of the Special Prosecutor's Office of Kosovo, which resulted in a well-founded suspicion that some police officers... [MORE DETAILS](#)

Nechirvan Barzani elected head of Iraq's Kurdish region



ERBIL - The regional parliament of northern Iraq's Kurdish region on Tuesday elected Nechirvan Barzani as president of the region. Barzani was elected to the post by 68 votes, out of 81 lawmakers, who attended the voting session, according to an Anadolu Agency reporter. Tuesday's... [MORE DETAILS](#)