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## Turkish FM says 'no step back on Russian S-400 deal'

*Mevlut Cavusoglu reiterates Turkey's dedication to defense system deal at Anadolu Agency's Editors' Desk*

## 14 terrorists neutralized during spring, summer

Fatih Hafiz Mehmet

ANKARA - At least 14 terrorists were "neutralized" in Turkey during this year's spring and summer operations, according to the country's Interior Ministry on Friday. Authorities often use the word "neutralized"

in statements to imply terrorists in question surrendered or were killed or captured. In a Twitter post, the ministry said that 12 of the terrorists were killed and two were captured alive. A total of 1,720 anti-terror operations were conducted... [MORE DETAILS](#)

ANKARA - Turkey will never retreat on its deal to buy Russian S-400 missile defense systems, the country's foreign minister said on Friday. "We will never take a step back [on the S-400s]," Mevlut Cavusoglu told Anadolu Agency's Editors' Desk in the capital Ankara. "We will continue our dedication in order to be an independent and free nation," Cavusoglu said. His remarks came after President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said on Wednesday that Turkey has already bought

the Russian S-400 system and is set to take delivery next month. Cavusoglu stressed that if the U.S. takes negative steps towards Turkey, Ankara would have counter measures. Tensions between the U.S. and Turkey have risen in recent months over Ankara purchasing the system, which Washington said will jeopardize Turkey's role in the U.S. F-35 fighter jet program and could trigger congressional sanctions. Following protracted efforts to purchase an air defense system from the U.S. with... [MORE DETAILS](#)



## Anadolu Agency attends News Agencies World Congress

Dilara Hamit

ANKARA - Turkey's premier Anadolu Agency participated in the 6th News Agencies World Congress (NAWC) that began in the Bulgarian capital Sofia on Thursday. In a statement, NAWC said the congress that will continue until June 15 was attended by over 200 delegates from 100 countries, including the heads of

leading news agencies from five continents, prominent journalists and figures from social media. Maxim Minchev, director general of the Bulgarian News Agency (BTA), welcomed the participants to discuss fake news, artificial intelligence, the new models of ownership of news agencies and the new sources of information. In the opening... [MORE DETAILS](#)



## Christchurch terrorism: Tarrant pleads not guilty

ANKARA - The terrorist accused of massacring 51 innocent Muslims in New Zealand in March pleaded Friday not guilty to all charges brought against him, local media reported. Brenton Tarrant, 28,

pleaded not guilty during his short appearance via audio visual link at the High Court at Christchurch early this morning, said the New Zealand Herald newspaper. Tarrant... [MORE DETAILS](#)

## Sudanese people's demands are legitimate



Busra Nur Bilgic

ANKARA - The demands of the Sudanese people for better

government in the wake of the Omar al-Bashir era are highly legitimate, Turkey's foreign minister said on Friday.

"We want peace and stability for the Sudanese people," Mevlut Cavusoglu told Anadolu Agency's Editors' Desk in the... [MORE DETAILS](#)

## World's oldest temple attracts record visitors

SANLIURFA - Located in southeastern Turkey, Gobekli-tepe, the world's oldest known temple, was visited by nearly 26,000 people during the recent nine-day Muslim Eid al-Fitr holiday, according to an official at the ancient site. Celal Uludag, head of excavation at the 12,000-year-old site, said

the ruins have been open for years but this year they attracted a record number of visitors, and they drove tourist traffic in March and April. The site, near the city of Sanliurfa, got extra attention after Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Turkey's president, declared 2019 the year of Gobekli-tepe. Dmitry Wood... [MORE DETAILS](#)