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Irregular migrants drown in Aegean sea

31 migrants rescued after their boat capsized off southwestern Aegean coast of Turkey

Turkish police arrest 75 irregular migrants in capital

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ANKARA - Turkish police arrested at least 75 irregular migrants in the capital Ankara on Monday, according to security sources. Acting on a tip, police nabbed the migrants in an early morning operation against human smuggling, said the sources demanding anonymity, due to restrictions on speaking to the media. Among the migrants were 33 Afghan, 30 Pakistani and 12 Bangladeshi nationals.

Police hunts a suspected smuggler, who was found to bring the migrants from the eastern Van province after illegally crossing Turkey border. The migrants will be extradited following legal procedures at the provincial migration office, sources said. Meanwhile, Turkish security forces were chasing irregular migrants across the country. The gendarmerie in Van arrested some 250 migrants, including Afghan, Bangladeshi, Iranian and... [MORE DETAILS](#)



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MUGLA - Some 12 irregular migrants were killed as a boat capsized off the southwestern Aegean coast of Turkey on Monday.

According to an Anadolu Agency correspondent at the site, at least 31 migrants were rescued in search and rescue operations. The operations for the missing

people are underway. According to data compiled by Anadolu Agency in May, 2019, at least 50 irregular migrants lost their lives on their way... [MORE DETAILS](#)

World marks day to combat desertification, drought



ANKARA - The World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought (WCD) is being observed on Monday to raise awareness of international efforts

on ways to recover and restore degraded soil. "Every year, the world loses 24 billion tons of fertile soil. The dry-land degradation reduces national

domestic product in developing countries by up to 8% annually," UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said in a video message on Sunday. [MORE DETAILS](#)



Ebola vaccinations underway in Uganda

Mariam Abele

KAMPALA - "We want all of us, around this family to be injected, because we are scared and want to get protection from Ebola." Says Muhindo Mary. Muhindo is one of the 96 contacts to the confirmed Ebola cases in Kasese district that have been listed by the World Health Organization for the Ebola trial vaccine.

The vaccination is taking place in Kagando, Bwera and Mpondwe in Kasese district in western Uganda, bordering the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Since August 2018, over 2,000 people in DRC have been infected with Ebola out of which over 1,200 have died. The residents in Kagando are particularly being vaccinated after it was... [MORE DETAILS](#)