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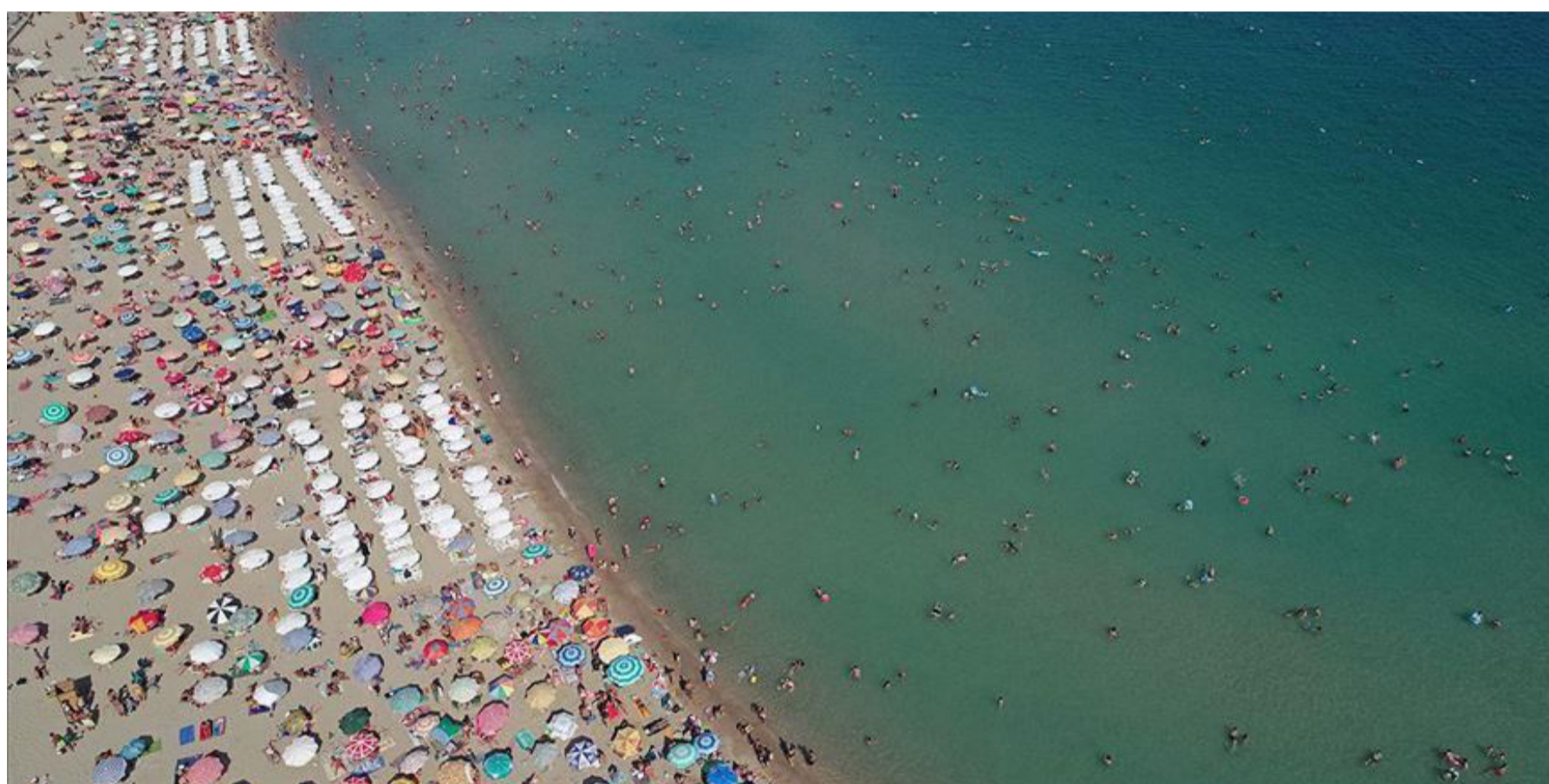
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Foreigner visits to Turkey jump over 11%

Nearly 12.8M foreigners visit Turkey in first 5 months of this year



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ANKARA - The number of foreign arrivals in Turkey surged 11.3% year-on-year in the first five months of this year, the Culture and

Tourism Ministry said on Friday. Nearly 12.8 million foreigners visited the country this January-May, compared to 11.5 million in the same period last year. İstanbul, one of the country's top

tourist draws, recorded the greatest number of foreign arrivals, with 5.4 million. The Mediterranean resort city of Antalya came second, welcoming 3.1 million foreign visitors. [MORE DETAILS](#)



Turkey has over 900 top-notch swimming spots

Yıldız Nevin Gundogmus

ANKARA - Some 921 points at beaches and lakes across Turkey have been declared top-notch by experts, the health minister said Friday. Samples were taken from 1,291 points on the shores of the Black, Aegean, Mediterranean and Marmara Seas as well as lakes, Fahrettin Koca said. "Some 921 swimming areas (75%) were

classified as Class A (excellent level), 296 swimming areas were classified as Class B (good), 62 swimming areas classified as Class C (not applicable). There is no class D swimming area that can be considered as forbidden to enter," Koca said in a statement. Koca stressed they continue to work with expert teams at the beaches every year to protect public health and provide... [MORE DETAILS](#)



US Senate appoints new ambassador to Turkey

Jeyhun Aliyev

ANKARA - The U.S. Senate has confirmed the nomination of a new ambassador to Turkey, Washington's embassy in the Turkish capital of Ankara announced on Friday. "We have exciting news! Last night, the U.S. Senate confirmed Ambassador David Satterfield to be the next U.S. Ambassador to Turkey. We look forward to welcoming him in the near future. Stay tuned!"

the embassy said on Twitter. Earlier in February, U.S. President Donald Trump nominated David Michael Satterfield to be the country's envoy to Turkey. Born in 1954, Satterfield stands out as a senior career diplomat of the U.S. Earning a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland in 1976, he served as Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern... [MORE DETAILS](#)

'It's steal not deal of century'

ANKARA - A Palestinian scholar working in Turkey has blasted a recent U.S.-led conference on its Middle East peace plan as a futile exercise. The conference, which wrapped up late on Wednesday in Bahrain's capital Manama, demonstrated the economic aspect of the plan, known as "deal

of the century". The conference is "a farcical workshop that I predict emphatically will end into total failure," Sami al-Arian, director of the İstanbul-based Center for Islam and Global Affairs (CIGA), told Anadolu Agency. "Regarding the S-400s, Trump knows Turkey's concerns... [MORE DETAILS](#)



Security forces nab 7 top Daesh terrorists



SANLIURFA - Seven top members of the terrorist group Daesh were arrested in southeastern Turkey on Friday, according to security officials in the Sanliurfa province. The terrorists, believed to have been in the terror group for some time, were arrested at various addresses in the Sanliurfa city center in

an operation to head off possible attacks, said a statement by the Sanliurfa Security Directorate. More than 300 people have been killed in Daesh-claimed attacks in Turkey, where the terrorist group has targeted civilians in suicide bombings, rocket, and gun attacks. Turkish security... [MORE DETAILS](#)