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Research and development spending rises 21%

Turkey's central government research and development expenditures reach \$2.5B in 2018

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ISTANBUL - Turkish central government's expenses to support research and development (R&D) activities jumped by 21.6% to reach 13 billion Turkish liras (\$2.49 billion) in 2018, the country's statistical authority announced on Friday.

Last year, the government's R&D spending were 0.35% of its GDP and 1.4% of its total budget expenditure, according to a statement issued by TurkStat. The country's indirect support for R&D activities also increased by 60% to 4.6 billion TL (\$882 million). The largest share of expenditures... [MORE DETAILS](#)



Turkish parliament ratifies 11th development plan

Emin Avundukluoğlu

ANKARA - Turkey's parliament ratified the country's 11th development plan late Thursday by a large majority. A total of 268 lawmakers in the 600-seat legislature voted in favor of the plan, with 44

voting against it. According to the government, the plan is a roadmap for improving the country's position in the international arena and enhancing its welfare. Under the plan, Turkey aims to increase the country's gross domestic... [MORE DETAILS](#)



Project revives Turkey's vital Harran Plain

SANLIURFA - The Harran Plain, one of the most important agricultural areas in Turkey, has been revived through the Southeastern Anatolia Project. The region has significantly contributed to the nation's economy since water was first transported there from Ataturk Dam as part of the

project, known as Guneydogu Anadolu Projesi (GAP) in Turkish. The fertile soil of the Harran Plain, located in southeastern Sanliurfa province, was irrigated for the first time 25 years ago after two huge tunnels were dug from Ataturk Dam to Sanliurfa city center under the... [MORE DETAILS](#)

Palestinian breadwinners struggle under occupation



RAMALLAH - Nine years ago, Fatima Atallah, 38, found herself the sole breadwinner of her family after her husband was arrested by

Israeli forces and sentenced to life in prison. A mother of two, the young Palestinian woman found no other

way but to take up the task of providing the financial needs of her children. "My son was still three... [MORE DETAILS](#)



Rumi site becomes Turkey's 3rd-most popular museum

KONYA - A museum in central Anatolia dedicated to Mevlana Rumi, the famed 13th-century Muslim mystic

poet, has become the third-most popular museum in Turkey. The Mevlana Museum, located in Konya... [MORE DETAILS](#)

US Air Force warns against storming Nevada base

Servet Günerigök

WASHINGTON - More than 1.7 million people have joined a Facebook event page calling for storming the top secret Area 51 military base in Nevada, sparking a warning from the U.S. Air Force. The proposed event, named "Storm Area 51, They Can't Stop All of Us", is scheduled for Sept. 20.

"We will all meet up at the Area 51 Alien Center tourist attraction and coordinate our entry," the event page says. "If we naruto run, we can move faster than their bullets. Lets [sic] see them aliens." "Naruto" refers to the running style of the Japanese anime character Naruto Uzumaki. Currently, some 1.3 million others indicate they are interested. [MORE DETAILS](#)

