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New counter-terrorism move to start in Syria



President Erdogan says Turkey determined to tear off PKK from Iraqi territory as well

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ANKARA - Turkey's counter-terrorism offensives will move forward to a "different phase" in northern Syria soon, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said on Tuesday. "We'll move the process which we started with the Euphrates Shield and Olive Branch operations forward to a different phase very soon," Erdogan told the 11th

Ambassadors' Conference in the capital Ankara referring to Turkey's planned military operation in northern Syria. "If needed, Turkey will absolutely protect its national interests [in Syria] either via dialogue, soft power, coercive diplomacy instruments or realpolitik," he stressed. Erdogan said Turkey's military operation in Syria would not only resolve the irregular migrant issue,

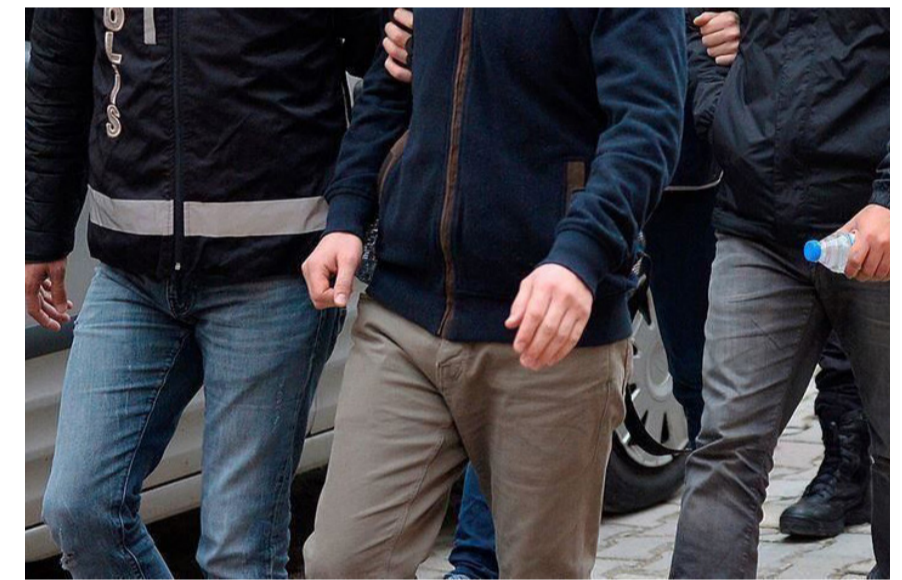
but also accelerate the return of homesick Syrians to their country. "We expect clear steps from the U.S. over extradition of the FETO ringleader to Turkey and halting the arming of the PKK/YPG terror groups," he added. Turkey expects the creation of a 20-mile (32-kilometer) safe zone in northern Syria and has stressed that it wants the YPG/PYD terror group cleared in the region. YPG/PKK is the Syrian... [MORE DETAILS](#)

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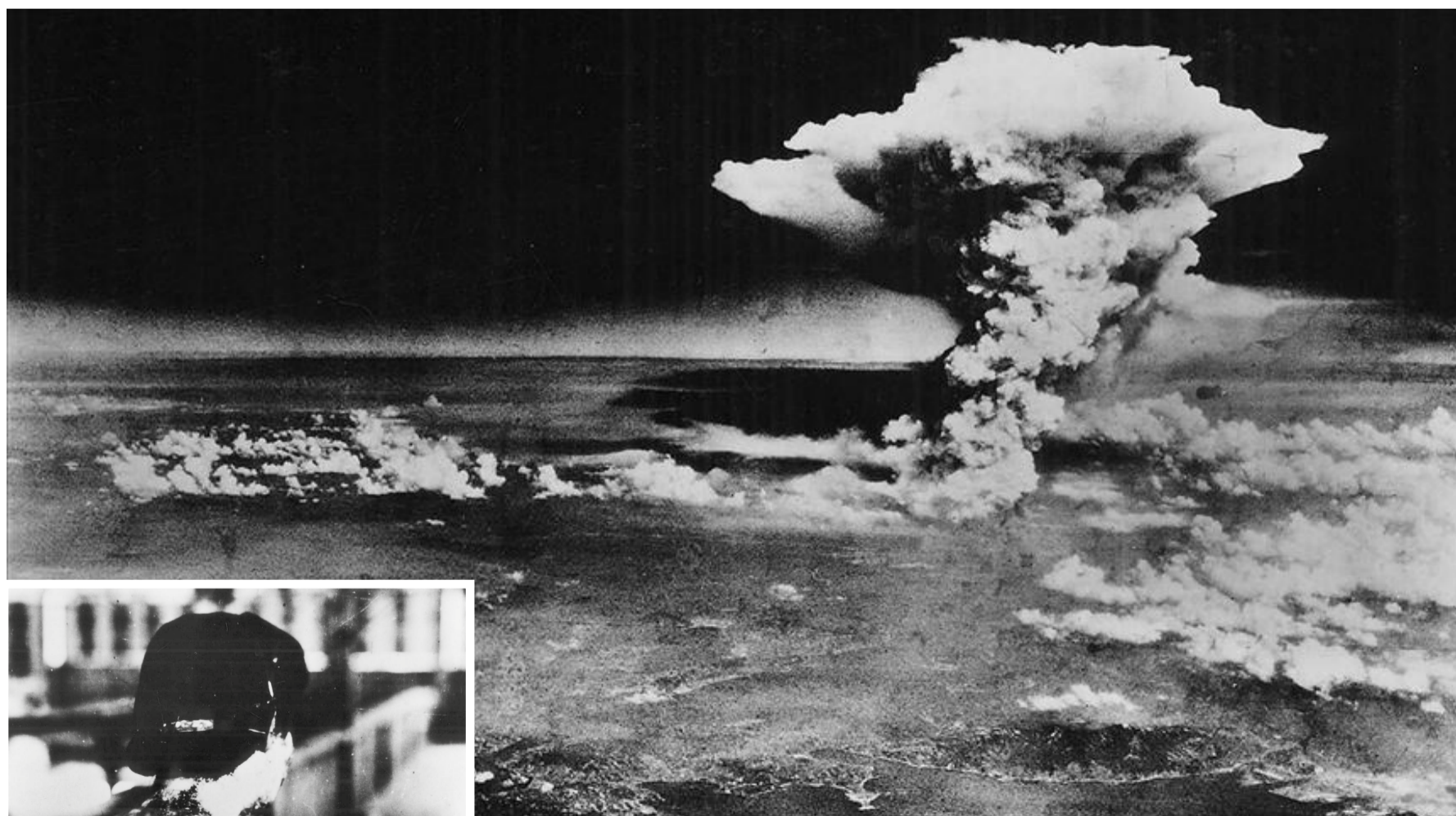
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ANKARA - Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and his Pakistani counterpart discussed India's scrapping of Kashmir's special status Monday. Prime Minister Imran Khan phoned Erdogan to inform him about India's latest move, said

the Turkish Presidential Communications Directorate. Erdogan called on Pakistan and India to strengthen the dialogue process, the statement added. "India's illegal action of modifying the special status of Indian occupied Kashmir will have serious... [MORE DETAILS](#)



'World more dangerous now than during Cold War'



Zehra Nur Duz

ANKARA - Marking the 74th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the first and only times nuclear weapons have been used in combat, an expert expressed hope that "rational states" will avoid using nuclear weapons a second time after the massive destruction in 1945. The atomic bombs killed hundreds of thousands of people in Japan when U.S.

forces detonated them to end World War II. Nursin Atesoglu Guney, a member of Turkey's Presidential Security and Foreign Policy Council, underlined that the strategic balance prevalent during the Cold War deterred the superpowers from launching a nuclear attack. The key elements of this "nuclear stalemate" were the treaties between the U.S. and Soviet Union which limited the numbers and types of nuclear... [MORE DETAILS](#)

22 Daesh suspects nabbed

Salim Tas

HATAY - Some 22 suspects were arrested in southern Turkey on Tuesday over their suspected links to the Daesh terror group, according to security sources. The suspects, including women and foreign nationals were found to be involved in terrorist activities for Daesh in Syria.

During raids at various addresses, digital materials and organizational documents were also seized. 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 forces have been involved in a long-running... [MORE DETAILS](#)

Fossils in central Turkey millions years old

NEVSEHIR - Fossils unearthed in central Turkey were found to be approximately 7.5 million years old. "We think we will obtain important findings on Anatolia's 7.5 million-year history as a result of our research," Prof. Cesur Pehlevan of

Nevsehir Hacibektas Veli University told Anadolu Agency on Tuesday about the specimens discovered at a construction site in Nevsehir province. Excavations started in 2017 and would come to an end in several days, said Pehlevan. [MORE DETAILS](#)