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‘Turkey will never sit at table with terror groups’

Erdogan blasts NATO, EU countries for standing with terrorists during Turkey’s operation in northern Syria

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ISTANBUL - Turkey’s president assured on Monday that Turkey will never sit at a table with terror groups, referring to recent developments in northern Syria. Speaking at TRT World Forum in Istanbul, Recep Tayyip Erdogan said that Turkey has “never sat at a table with the terror groups” during the government’s 17-year term, and “will never do so.” Turkey on Oct. 9 launched Operation Peace Spring to eliminate terrorists from northern

Syria in order to secure Turkey’s borders, aid in the safe return of Syrian refugees and ensure Syria’s territorial integrity. On Oct. 17, Turkey agreed to pause the operation east of the Euphrates River for 120 hours to allow the withdrawal of YPG/PKK terrorists from the planned safe zone. Erdogan said all actors in the West, including the EU countries and NATO, stood by terrorists against Turkey during its operation in northern Syria. “How long has it been you started standing by terrorists?” Erdogan

asked, addressing western countries. Erdogan criticized those who withdrew from the TRT World Forum to protest Turkey’s operation in northern Syria, accusing them of supporting terror organizations. Turkey has no eye on the soil of any country, and on the independence and benefits of any community, Erdogan said, adding that Turkey only defends “rights and future of our siblings, whom we see as indivisible part of us.” On his upcoming visit to... [MORE DETAILS](#)



Turkish, Russian presidents to discuss Syria on Tuesday

Diyar Guldogan

ANKARA - Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan will pay a one-day working visit to Russia’s coastal city of Sochi to discuss Syria with his Russian

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Operation to resume if YPG/PKK fails to withdraw



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ISTANBUL - Turkey’s counter-terrorism operation in northern Syria will resume if the YPG/PKK terror group does not withdraw from the region, said the country’s foreign minister on Monday. “We have 35 hours left. If they don’t withdraw, our operation will resume. This is also

what we agreed with the Americans,” Mevlut Cavusoglu said in his opening speech at the TRT World Forum which kicked off in Istanbul. Turkey on Oct. 9 launched Operation Peace Spring to eliminate terrorists from northern Syria in order to secure Turkey’s borders, aid in the safe return of Syrian refugees and ensure Syria’s... [MORE DETAILS](#)

Over 4,400 irregular migrants held last week



Busra Nur Bilgic Cakmak

ANKARA - At least 4,407 irregular migrants were held across Turkey over the past week, according to data compiled by Anadolu Agency from security

sources. As many as 1,916 migrants were held in multiple operations carried out by gendarmerie forces in the northwestern Edirne province, bordering Greece and Bulgaria. According to local security forces

in Edirne, Greece has recently stepped up efforts to send irregular migrants to Turkey in violation of the Geneva Conventions, European Convention on Human Rights and the UN Convention Against Torture. [MORE DETAILS](#)