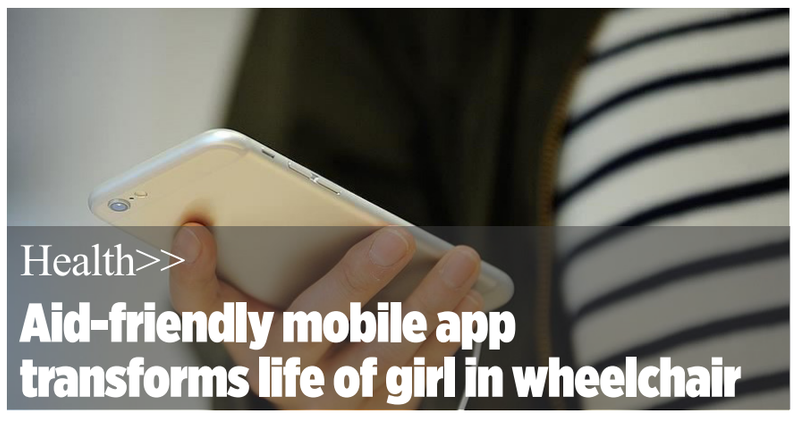


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Turkey confirms first case of coronavirus

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"A male citizen tested positive for the coronavirus in the evening," Health Minister... MORE DETAILS

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President Erdogan says Turkey will abide by cease-fire in Idlib, Syria so long as regime, its allies do the same



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ANKARA - Turkey will respond heavily if its observation posts in northwestern Syria's Idlib province are targeted, said the nation's president on Wednesday.
"Turkey will do more than mere retaliation if its observation posts in Idlib are targeted," Recep Tayyip Erdogan told ruling Justice and Development (AK) Party deputies meeting in the capital Ankara.
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Talks with Russia on Idlib, Syria 'positive'



Sarp Ozer

ANKARA - Talks between Turkish and Russian military officials on starting joint patrols in Idlib, northwestern Syria under the cease-fire deal reached last week are making progress, said Turkey's defense chief on Wednesday.
"The negotiations continue in a positive and constructive way," Defense Minister Hulusi Akar said in the Turkish capital Ankara.
"On March 15, we plan and are working to start a joint patrol along the M4 highway," the center of a 12... MORE DETAILS



Turkey working to broker permanent cease-fire in Idlib

Ferdi Turkten

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"Currently, efforts are being made to make this temporary... MORE DETAILS

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ANKARA - Both the Arctic and Antarctica saw below mean sea ice cover in the last month compared to the 1981-2010 average, the European Union's climate change body said Tuesday.
"In the Arctic, the sea ice extent was 6% below the 1981-2010 average...In Antarctica, sea ice extent was 14% below the 1981-2010 average," the Copernicus Climate Change Service said in its monthly sea ice cover study. MORE DETAILS



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