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33 Turkish soldiers martyred in regime airstrike in Idlib

Tens of others injured receiving treatment at hospitals, says Turkish official



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ANKARA - At least 33 Turkish soldiers have been martyred and tens of others injured in an airstrike by forces of the Bashar al-Assad regime in Idlib, northwestern Syria, a Turkish official said late Thursday.
"There are critically wounded [soldiers following the attack], and they are being treated at hospitals," Rahmi Dogan, the governor of Turkey's Hatay province, told Anadolu Agency.
While the initial number of martyrs was nine, it rose to 33 in the following hours, and Dogan said later there are tens of others injured but their condition... MORE DETAILS

'Turkish troops attacked despite coordination with Russia'

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ANKARA - Thursday's deadly attack on Turkish troops took place although the location of our forces was known by Russia, Turkey's defense minister said on Friday.
"This attack occurred even though the locations of our troops had been coordinated with Russian officials in the field," Defense Minister Hulusi Akar told reporters in Hatay, a southern Turkish province bordering Syria.
His remarks came in the wake of an Assad regime attack on Turkish forces, martyring at least 33 Turkish soldiers and injuring dozens in the Idlib de-escalation zone, just across Turkey's southern border.
Russia is the Assad regime's ally, and Moscow shares information with the regime to coordinate.
The Turkish soldiers are in Idlib to protect local civilians under a 2018 deal with Russia under which acts of aggression are prohibited... MORE DETAILS

Turkish forces pound regime targets in Idlib



Aylin Dal and Ferdi Turkten

ANKARA - Turkish forces pounded Syrian regime targets all night after a deadly attack on Turkish soldiers in Idlib, northwestern Syria, security sources said Friday morning.
Late Thursday, at least 33 Turkish soldiers were martyred and dozens of others injured in an airstrike by Assad regime forces in the Idlib de-escalation zone, just across Turkey's southern border.
The soldiers in question are working to protect local civilians under a 2018 deal... MORE DETAILS

Irregular migrants heading to European border



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EDIRNE - Given the green light to seek their way to Europe, hundreds of irregular migrants on Friday came to Turkish coastal regions and border cities to do just that.
Turkish officials announced earlier that they would no longer try to stop irregular migrants from reaching Europe.
Turkey already hosts some 3.6 million migrants from Syria alone – more than any other country in the world – and has complained that Europe failed to keep its promises to help the migrants as well as help Turkey stem... MORE DETAILS



After Assad attack, NATO voices solidarity with Turkey

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ANKARA - All NATO member states expressed solidarity with Turkey in the wake of Thursday's deadly Assad regime attack in Idlib, northwestern Syria that killed 33 Turkish soldiers and wounded dozens, said the alliance's chief.
"The NATO allies offer the deepest condolences for the death of Turkish soldiers in [the] last bombing in Idlib and express full solidarity with Turkey," NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg told a Friday press conference after an emergency alliance meeting in Brussels.
The allies also "condemn the continued indiscriminate airstrikes by the Syrian regime and Russia in Idlib province," said Stoltenberg, calling on them "to stop their offensive to respect international law and to back UN-led... MORE DETAILS