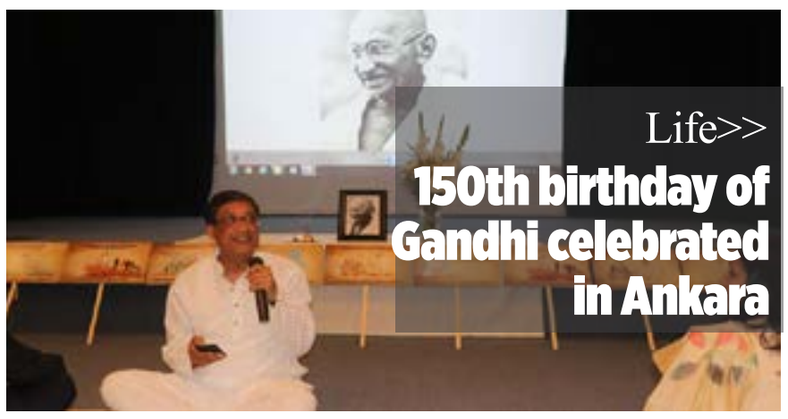


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Exports hit $15.2B in Sept

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ANKARA -Turkey's exports totaled $15.2 billion in September, surpassing last year's strong performance, the trade minister said on Wednesday.
The country's imports saw an annual rise of 0.15% to hit nearly $17 billion last month, Ruhsar Pekcan told a news conference in Mersin, a Mediterranean coastal city in southern Turkey. In September 2018, exports surged by 22.6% on a yearly basis to reach its highest-ever figure, $14.5 billion. In the first nine months of 2019, Turkey's exports rose by 2.6% year-on-year to reach $132.5 billion, she said. Pekcan underlined that the foreign trade gap in January-September plummeted 68.8% to $16.4 billion.said Erdogan.We do not ... MORE DETAILS





Maarif becomes global education brand

Foundation provides education from kindergarten to university, at all levels, says chairman

Selma Kasap

ANKARA -Turkish Maarif Foundation has become a global brand of education that provides education from kindergarten to university at all levels, chairman of the foundation said on Tuesday. "We proved ourselves with a developed curriculum and international comparative education experience and become Turkey's global education brand", Birol Akgun told Anadolu Agency in an exclusive interview. Akgun said 40% of 250 students studying in Maarif schools in Romania is Turkish and the rest of them are Muslim minorities... MORE DETAILS

Turkey, Kuwait agree to enhance industry ties



Mahmoud Barakat

ANKARA -Turkey and Kuwait agreed Wednesday to enhance bilateral ties in industry and technology sectors. The agreement came in a meeting between Turkish Industry and Technology Minister Mustafa Varank and his Kuwaiti counterpart Khaled Nasser al-Roudan in Turkey's capital Ankara. "We aim to enhance our cooperation in fields of economy, industry and technology as well as mutual investments on the 55th anniversary of our relations," Varank said.He underscored Kuwait's significance in the region with its humanitarian foreign policy that contributes to stability in the region as well as its efforts supporting the Palestinian cause, efforts to resolve the crisis in Yemen and efforts to mend the rift in the Gulf Cooperation Council. Varank stressed that Turkey adopted a new policy of production and encourages investments and can share its experience in the industry field with Kuwait. For his part, al-Roudan hailed the "distinguished relations between Turkey and Kuwait on all levels," citing that Turkey is the second country in the world that has largest investments in... MORE DETAILS

South Sudan child soldiers attempt to rebuild lives



Benjamin Takpiny

ANKARA -Makuei Anyieth was recruited in the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA), at the tender age of 11. Dodging death over past two decades, while fighting numerous battles, Anyieth, now 33, is attempting to wash the tag of a child soldier, by rebuilding his life. Thousands of battle-hardened children like Anyieth, who fought in the South Sudan conflict, under commanders from both government and opposition forces, are facing an uncertain future. The transition from waving a Kalashnikov rifle, to holding pen and books... MORE DETAILS



Older people in Duzce have fun with river rafting

Omer Urer

DUZCE, Turkey -Elderly people in northwestern Turkey met on Tuesday to celebrate the International Day for Older Persons by river rafting. Men and women between 65 and 80 years old in Dokuzdegirmen village of Duzce province wore helmets, life jackets and swimsuits for the event. After a briefing on how to river raft, the seniors launched their boats into the river, where they rode the currents and turns. "Sports have no age," local professional rafter and representative of rafting sport in Duzce, Birol Tepe, told Anadolu... MORE DETAILS

German giant Volkswagen establishes firm in Turkey

Gokhan Ergocun

ISTANBUL -The German automotive giant Volkswagen established a production firm in Manisa, an Aegean province of Turkey, according to the Turkish Trade Registry Gazette on Wednesday. The firm -- Volkswagen Turkey Otomotiv Sanayi ve Ticaret A.S. -- was established with a capital of 943.5 million Turkish liras ($164.46 million). The company in western Turkey was founded to design, produce, assemble, sell, import and export... MORE DETAILS

Turkey:315,000 irregular migrants held in past 9 months



Orhan Onur Gemici

ANKARA -Some 315,000 irregular migrants -- aiming to illegally cross to Europe -- were held across Turkey in the first nine months of the current year, Turkish interior minister said on Wednesday. About 268,000 people were held while attempting to illegally cross to Europe in 2018, said Suleyman Soylu, adding his ministry is expecting the number to reach 400,000 at the end of 2019. "We have been trying to explain to Europe about the illegal migrants from Afghanistan and Africa for 3-4 years. Unfortunately, they don't understand Almost 45.5% of the... MORE DETAILS