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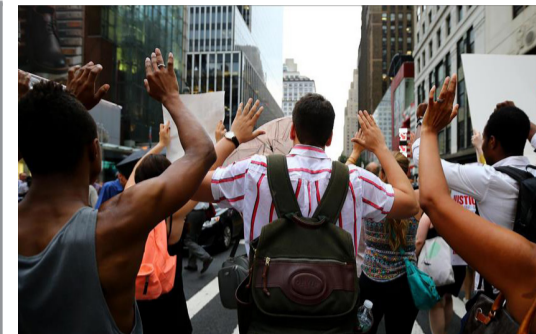
Turkey signals joint defense plan with Russia, FM says



Foreign minister says NATO member will establish military, intelligence system

Turkey and Russia will establish a joint military, intelligence and diplomacy mechanism, Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said Wednesday. Speaking at Anadolu Agency's Editors' Desk, Cavusoglu said the previous

day's meeting between Presidents Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Vladimir Putin had paved the way for closer ties following a nine-month freeze after the shooting down of a Russian warplane. >>MORE DETAILS



US racial wealth gap to last decades, study finds

It will take decades for black and Latino families to accumulate the same amount of wealth white families currently have, a new study revealed. On average, a black family needs 228 years and a Latino family needs 84 years to reach the same wealth as a white family, according to a joint report by the Corporation for Enterprise Development and the Institute for Policy Studies (IPS). "By the time people of color become the majority, the racial wealth divide..." >>MORE DETAILS

Ennahda wants bigger role in Tunisia govt: Ghannouchi

The leader of Tunisia's Ennahda movement, Rachid Ghannouchi, has called for a bigger representation of his group in the upcoming Tunisian government. In an interview with Anadolu Agency, Ghannouchi said Ennahda is the largest party in parliament with 69 seats. "We no longer accept a symbolic representation in the government," he said in the interview, experts of which were published on Wednesday. >>MORE DETAILS



Turkey's membership not in question: NATO

Turkey's NATO membership is not in question, the alliance said in a statement Tuesday. The statement came in view of speculative press reports regarding NATO's stance on the foiled coup in Turkey, which left 240 people martyred and nearly 2,200 injured. "Turkey is a

valued ally, making substantial contributions to NATO's joint efforts. NATO counts on the continued contributions of Turkey and Turkey can count on the solidarity and support of NATO," the statement said. The statement emphasized that NATO... >>MORE DETAILS

Turkey denies 'shift of axis' in Erdogan's Russia visit

A Turkish pivot towards Moscow was dismissed by EU Affairs Minister Omer Celik in the wake of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's meeting with his Russian counterpart on Tuesday. Celik, who is responsible for Turkey's long-running EU accession bid, made his remarks after several commentators

claimed Erdogan's meeting with Vladimir Putin in St. Petersburg -- the first since Turkey shot down a Russian warplane last November -- marked a "shift of axis" in Ankara's foreign policy. In an interview with broadcaster Haberturk, Celik said close ties between the nations dated back to... >>MORE DETAILS

European countries will move against FETO: Think-tank

European countries will mobilize against the Fetullah Terrorist Organization (FETO) for the sake of relations between Turkey and the European Union, predicted the head of a prominent think-tank Wednesday. In an interview with Anadolu Agency, Samuel Doveri Vesterbye, head of the Brussels-based European Neighbourhood Council, cited British Ambassa-

dor to Turkey Richard Moore pledging that the U.K. will cooperate with Turkey if it provides evidence of FETO's activities in the U.K. Vesterbye said Moore's statement is a very positive step because it shows that there will be cooperation with Turkey in the future. "I think this is a matter of time. European countries will take action considering that..." >>MORE DETAILS

Europe needs gas and Turkey is key



Europe could become more dependent on Turkey in the future, either as a transit or a trading hub for natural gas supplies to Europe, said Gareth Jenkins, a senior fellow with the Central Asia-Caucasus Institute and Silk Road Studies Program on Wednesday. "Both Turkey and Europe are aware of the need to diversify their energy suppliers, particularly when it comes to natural gas -- which, of

course, is a lot less flexible than oil," Jenkins told Anadolu Agency. He added that for the future, Turkey seems to have more potential options of new supplies, not only from the Caucasus and Central Asia but also from Iraq and the eastern Mediterranean. "As things stand, European countries -- and particularly countries such as Germany -- don't have the same number of options. >>MORE DETAILS

Japan demands China pull boats from near disputed isles

Japan's foreign minister has summoned the Chinese ambassador to demand that Beijing promptly withdraw its vessels from waters around disputed... >>MORE DETAILS

UK move proves Brotherhood's peaceful nature, analysts believe

A U.K. Home Office guideline that would allow members of Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood group to seek asylum in Britain represents a "tacit" admission of the group's peaceful nature, analysts believe. Last week, the Home Office issued... >>MORE DETAILS

8 Iranian soldiers killed in Aleppo clashes: Iran media

Eight Iranian soldiers, including two senior Revolutionary Guard officers, were killed in northwestern Syria, Iran's local media reported this week. According to Defapress and other Iranian news websites, eight Iranian military personnel... >>MORE DETAILS