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Turkey warns about outcome for Mosul

Turkish Deputy Prime Minister Numan Kurtulmus on Thursday warned against allowing other groups to become established in the Iraqi city of Mosul after it is freed from Daesh. Deputy Prime Minister Numan Kurtulmus singled out the PKK/PYD terrorist group operating in northern Syria and Iraq, adding that Turkish forces will not allow it to become a safe haven for such groups in Mosul.

Turkmen leader accuses Iraqi PM of ‘ignoring’ community

A leading Turkmen figure accused the Iraqi premier of ignoring the community in the region on Thursday. President of the Turkmen associations federation Aydin Beyatli, said he had been to Iraq before his army, Kurdish Peshmerga forces and international coalition led before its army, Kurdish Peshmerga forces and international coalition led.

Tribes in eastern Turkey denounce PKK attacks on politicians, civilians

Age-old tribes rooted in Turkey’s eastern provinces Thursday spoke in unison to condemn recent terrorist attacks on politicians and civilians. Representatives of large tribes told Anadolu Agency how the assassinations committed by the outlawed terrorist PKK were abominable. Giyaseddin Seckin, representing the Habri tribe in the eastern Mus province, said: “The PKK attacked our people and Rodrulmen, and the PKK attacks in a highly devastating way, not only against the Turkish people. We have to stop this attack, we must stop this attack.”

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