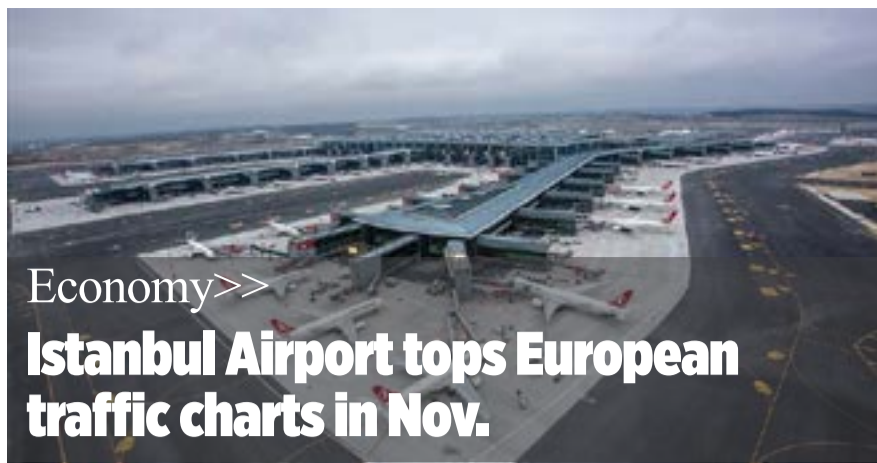




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Bucking shortages, Turkey getting vaccines quickly

Turkey filled up to 82% of disability employment quota in public sector, says President Recep Tayyip Erdogan

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ANKARA - Even as most developed countries face shortages, Turkey is receiving COVID-19 vaccines rapidly and progressing with its public vaccination drive, the nation's president said on Tuesday. Turkey has managed to leave behind with minimal trouble a period in which even the most prosperous countries faced heartbreaking scenes, Recep Tayyip Erdogan said in remarks in the capital Ankara. Speaking at a ceremony where young people and disabled people were given government jobs, Erdogan said Turkey has filled up to 82% of its disability

employment quota in the public sector. From just 5,777 in 2002 – when the ruling Justice and Development (AK) Party came to power – “we boosted the number of disabled civil servants to 58,319,” he added. On Monday, 6.5 million doses of the Chinese Sinovac vaccine arrived in Turkey, in the second shipment of a total 10 million doses. Mass vaccinations began in Turkey on Jan. 14 after the first batch arrived on Dec. 30. To boost public confidence in the vaccine, Health Minister Fahrettin Koca and President Recep Tayyip Erdogan were among the first to be vaccinated. [MORE DETAILS](#)



Azerbaijan to build ‘smart cities’ in liberated regions

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BAKU - Settlements recently liberated from Armenian occupation will be re-established based on the concepts of “smart city” and “smart village,” said the Azerbaijani president on Tuesday. Ilham Aliyev made

the remarks during his virtual talk with Resat Nebiyev, whom he appointed as transport, communications, and high technologies minister. The Azerbaijani leader said modern technology be used in the reconstruction work, which... [MORE DETAILS](#)



Volcano evacuees allowed to return homes



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JAKARTA - More than a hundred evacuees living on

the south side of Mt. Merapi volcano were allowed to return their homes on Tuesday. Biwara Yuwaстана, the chief

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‘Turkey expects positive stance from Greece in talks’

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ANKARA - Turkey expects Greece to take a positive stance in recently restarted exploratory talks meant to resolve several bilateral issues, a ruling

party official said on Tuesday. Nothing can be achieved in the talks by taking a stance against Turkey with other countries, Omer Celik, spokesman for the ruling... [MORE DETAILS](#)

Merkel says pandemic to affect us for years to come

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ANKARA - German chancellor Angela Merkel on Tuesday said the coronavirus pandemic will continue to determine our lives over the next few years. “The pandemic has left deep imprints on our societies and our

economies,” she said during her address to the World Economic Forum’s Davos Agenda 2021. “And it is safe to say it is going to determine in many ways the way we live, the way we do business over the next few years.” The German leader said the... [MORE DETAILS](#)