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## Turkish president, top EU officials meet via video link

*President Erdogan speaks with European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, European Council head Charles Michel*

### Applications end for Istanbul Photo Awards 2021

*Dilan Pamuk*

ANKARA - Applications for the Istanbul Photo Awards 2021 ended on Friday, an extra nine hours after the pre-determined deadline of March 18. In its seventh round, the international news

photography contest by Anadolu Agency met great interest in 2021, as it did in the previous years. Professional photographers entered with their works reflecting global events over the last year from India to Italy... [MORE DETAILS](#)



*Berk Ozkan*

ISTANBUL - Seeking to build on renewed momentum for better ties, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Friday met with top EU officials. Via videoconference, Erdogan spoke with European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and European

Council head Charles Michel. Also present at the 45-minute meeting were Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu, Communications Director Fahrettin Altun, and presidential spokesman Ibrahim Kalin. On Thursday, a top EU official told Anadolu Agency that at the meeting... [MORE DETAILS](#)

### Germany honors Turkish scientists developing vaccine



*Ayhan Simsek*

BERLIN - Germany's president conferred Turkish scientists Ugur Sahin and Ozlem Tureci with the country's highest award on Friday for inventing the world's first effective vaccine against COVID-19. Frank-Walter Steinmeier presented the Order

of Merit to Sahin and Tureci at a ceremony held at the Bellevue Palace, which was also attended by Chancellor Angela Merkel. "On behalf of our country, I would like to thank you both for your outstanding scientific achievements, and I wish that your further major research... [MORE DETAILS](#)



### Turkish, Iranian foreign ministers meet in Istanbul

*Merve Aydogan and Jeyhun Aliyev*

ANKARA - Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu met with his Iranian counterpart Javad Zarif in Istanbul on Friday, Cavusoglu confirmed on Twitter.

Their meeting at Dolmabahce Office was also attended by Hakan Fidan, the head of Turkey's National Intelligence Organization, said Turkish diplomatic sources. [MORE DETAILS](#)

### UN: Countries hosting refugees need more support



*Muhammet Tarhan*

ANKARA - A UN representative said Thursday that more support

should be provided to Turkey and other countries hosting Syrians due to the coronavirus pandemic's heavy burden on refugees as well

as the countries hosting them. "We advocate for more support to be provided by the international community to Turkey and... [MORE DETAILS](#)



### 3 dead after Greece dumped asylum seekers into Aegean

*Yusuf Sahbaz and Tezcan Ekizler*

IZMIR - At least three people died and one

more is missing after the Greek Coast Guard robbed a group of asylum seekers and... [MORE DETAILS](#)