



‘Friends shouldn’t deceive each other’

Turkish president comments on recent remarks by US general on terrorist PKK/PYD changing name to Syrian Democratic Forces

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ANKARA - Turkey’s president said Sunday that friends should not deceive each other, referring to recent remarks by a US general over the terrorist PKK/PYD “rebranding” itself as the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF). “We know very well who’s who. Both are the same,” Erdogan told a press conference at Istanbul’s Ataturk Airport before starting a two-day Gulf tour in Saudi Arabia. “What really matters isn’t changing the name plate, but what is

inside,” he added. Saying that Turkey gives no credit to the terrorist PKK/PYD changing its name to the Syrian Democratic Forces, he said, “Friends don’t deceive each other,” referring to the U.S. Last Friday, speaking at a security forum in Colorado, Gen. Raymond Thomas, the head of the U.S. Army’s Special Forces, said that the PKK/PYD had rebranded itself the Syrian Democratic Forces to give it a voice in Syria talks and to assuage Ankara. The U.S. has supported the PKK/PYD along with several other Arab militia groups under the umbrella of... [MORE DETAILS](#)



Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan

Erdogan arrives in Qatar on last leg of Gulf tour



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Bloodbath in Kabul after massive blast

By Shadi Khan Saif

KABUL - At least 25 people were killed and more than 40 injured when a suspected suicide car bomb targeted a bus carrying government

employees in western Kabul on Monday, according to the Ministry of Defense. The Taliban has claimed responsibility for the attack. Police spokesman Basir Mujahed told Anadolu Agency the

suspected car bomb exploded at around 6.30 a.m. local time (0200GMT) as a bus carrying employees of the Ministry of Petroleum and Mines passed. The attack took place in a district that is considered to be

safer than other parts of the capital, where several senior government officials such as Mohammad Mohaqeq, the deputy to Chief Executive Officer Abdullah Abdullah, reside. [MORE DETAILS](#)

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Turkey, EU officials set to meet

ANKARA - Turkish and EU officials will hold a meeting in Brussels on Tuesday to discuss Ankara’s long-running bid to join the bloc, according to a Foreign Ministry statement. Foreign Minister Mevlut

Cavusoglu and EU Minister Omer Celik will represent the Turkish side in their talks with EU’s foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini and Commissioner Johannes Hahn. The state of Turkey’s acces-

sion talks as well as economy, trade, counterterrorism, migration and visa liberalization will be on the agenda, the statement said. “Turkey, as a candidate country and a strategic partner, will convey its expectations on these issues to the EU side,” it added. The talks come after President Recep Tayyip Erdogan held “fruitful” meetings with EU leaders, including EU Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker and EU Council President Donald Tusk in Brussels during the summit of NATO leaders in May. “The EU and Turkey must and will continue to cooperate,” European Commission chief spokesman Margaritis Schinas said on May 29 during a news conference after the NATO meeting. [MORE DETAILS](#)



Analysis

The Gulf crisis: Who’s winning?

The Gulf crisis looks like stalemate but remains more pressing for the UAE-Saudi front which launched anti-Qatar offensive

By Hussain Abdul Hussain

WASHINGTON - At the 2015 Camp David summit, in which former President Barack Obama hosted heads of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC),

one leader complained of Libya’s instability and ongoing civil war. “The solution is here in the room,” Obama responded. Since the downfall of Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi and his regime in October 2011, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates had been supporting opposing parties. Doha sponsored revolutionary groups, many of which called themselves Islamist, but not necessarily radical or... [MORE DETAILS](#)



‘Britain knows FETO behind defeated coup’

ANKARA - The United Kingdom knows the Fetullah Terrorist Organization (FETO) is behind last year’s defeated coup, according to Britain’s ambassador to Turkey. Richard Moore told CNN Turk he believes FETO and its U.S.-based leader, Fetullah Gulen, orchestrated the failed overthrow attempt that martyred

250 souls and injured nearly 2,200 others. The U.K. did not consider the Gulen movement a “terrorist organization” because it required a certain process, Moore said. “But this is not important, we know very well that Gulen movement is behind this coup attempt.” Moore emphasized... [MORE DETAILS](#)