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Europe is losing reason, Erdogan's aide says



ByAhmet Sait Akcay

ANKARA - Europe's reactions in the wake of the Turkish public's recent approval of

constitutional changes show an "eclipse of reason", the president's spokesman said Monday.

"We will not allow such rhetoric to become widespread and normal. For it is an effort to lay additional groundwork for something else," Ibrahim Kalin told a press conference at the presidential complex in the capital Ankara.

Branding remarks by a former French diplomat suggesting the assassination of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan "fascism", Kalin said, "These remarks are not political analysis or opinion". Kalin continued, "[...] in the name of our democracy and the nation's will... MORE DETAILS

Probed for incitement

Former French diplomat Defarges had claimed assassinating President Erdogan was an option after referendum in Turkey

ANKARA - Following a complaint by Turkev's president, Ankara prosecutors have launched a probe into a former French diplomat for "calling for the assassination of the president," according to judicial and presidential sources.

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan early Monday filed a complaint against Philippe Moreau Defarges, who told

French broadcaster BFM Business Saturday that in the wake of a referendum expanding Erdogan's powers, assassinating him or civil war were both options for Turkey. The probe by the Ankara Chief Public Prosecutor's Office followed, according to a judicial source, who asked not to be named due to restrictions on speaking to the media.

Huseyin Aydin, Erdogan's lawyer, Monday sent a four-page criminal complaint to the Ankara Public Prosecutor's Office accusing Defarges of "attempting assassination and assault," said an anonymous presidential source.

It added, "In light of the terrorist groups which have been hosted by many European... MORE DETAILS



Israel detains 12 By Kaamil Ahmed JERUSALEM - Israeli forces rounded up 12 Palestinians in overnight **Palestinians in West** raids across the occupied West Bank on Monday, according to the Israel military. The army said in a statement the detained Palestinians were suspected of planning attacks against Israeli civilians and **Bank raids** security forces. A Palestinian woman was also arrested Monday morning after allegedly stabbing an officer... MORE DETAILS



'My joy is incomplete,' says freed female Palestinian

ARRABA, Israel - Though she was released from an Israeli prison after 15 years behind bars, Lina al-Jarbouni still feels her joy is not complete.

"My joy is incomplete since there are thousands of Palestinians still languishing in Israeli jails," Jarbouni told Anadolu Agency in an exclusive interview.

The longest-serving Palestinian female prisoner in Israeli prisons, Jarbouni was released last week by Israeli authorities after 15 years in detention.

Born in 1974 in the Arab-Israeli town of Arraba, Jarbouni was arrested in 2002 at the height of the Palestinian uprising against Israel on charges of... MORE DETAILS





Macron gets support for May 7 run-off

Defeated Socialist, conservative candidates call on voters to back Emmanuel Macron over National Front leader Marine Le Pen

By Hajer M'tiri

PARIS - Centrist independent Emmanuel Macron will face far-right leader Marine Le Pen in the May 7 run-off for the French presidency, according to official results published on Monday. Macron passed the far-right leader with 23.75 percent of the vote to Le Pen's 21.53 percent after almost all of the ballots were counted, according to the Interior

Ministry.

However, with nearly eight million votes, Le Pen has set a new record for her National Front party.

Conservative François Fillon and left-wing candidate Jean-Luc Melenchon trailed behind with 19.94 percent and 19.62 percent respectively. Both have conceded but only Fillon called for voters to rally around Macron to prevent a National Front candidate from becoming president.

Socialist candidate Benoit Hamon is out having won around 6.35 percent, a fresh blow to the embattled ruling party of current president, François Hollande. Hamon also called on voters to block the rise of the far-right candidate by backing Macron in the runoff. The two leading candidates will start campaigning for the final stage in the presidential race. MORE DETAILS

Predicting the day after tomorrow in Syria

ANALYSIS

By Dr. Can Kasapoglu

During a recent visit to Israel, U.S. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis marked two important points about strategic military developments in Syria. Mattis clearly expressed

that Syria had retained some of its chemical weapons capabilities in open violation of UN Security Council resolutions. Secondly, it had been detected that... MORE DETAILS

Turkey to extend length of visa-free stay for Russians

Turkish foreign minister says Russian nationals will be able to stay in Turkey up to 90 days

ANTALYA, Turkey - Turkey will increase the length of visafree stay for Russian citizens, the nation's foreign minister said Sunday.

"We are extending the visa-

Turkey from 60 days to 90 days,' Mevlut Cavusoglu told reporters in Alanya district of southern Antalya province. Diplomatic relations between Turkey and Russia soured following the downing of a Russian warplane that violated Turkish airspace last November. Kremlin ordered sanctions on Turkish food products, an end to visa-free travel and a ban on Russian tourists taking package

holidays in Turkey.

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