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Turkish leader says Muslims must show solidarity over Al-Aqsa Mosque

# Turkey 'most decisive' in anti-Daesh fight

Premier Yildirim says 4,600 Daesh terrorists have been neutralized in Syria and Iraq so far

#### By Fatih Hafiz Mehmet

**ANKARA - Turkey has been the most** decisive country participating in the fight against Daesh, Prime Minister Binali Yildirim said Monday. Speaking at a conference during his official visit to Singapore, Yildirim said Tur-

key had cleared more than 2,000 square kilometers (772 square miles) of territory from Daesh during Operation Euphrates Shield.

"So far, 3,800 in Syria, 800 in Iraq -- in total 4,600 Daesh terrorists -- have been neutralized. Today, no other country has been more decisive... MORE DETAILS

Russia set to finish Akkuyu



### **Turkish students renovate** Somali school in TIKA program

#### By Zuhal Demirci

**ANKARA - A group of Turkish students** participated in renovation works at an orphanage-cum-school in Somalia on Sunday, as part of a visit to several

African countries under an exchange program.

The 2017 Africa Experience Sharing Program provides an opportunity to 200 students to visit several African countries, including Tunisia, Libya... MORE DETAILS

## nuke licensing by year end

ANKARA - Russia hopes to finalize all necessary licenses and permits for Turkey's first nuclear plant Akkuyu by the end of the year, Russian Energy Minister Alexander Novak told Anadolu Agency over the weekend.

Contracting parties are working to obtain the last of the licenses for Akkuyu, Novak said. Russia's Rosatom and Turkish consortium Cengiz-Kolin-Kalyon signed an agreement in June for the construction of the plant.

"We will start construction at the beginning of 2018 and once the first unit is completed, we plan to start operations at the plant in 2023," he said. When fully operational, the plant is estimated to meet around 6-7 percent of Turkey's

electricity demand. The nuclear plant will have a capacity of 4,800 megawatts in four units and a working lifetime of 8,000 hours per year. In the first phase of construction, two units with a capacity of 2,400 megawatts are planned. The plant's 49 percent stake will be divided among the Turkish consortium of three while the remaining 51 percent of Akkuyu's shares will remain with Rosatom.

#### **U.S. sanctions**

Novak also addressed the latest U.S. sanctions against Russia, which Trump signed into law on Aug. 2. In addition, new measures and six orders that were previously signed by President Barack Obama have



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been enforced

"I think that the U.S. has put new sanctions against Russia to gain advantage of the European natural gas market," Novak said. These sanctions... MORE DETAILS

Pakistani premier vows to

# strengthen ties with Turkey

By Islamuddin Sajid

ISLAMABAD - The government and people of Pakistan greatly value brotherly ties with Turkey, and remain keen to further strengthen relations with the Turkish government, Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi said Monday. Abbasi made the remarks during his meeting with

Turkish Ambassador to Pakistan Sadik Babur Girgin, who met the country's new premier at his office in Islamabad, according to a statement released by the Prime Minister's Office.

Girgin delivered a letter of felicitation from Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan during the meeting.

The premier thanked the ambassador and said the government and people of Pakistan have close relations with Turkey based on shared history, common values and mutual interests. "Pakistan and Turkey are two brotherly countries and during the last four years our bilateral relations have further deepened as well as broadened," Abbasi said, adding his country remains keen to further strengthen ties, particularly on the economic front. MORE DETAILS

