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**Turkey provides aid to Palestine**

A human tragedy is taking place in Gaza, FM Ali Babacan said told reporters after the meeting of the "Organization of the Islamic Conference" executive committee in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia Sunday. Turkey has shown concern over the Palestinian issue and the current developments undermine the Annapolis peace process, Babacan said.

JEDDAH - Anadolu News Agency

**Sweden supports Turkey's EU bid**

Sweden strongly supports Turkey's European Union accession, said Susanne Eberstein, deputy chair of the Committee on EU Affairs of the Swedish parliament, during her meeting with Halide Incekara, deputy chair of the Turkish Parliamentary Commission on Human Rights yesterday. Terrorism in Turkey can be eliminated through education and social projects, she added.

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**Bursa, Torino to be sister cities**

Turkey and Italy have special relations, said the Italian ambassador to Ankara, Carlo Marsili, during a visit to Bursa Mayor Şahabettin Harput yesterday. Marsili said Turkey is Italy's third trading partner after Russia and Romania and that around 570 Italian firms operate in Turkey. "Bursa and Torino will soon be sister cities," he added.

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**Drugs destined for Turkey seized**

Bulgarian police seized 48 kilograms of amphetamines, local police chief Dimitar Dimitrov said Monday. A 53-year-old Turkish man and 61-year-old Bulgarian were arrested in Varna on Saturday as they were attempting to conceal the drugs in the doors of a mini van, the police chief said. The drugs were most probably destined for Turkey, he added.

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**Turkish Red Crescent in Chad**

The Turkish pharmacy in Chad continues to distribute free medicine to people, the president of the Turkish Red Crescent, Tekin Küçükali, said in a statement yesterday. "Having foreseen the consequences of the intense conflict, the Red Crescent managed to keep the pharmacy open," the statement said. Turkey currently has no embassy in Chad.

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**Turkey condemns terrorist attack**

The Turkish Foreign Ministry condemned the terrorist attack that took place in Israel yesterday. "There is no doubt that the attack aims to derail the peace process in the Middle East initiated with the Annapolis conference after seven years," said a press statement by the ministry. The statement urged all parties to display a united stance against terrorism and be cautious to provocations.

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