

## TURKISH PRESS YESTERDAY

## VATAN

## Film on honor killings shown on British TV ▲

A documentary revealing the inside stories of honor killings in Turkey will be broadcast on England's television Channel 4, daily Vatan reported Friday. Following the Duchess of York's documentary about the abuse of disabled children in Turkey, which aired under the title "Unreported World - The Unknown Side of Turkey," another documentary under the same title is due to be aired at peak time this week, revealing the sordid realities of

honor killings in Turkey. It has been reported that the documentary will cover a series of cases of honor killings starting from eastern Turkey right through to Istanbul. Advertisements for the documentary have gone under various headings such as, "This is how some women are treated in a country that is headed toward EU membership." The documentary gives detailed accounts of girls who have been forced into marriages and then had their tongues cut out before they were killed and had their bodies stuffed into suitcases. Five million viewers are expected to watch the documentary.

## Cumhuriyet

## Hope increasing for coup victims ▲

A former governor's legal battle over his forced retirement during the Sept. 12, 1980, military coup is nearing the end, which may bring hope for other aggrieved people, reported the daily Cumhuriyet Friday. Former governor Güngör Aydın, who objected to the retirement decision 27 years ago, is still fighting courts. The top administrative court, the Council of State, decided to apply to the Constitutional Court for Aydın's case. If

the Constitutional Court decides to cancel the retirement decision, the case will set a precedent for other people in a similar situation. After the coup period ended, Aydın was restored to his duty in 1990 after eight years in retirement. Aydın applied to the Council of State immediately and requested the eight-year period be counted as an office term and asked for reparations. But the court rejected his requests. In 2001, with a new law looking out for rights over coup-period decisions, Aydın reapplied to the Interior Ministry, but he could not obtain a resolution. In 2005, Aydın asked to bring the case to the Constitutional Court.

## Radikal

## Shipbuilding prices drop 50 percent ▲

As a result of the global economic crisis, the price of building a ship decreased 50 percent in Turkey, increasing the number of orders that Turkish shipbuilding companies have received, reported daily Radikal Friday. Turkish ship producers are getting orders from Denmark, Norway and Far East countries, said Chamber of Sea Trade, or DTO, officials at Europort Istanbul 2009, an international navigation fair held in Istanbul. A company from Morocco recently

ordered a fishing ship from Turkey, the officials said. The demand for secondhand ships increased around the world because of the global crisis. The officials also said the prices of building a ship decreased around 50 percent in Turkey. "This is why we are more powerful compared to our rivals," said the officials, adding that this sector was ready for the crisis because it already had high standards for shipbuilding in place. DTO chief Metin Kalkavan said Turkish shipbuilding companies would become more successful if they reinvest in ships. He said their plan is to take advantage of the gap in the sector and become more powerful in 2010.

## Milliyet

## Internal conflict at TV watchdog ▲

There have been claims that the position of an expert at the Supreme Board of Radio and Television, or RTÜK, was reassigned due to a controversial report written on a TV show questioning secularism, daily Milliyet reported yesterday. The mentioned show's theme was the afterlife and it was broadcasted on STV, a channel known for its Islamic fundamentalist standing. Upon a complaint, two RTÜK experts, F.A. and N.A., wrote a re-

port on the show. It was judged that the show was in violation of RTÜK's law. Zahir Akman, president of RTÜK, started an investigation on the two experts and the outcome of the report. The experts' first report was first shown to Mehmet Dadak, an RTÜK member from the Republican People's Party, or CHP. After the report was distributed, expert F.A. said one of the institution's officials said the report was too harsh, and through fear and oppression, the official forced F.A. and N.A. to write another report which judged the show in violation but with a lesser penalty. Since then, F.A. has received a warning for sending the report to Dadak.

