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## June 1st Press Review

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### ISTANBUL TO HOST TURKISH-ARAB ECONOMY FORUM

The fourth Turkish-Arab Economy Forum (TAF'09) will be held in Istanbul on June 11-12. The forum will be held by AI-Iktissad Wal-Aamal Group (AIWA) in cooperation with Turkey's Foreign Economic Relations Board (DEIK) and the Arab league. A DEIK statement said that Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, State Minister and Chief EU Talks Negotiator Egemen Bagis, Finance Minister Mehmet Simsek, Agriculture and Rural Affairs Minister Mehmet Mehdi Eker, Turkish Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges (TOBB) head Rifat Hisarciklioglu and Arab League Secretary-General Amr Mossa are expected to participate in the forum. /Today's Zaman/

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- ▶ Iraq's Kurdish region to export oil for first time
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- ▶ US senator Levin rejects Cheney torture claim as 'lie'
- ▶ Iran defuses bomb on Tehran-bound plane
- ▶ NATO exercises in Georgia near end
- ▶ Israel begins biggest emergency drill in history
- ▶ 10 militants killed in Afghanistan fighting
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