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MILITARY BUDGET CUTS CREATE ENOUGH **FUNDS TO FIGHT SOCIAL PROBLEMS**

A report prepared by the Public Expenditures Monitoring Platform (KAHIP) has suggested the government continue lowering the share of budget allocations for the military to the 1.8 percent average level of the European members of NATO, in order to gain enough resources to solve a number of social problems.

"The additional resources needed for defraying the general health insurance premiums of Turkey's 12.5 million uninsured citizens and delivering an ordinary income of TL 295.5 million to 1 million relatively poorer families is TL 1.3 million [annually], and this amount will be provided by lowering military spending by 5 percent," said the report, using a few examples of problems that could be solved with savings from military spending.

KAHIP, which has been preparing comprehensive reports to keep track of government expenditures for five years, has released its report for 2014. CONTINUED ON PAGE OF