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Erdogan's Hostility Toward Israel and Why Turkey Has No Role in Gaza Under the Trump Ceasefire and the ISF

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Introduction

Turkey's posture toward Israel under President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has crossed from diplomatic disagreement into open hostility. Since Hamas's October 7 massacre, Erdogan has intensified rhetoric that rejects Israel's legitimacy and excuses, defends and supports groups committed to Israel's destruction. This conduct matters because the Trump-brokered ceasefire in Gaza depends on trust, restraint, and cooperation among responsible states. Any framework that replaces Israeli forces with an International Stabilization Force requires participants who accept Israel's right to exist and who oppose terrorism. Turkey, under Erdogan, fails that test.

Key Takeaways



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- Erdogan's public calls for Israel's destruction reflect a sustained policy posture, not isolated speech.
- Turkey's political protection of Hamas disqualifies it from any Gaza security role.
- The Trump ceasefire and the ISF require partners Israel can trust with security coordination.
- Israel is justified in rejecting Turkish involvement in Gaza stabilization.
- Erdogan's conduct undermines NATO credibility and regional stability.


Erdogan's Words Are Policy, Not Rhetoric

On March 30, President Erdogan publicly prayed, "May Allah make Zionist Israel destroyed and devastated." This statement was not a slip, a metaphor, or a moment of anger. It fits a long record of statements that deny Israel's legitimacy and frame its existence as a crime. Since taking office more than two decades ago, Erdogan has repeatedly attacked Israel in language that goes far beyond criticism of policy. Calling for the destruction of a UN member state is not diplomacy. It is incitement to genocide.

Leaders are judged by what they say and what they do. Erdogan's words align with his actions, including sustained political support for Hamas. That consistency is why Israel and the United States take his statements seriously.

Turkey's Support for Hamas Is Disqualifying

[Erdogan has publicly described Hamas as a legitimate resistance movement \(https://x.com/RT Erdogan/status/996469218085429249\)](https://x.com/RT Erdogan/status/996469218085429249), despite Hamas's record of mass murder, hostage taking, and deliberate attacks on civilians. After October 7, 2023, when Hamas carried out the deadliest attack on Jews since the Holocaust, Erdogan

did not condemn the organization. He defended it. Turkey also hosted Hamas figures and treated their leaders as political actors rather than terrorists. 

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No country that shields Hamas can credibly claim a stabilizing role in Gaza. The central goal of the postwar framework is to prevent Hamas from rearming and ruling. Turkey's posture directly contradicts that goal. Allowing Turkish forces into Gaza would amount to inviting a Hamas sympathizer into a mission designed to neutralize Hamas.

The Trump Ceasefire and the Requirements of the ISF

The Trump ceasefire rests on phased implementation, with security benchmarks tied to demilitarization and the gradual replacement of Israeli forces by an International Stabilization Force (<https://www.timesofisrael.com/us-hosts-forum-in-qatar-on-international-gaza-force-with-turkey-reportedly-left-out/>). This structure depends on absolute clarity about mission purpose and participant intent. The ISF cannot function if contributors view Israel as an enemy or treat its destruction as acceptable.

Israel is being asked to accept reduced direct control in Gaza only if credible security guarantees exist. A state whose president openly calls for Israel's destruction cannot be part of those guarantees. This is not a political preference by Israel. It is a basic condition for national survival.

Why Israel Is Right to Reject Turkey's Involvement

Israel has made clear that Turkish troops will have no role in Gaza. That position is rational and restrained. No sovereign country would accept security forces from a state whose leader advocates its annihilation. The demand that Israel ignore Erdogan's statements in the name of "international cooperation" is unreasonable.

Trust in security operations is built over time through consistent behavior. Erdogan has done the opposite. He has used Israel as a domestic political target, mobilized religious language against it, and

aligned Turkey with groups committed to Israel's destruction. These choices carry consequences.
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The Broader Cost of Erdogan's Posture

Erdogan's approach damages more than Israel-Turkey relations. It weakens NATO cohesion by injecting ideological hostility into alliance politics. It complicates US-led diplomacy by forcing Washington to manage contradictions between alliance partners. It also harms Palestinians by promoting maximalist narratives that reject realistic paths to governance and reconstruction.

Stability in Gaza requires responsible regional actors who support demilitarization and civilian administration without terror groups. Erdogan offers the opposite. His posture encourages rejectionism and prolongs conflict.

Conclusion

Turkey, under President Erdogan, has placed itself outside any credible Gaza stabilization effort. Calls for Israel's destruction, political protection of Hamas, and sustained hostility toward Jewish self-determination disqualify Ankara from participation in the International Stabilization Force. The Trump ceasefire depends on partners committed to peace through security, not ideology through incitement. Israel is correct to bar Turkey from any role in Gaza's postwar security, and the United States should stand firmly behind that judgment.

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