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# **New Muslim Turkey Is Not Powerful Enough To Solve Problems Of The Region**

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After the G8 summit in Toronto, Turkey has come to interfere more enthusiastically in the affairs of the region, even in those she has nothing to do with. As we have been repeatedly writing, Erdogan is in a hurry to revive the Ottoman Empire, and if possible, within the previous borders. And before the World War I it comprised Western Armenia, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Palestine, and Judea, i.e. the countries that can never agree among themselves or individually with Israel.

Hardly is it possible that Erdogan may become a second Anwar Sadat and reconcile the Arab world and Israel for a second time. It happens only once and not for long. But it is also true that new Islamic Turkey is not powerful enough to solve all the problems of the region she is fighting against. They include the Syrian-Israeli territorial dispute, Iran's relations with the Arabs, and the Turkish-Israeli relations.

By the way, Turkish Prime Minister has finally lost his last hope of regulating the Turkish-Israeli relations, and has turned to Barack Hussein Obama for help. At the meeting with the U.S. President Turkish Prime Minister demanded that Israel apologize, and declared that they share a common position with the U.S on this issue. "We have reached an agreement with U.S. President Barack Obama on the issue of apologies and compensation from Israel," Erdogan said. All is well, but one thing is unclear - Is Obama himself going to apologize to Turkey for Israel, or pay compensation for an armed attack by the activists of Hamas? Or will he be able to get Benjamin Netanyahu to make this step? It's quite like Azerbaijan: Baku wants to resolve the Karabakh conflict in her favor, but by the hands of others. Actually, hiding behind others' backs and achieving something by the hands of others is the distinctive feature of the Ottomans. One doesn't have to look far for examples - the Armenian Genocide was carried out with the active assistance of the Kurdish population. But when it comes to doing something individually, the Turks fail in everything, and the war with Kurdish rebels is a shining example. No doubt, the Turkish army knows how to fight, and she has proved it many times throughout history. But a guerrilla war of attrition is not for her! The same can be said about diplomacy - the proclaimed principle of "null problems" works badly, and centuries-old blackmail has come to replace it.

Nevertheless, a closed meeting between Turkish Minister of Foreign Affairs Ahmet Davutoglu and Israeli Minister of Industry, Trade and Labor Binyamin Ben-Eliezer was held in Brussels. According to the newspaper Sabah, the meeting was held in a luxury hotel in Brussels and lasted two and a half hours. During the meeting the Ministers discussed ways to normalize Israeli-Turkish relations.

In a tete-a-tete with Ben-Eliezer, Davutoglu again put forward three demands, the fulfillment of which would bring Turkish-Israeli relations back on track: Israel will have to issue a formal apology for the incident of capture of the pro-Palestinian flotilla, pay compensation to the victims on the Turkish ship Mavi Marmara and fully lift the blockade of the Gaza Strip. The meeting between Davutoglu and Ben-Eliezer was made possible by an anonymous Israeli businessman and the U.S. Ambassador to Turkey. In

Israel, only Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Ehud Barak knew about this meeting.

Once again requirements and threats...., mirroring the Armenian-Turkish and Azerbaijani-Karabakh relations. If the Turkish Foreign Ministry calls this "null problems", then what to call the rest? Besides, the U.S. is more and more dissatisfied with her long-time strategic partner. Dissatisfied are the politicians and lobbyists, who for 60 years, supported Turkey, but the latter took it for granted. In our opinion it is time for the U.S to think what is more important for her: maintaining normal relations with the Christian world, or, yielding to the Turkish provocations and taking the side of militant Islamism.

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