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# Turkey closes skies to Israeli military

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An Israeli air force cargo aircraft

Amid tense relations prompted by Israel's deadly attack on a Turkish-flagged aid convoy, the government in Ankara takes a step to impose certain restrictive measures against the Israeli military.

"Military planes are required to obtain overflight permission before each flight. One military plane was denied permission immediately after" the May 31 onslaught on the Gaza-bound fleet, AFP quoted a diplomat as saying on Monday.

The diplomat, who was speaking on condition of anonymity, did not specify whether the decision signaled a total ban on Israeli military flights using Turkish airspace.

There were no restrictions on civilian flights, the

diplomat added.

Speaking after the G20 summit in Toronto, Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan said his country had closed its airspace to Israel after the attack on the Gaza Freedom Flotilla.

Israeli media earlier said that a military plane carrying more than 100 Israeli officers to Auschwitz in Poland was denied permission to use Turkish airspace and had to take an alternate route.

Nine Turkish nationals were killed when the Israeli navy commandos attacked the six-vessel Freedom Flotilla in international waters in the Mediterranean.

The move prompted an infuriated Ankara to immediately recall its ambassador to Tel Aviv and scrap plans for three joint military exercises.

Turkey also announced a decision to lower its economic and defense cooperation with Israel to a "minimum level."

Turkish officials have said Ankara will reconsider diplomatic ties with Tel Aviv if Israeli official do not take conciliatory steps, including presenting an apology for the killings and offering compensation to the victims' families.

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**JOJO**  
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IN THIS DIRTY WORLD ONLY STRONG PEOPLE CAN LIVE PEACEFULLY AND NOBODY WHOEVER CAN BULLY OVER THEM. TIT FOR TAT IS GOOD TO FACE ISRAEL ARROGANCE AND NOBODY IS BETTER THAN OTHER..

**customer77**  
Tue, 29 Jun 2010 04:10:10 GMT  
Bravo Turkey for starting the ball of justice to roll over Israel.

**Pakistani**  
Tue, 29 Jun 2010 03:55:05 GMT  
In the first place why TURKEY + ISRAEL?

**So What**  
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Who cares? So Israel will have to fly around Turkey. Big deal. Is that the fearsome Turkish response we were all waiting for?

**YES!**

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KICK TURKEY OUTTA NATO AN WITHDRAW WESTERN INVESTMENT...IT WILL TURN INTO ANOTHER AFAGASTAN!

**mumbo**

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the arab so called countries should be really turkish interest sphere not american. It s about time turkey recovers from the defeat in WW ONE. If the turks would have been still in control - they would have been a) much richer b) we wouldnt have that constant problem with Palestine. The root cause of the trouble wouldnt be there cause the turks would have never allowed for them to set roots in the first place

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Keep it up turks.

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bad move.....we need a regime change in Turkey!!!

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