

Turkey Launches Airstrikes Against U.S.-Backed Kurdish Forces

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Further to the future breakup of NATO and possibly the EU one NATO member has taken military action against another. The reason? Nations are like people and each has their own interests to pursue and protect, western Europe has little in common with eastern Europe. Turkey's interests do not conform with the US's current interests of DESPERATELY attempting to continue the Syrian conflict via Kurdish proxy forces rather than IS, al-Qaeda, and al-Nusra, which paid fighters all failed in their commission to disrupt, destabilise Syria and force Assad out of power. America's desperate hope is that SOMEHOW the Kurds would succeed, whereas reality dictates not a snow-flakes chance in hell.

Former allies and NATO members, Turkey and the USA are now in bitter conflict and something would soon have to give. The USA holds the poorest hand as its presence in Syria was always and remains ILLEGAL, there is no IS to fight anymore, notwithstanding that IS was created, trained and initially armed by the CIA and Saudis as a tool for regime change and Middle East conquest of nations that refused to comply with Washington's dictates -- it worked in Yugoslavia and Libya hence the US addiction.

Article follows:

Trump critics this weekend tied the administration's decision to continue U.S. military presence in Syria to Turkey's aggressive bombing of U.S.-backed Kurdish forces in the country's northern region.

Dozens of Turkish jets [bombed](#) more than 100 targets on Saturday as members of the Turkish-backed Free Syrian Army crossed into the Kurdish-controlled area of Afrin and fought militias there. At least eight people were killed.

The fighting came days after Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan [accused](#) the U.S., Turkey's NATO ally, of "insisting on forming a terror army on our borders" in response to the Trump administration's plan to arm and train 30,000 Kurdish forces.

"Our mission is to strangle it before it's even born," Erdogan warned last week.

The Department of Defense [said](#) Wednesday that the decision to back the Kurdish "Border Security Force" would "enhance security for displaced persons returning to their devastated communities" and keep ISIS from reemerging in the region.

The State Department denied this week that the U.S. was supporting a Border Security Force. But Secretary of State Rex Tillerson's insistence that the plan has been "misportrayed" did not stop Turkey from waging an attack on what Turkish officials called an "illegitimate foreign presence."

Brooklyn College professor Louis Fishman, who writes on Turkish and Middle Eastern

affairs, said the Turkish offensive exposed the U.S. policy of "open-ended" presence in Syria, with an estimated 2,000 Americans stationed there, as poorly planned and dangerous.

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