

Erdogan's Response to Putin is "Meaningful"

News:

President Erdogan said that despite Russia informed Turkey to hit ISIS in Syria, its attacks turned towards moderate opposition groups; and described this as "meaningful". The President said that he will meet Putin again. (<http://www.aljazeera.com.tr/haber/erdogan-putine-tepkili>)

Comment:

On 23rd of September 2015, President Erdogan was at the opening of the 111-year-old restored Moscow Central Mosque together with Putin. After the Erdogan-Putin meeting it was announced that it was agreed on a joint cooperation between Turkey, Russia and the USA on the issue of Syria. After returning from Russia on the morning of Eid-ul Adha, Erdogan made an inverted sentence stating, "There can be a process without Assad or there could be a transition process with Assad." In fact Erdogan said that "Assad will be in the transition process now." And Yasin Aktay, deputy leader of the AKP sought to prove how correct their view on the Syria issue was by saying "Turkey gave Russia a chance even when it had the blood of almost 10 thousand people on its hands." And during the 70th General Assembly of the United Nations following the Obama-Putin meeting there was made emphasise at a possible cooperation by creating an artificial adverseness. Subsequently Russian ships began to pass the straits in Turkey even more frequently. While I am writing these lines, there arrived the news of a "112.5 meter long Russian warship passing the Dardanelles". And on 1st of October Russia conducted its first strike after informing America. Then there arrived the news of currently 65 killed civilians due to successive attacks in Hama, Homs and Aleppo. This then was followed by the half-hearted statements of the US and some European states like "We are concerned". And Erdogan reacted with statements like "I will Putin", "Has Russia a border with Syria?", "How many refugees do they have, we have 2 million", "Since we are two friendly countries, I will ask him (Putin) to revise their steps".

First of all; with the US, France and Britain in the forefront, does anyone of the leaders of the international crusade coalition where also Turkey is part of have a border with Syria? None of them. So then why did Erdogan not raise his voice while this crusade coalition formed under the leadership of America murdered thousands of Muslims in a single year? Does Erdogan not know that Russia supports the butcher for a long time? Are the Russian ships laden with arms not passing through Turkey's straits? Does he not know that Russia and America have agreed on this issue? Of course, he does know all of this. In spite of knowing all this, he talks about Putin as his friend and continues any kind of relationship with Russia. All these responses are in order to create an artificial adverseness. This is all performed in order to induce the American plan to the opposition in Syria. It is performed in order to persuade the transition with Assad. The Kuffar merely say "choose a massacre of the massacres". If wrong, Russia and Iran do not conduct massacres in Syria for the first time, and do not send soldiers and weapons for the first time.

Erdogan - just as he did in his domestic politics, during the period of the "resolution process" and at the end of his cooperation with the Gülen movement, and after all unlawful actions where he finally blamed others by saying "We were naive. We believed." - performs the same show again in the foreign politics. In fact; they are all part of the international system and they play their part!

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