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Details:

Iraq Threatens Turkey with UN Action over Troop Deployment

Baghdad said the deployment was done without consultation and was a violation of national sovereignty.

Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu defended the move as routine troop rotation at a pre-established camp.

Mosul has been under the control of militants from the so-called Islamic State group since last year.

Turkey deployed hundreds of its forces to the town of Bashiqa to train Iraqi Kurdish forces fighting IS.

"Iraq has the right to use all available options, including resorting to the UN Security Council if these forces are not withdrawn within 48 hours," Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi said in a statement.

Mr Davutoglu wrote to Mr Abadi promising not to send further troops but stopped short of agreeing to a withdrawal.

Turkey enjoys close relations with autonomous Kurdish regions in Iraq, although it views Syrian Kurdish groups over the border as hostile, analysts say.

The fall of Mosul was a key moment in the rise of IS and a Iraqi government offensive to retake the city has been repeatedly put back. [Source: [BBC](#)]

How sad and how bizarre is this situation! Turkey (a Muslim country) is training Kurds (a Muslim public) to fight against ISIS (a Muslim organization) according to agreements with the US (Crusade leader). Iraq has no authority over its land (Muslim land), and threatens with the UN (an imperialist organization), to solve (artificial) border (drawn by imperialist countries) violation problem.

Turkey Angered by Rocket-Brandishing on Russian Naval Ship Passing Istanbul

Turkey accused Russia of a "provocation" on Sunday after a serviceman on the deck of a Russian naval ship allegedly held a rocket launcher on his shoulder while the vessel passed through Istanbul.

Relations have deteriorated sharply since Turkey last week became the first NATO member in more than half a century to down a Russian plane, which it said had violated its airspace while flying sorties over Syria. The pilot was killed.

The NTV news channel broadcast photographs that it said showed a serviceman brandishing a rocket launcher on the deck of the landing ship Caesar Kunikov as it passed on Saturday through the Bosphorus Strait, which bisects the city of Istanbul. It said the ship was believed to be en route to Syria.

"For a Russian soldier to display a rocket launcher or something similar while passing on a Russian warship is a provocation," Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu told reporters, according to the Hurriyet news site. "If we perceive a threatening situation, we will give the necessary response."

The Bosphorus offers the only passage to the world's oceans for the Russian Black Sea fleet. A World War One-era treaty obliges Turkey to allow all ships to pass during peacetime.

Turkey had considered Russia a strategic partner as its main energy supplier, despite deep differences over Syria. But since Turkey shot the plane down, Moscow has introduced economic sanctions including a ban on Turkish foods and other products worth as much as \$1 billion. NTV said three NATO frigates with Canadian, Spanish and Portuguese flags had been moored in Istanbul as the Caesar Kunikov passed through. [Source: [Reuters](#)]

Istanbul is the last center the Khilafah and is part of lands of the Muslim Ummah. Turkey has to detain Russian Naval Ships and prevent them to reach Syrian border to bomb Muslim people.

Russia-Turkey Crisis: Turkish Energy Projects With Russia Unharmful, Erdogan Says

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan vowed to break his country's dependence on Russian energy imports, and sought to downplay the impact of Russian trade sanctions, in a televised speech Saturday. However, he added that diplomatic tensions and sanctions would not affect Turkey's ongoing energy projects with Russia.

Moscow imposed several trade sanctions against Turkey, including freezing work on joint ventures and food imports, after Turkey's air force shot down a Russian fighter plane near the Syrian border on Nov. 24. Russia is Turkey's single largest energy supplier, accounting for more than half of its gas imports and 10 percent of its oil. Moscow also has a \$20 billion contract to build Turkey's first nuclear power plant in the town of Akkuyu.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has sought to take a tough stance toward Turkey as well, reportedly vowing that Turkey will be made to regret the downing of the plane. However Erdogan, in his speech, assured his country that the sanctions would have little impact on the nation's economy, adding that Turkey would find other buyers for its exports.

Erdogan has remained unapologetic after the plane's downing despite repeated demands from Putin for an apology as a precondition before talks can resume. Last week, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov met with his Turkish counterpart Mevlut Cavusoglu in the first high-level contact between the two sides since the plane was shot down. [Source: [International Business Times](#)]

Sure energy projects won't be harmless, because there is no real crisis between two countries at all. Both Ottoman descendant Turkey and Soviet descendent Russia are playing their given role as brothers in Syria at the expense of the head Capitalist USA.