

# PROPAGANDA ALERT: Syria Allegedly Threatens NATO Heavyweight Turkey

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Clinton targets Syria: "We will go against those that threaten Turkey and Turkish lives"

"[B]oth the foreign minister [of Turkey Ahmet Davutoglu] and I are committed to making sure both of our governments are as focused and coordinated as we can be going against those that threaten Turkey and Turkish lives."

[US Foreign Minister Hillary Clinton, joint press conference with Turkey's Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu, Istanbul, 7 June 2012] [1]

"[G]iven the violation of Turkish borders and national security [by Syria], all scenarios and alternatives will be considered."

[Turkey's Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu, joint press conference with US Foreign Minister Hillary Clinton, Istanbul, 7 June 2012] [2]

"Al-Asad's regime is finished. [...] We have been patient with Syria so far, but if the government makes any more mistakes on the [Turkish-Syrian] border, then that will be an issue for NATO as enshrined in Article 5." (\*)

[Turkey's Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, interview with <u>Corriere della Sera</u> on board aeroplane flying from Adana to Ankara, 5 May 2012] [3]

(\*) Article 5 of <u>The North Atlantic Treaty</u> (1949) states that an attack on any North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) member country is an attack on all of NATO.

#### notes:

- [1] Remarks with Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu after their meeting
- U.S. Department of State website, 7 June 2012

#### http://www.state.gov/secretary/rm/2012/06/191938.htm

[2] Turkey, US condemn Assad regime's brutal violence in Syria

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[3] Turkish PM may seek NATO aid if Syria "makes any more mistakes" - Italian paper

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