

Turkish Police Disperse Pro-Syria Demonstration

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Clashes have broken out between Turkish police and supporters of the Syrian government in Turkey's southern province of Hatay, [Press TV](#) reports.

Police on Saturday used tear gas and pepper spray to disperse the demonstrators who were calling for an end to Ankara's interference in the internal affairs of Syria.

The demonstrators also protested against the presence of US forces in Turkey.

Over the past few months, Turkey has also been witnessing demonstrations against the deployment of NATO's Patriot missiles and the presence of foreign troops in the country.

Germany, the Netherlands, and the United States have each deployed two missile batteries along Turkey's border with Syria.

The missile systems became operational about a month ago. Ankara says the deployment is necessary to counter 'threats' from Syria. However, Damascus has called the move 'provocative.'

On February 15, the Syrian government sent a letter to the United Nations, censuring Turkey's 'destructive' role in the turmoil that Syria has been experiencing for nearly two years.

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