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Türkiye asks Interpol to help arrest Netanyahu

Ankara wants the Israeli prime minister taken in on genocide and crimes against humanity charges

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Türkiye said it is seeking an Interpol Red Notice for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on genocide charges. The move comes amid broader tensions between the two US allies, as Ankara has condemned Israel's recent airstrikes on an airbase in Syria.

An Interpol Red Notice is a request to police worldwide to locate and provisionally arrest a wanted person pending extradition.

Turkish Justice Minister Akin Gurlek said on X on Friday that Netanyahu was among 35 defendants wanted over *"an attack"* on the activist-operated Global Sumud Flotilla, which sought to breach Israel's naval blockade of Gaza. The charges include genocide, crimes against humanity, torture, deprivation of liberty, hijacking a transport vehicle, and property damage.



Civil defense teams recover bodies from the rubble of a building destroyed in an Israeli strike in Gaza City on July 19, 2026. © Abdalhkem Abu Riash / Anadolu via Getty Images

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“We categorically reject the notion that the Netanyahu government, which is pursuing a policy of genocide in Gaza, is untouchable and cannot be held accountable,” Gurlek said.



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Palestinians. Netanyahu, in turn, has labeled Erdogan an *“anti-Semitic dictator”* and accused him of committing genocide against Kurds.

Israeli Defense Minister Israel Katz has warned Erdogan against dragging his country *“into dangerous adventures in Syria”* after Ankara strongly condemned the strikes on the Abu al-Duhur airbase on August 18. The attack caused no casualties but damaged recently built runways.

Both Syria and Türkiye denied Israel's claim that Turkish troops were set to be deployed in the area. US presidential envoy to Syria and Iraq Tom Barrack also condemned the Israeli strikes as an unnecessary escalation.

The International Court of Justice (ICJ) is currently considering South Africa's genocide case against Israel. Separately, the International Criminal Court (ICC) issued arrest warrants for Netanyahu and former Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant in November 2024 on charges of war crimes and crimes against humanity in Gaza.

Israel, which is a party to the ICJ Statute but not a member of the ICC, has denied the allegations.

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The Israeli Navy has boarded several convoys in international waters sailing for Gaza, most recently in May, when more than 400 activists were detained aboard around 50 boats. The activists were deported to Greece and alleged mistreatment while in Israeli custody.

Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Saar said at the time that all participants in *“the provocative flotilla”* were unharmed.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has repeatedly compared Netanyahu to Adolf Hitler over the war in Gaza and accused him of committing genocide against

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Troubled US aircraft carrier heads home after protracted deployment – media

The USS Abraham Lincoln is heading to port after a record-breaking nine-months away reportedly plagued by supply issues and low morale

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The US aircraft carrier USS *Abraham Lincoln* is heading home from its extended deployment, multiple media outlets reported on Thursday, citing officials.

The carrier's tour of duty began in late November last year and was originally scheduled to end in May, but it was repeatedly extended due to its participation in the US-Israeli military campaign against Iran. The vessel now holds a modern US Navy record for the longest consecutive,



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uninterrupted period at sea, with roughly 5,000 sailors and Marines aboard and more than 260 days spent largely without port calls.

The deployment has reportedly been plagued by supply and maintenance issues, including shortages of food and basic supplies, a lack of hot and potable water, and plumbing problems. Crew members' families have raised alarm over what they described as collapsing morale, burnout, and mental health issues. Several crew members reportedly attempted to jump overboard.



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Acting Navy Secretary Hung Cao acknowledged last week a *“small number of mental health cases”* on board that were *“treated with no loss of life.”*

Reports about the troubled deployment have prompted calls for the dismissal of US Secretary of War Pete Hegseth, who dismissed concerns raised in the media as *“completely misrepresented.”*

Last week, US Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer said Hegseth *“must be fired immediately”* over the USS

Abraham Lincoln situation.

“When Pete Hegseth was nominated, everyone knew he was completely incompetent. Now our brave sailors are paying the price in a horrific and unfathomable way,” the Democratic leader said.

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