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Netanyahu brands Erdogan ‘antisemitic dictator’ after Türkiye’s Interpol plea

Ankara wants the Israeli prime minister internationally sought on genocide and crimes against humanity charges

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Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s office has lashed out at Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan after Ankara announced that it’s seeking an Interpol Red Notice for the controversial leader on genocide charges. The war of words comes amid broader tensions between the two US allies after Türkiye was angered by recent IDF airstrikes on an airbase in Syria.

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



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pending extradition.

In a statement on X on Friday, Netanyahu’s office labeled Erdogan *“an antisemitic dictator, who has massacred Kurds, harbors Hamas terrorists, occupies half of Cyprus, and jails record numbers of journalists and politicians who oppose him.”*

The Turkish leader *“now seeks to extend his aggression against Israel into Syria. Israel will not tolerate it,”* it stressed.



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“Erdogan’s pathetic attempt to intimidate the leaders and soldiers of Israel, the only true democracy in the Middle East, will go nowhere,” the statement read.

Earlier on Friday, Turkish Justice Minister Akin Gurlek said on X 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.

“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.

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 Palestinians. Netanyahu, in turn, has labeled Erdogan an *“anti-Semitic dictator”* and accused



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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.

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

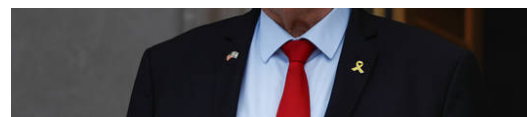
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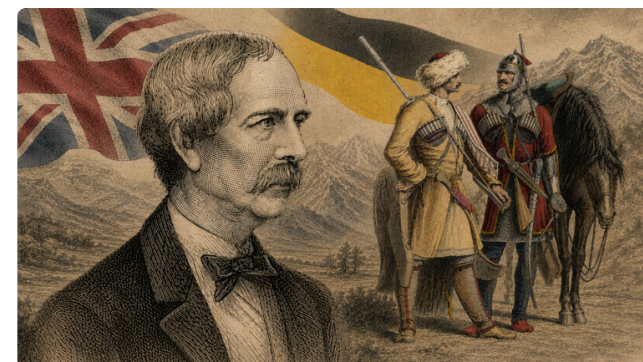


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Nunya Bizness 8/22/2026 at 3:52 AM

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Don’t bother putting this vile pile of excrement in jail. Just kill him. And his family. And the entire Israeli Knesset. Ain’t no peace in the ME until they are all fertilizer.

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Raymond 8/22/2026 at 4:14 AM ↕

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Good idea, all in incinerated

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Jam Jor 8/22/2026 at 4:49 AM ↕

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Agreed

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Mark Reilly (Mark) 8/22/2026 at 8:58 AM ↕

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william SMITH 8/22/2026 at 9:13 AM ↕

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I cant find it in myself to disagree in this instance...

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999justforfun 8/22/2026 at 1:26 PM ↕

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Satanyahu, a wanna be Semitic, a fake Semite responsible for the mass genocide of the real Semites

Palestinian, labels Erdogan an anti-Semitic dictator after Turkey appeals to Interpol.

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M Matt 8/22/2026 at 2:13 PM [↑](#)

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Glad to hear someone have the balls to say it. Kudos fren!

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 **goldyn sylver** 8/22/2026 at 5:22 PM [↑](#)

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Jews will applaud that plan. They could pin Gaza and all on a dead Bibi, and say ‘never again’, while plotting more of the same.

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 **Passionate Progressive** 8/22/2026 at 5:35 PM [↑](#)

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Hell is too good for them.

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i ioani uys 8/23/2026 at 9:02 AM [↑](#)

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Wow, pure hate! What did they do to you? Exactly what the Bible predicts.

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 **Baba Yaga** 8/23/2026 at 8:02 AM

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I’m not happy about this, but the only way Türkiye cn proceed now that war with israel is inevitable is to rapidly deploy nuclear weapons.

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R RMG 8/23/2026 at 7:41 AM

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The biggest antisemitic are Khazarians like Netanyahu. A very high percentage Israelis is not semitic. Khazarians and hence, Ashkenazi are not semitic. Semitic are descendants of the 12 tribes, Palestinians are semitic, Syrians are, Jordanians are etc. In essence, antisemitic are who shout at the top of their lungs that so and so is antisemitic:

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G Gordon Paterson 8/23/2026 at 5:28 AM

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Nuttvahoo 2 wrongs don’t make a right and you have been committing Genocide and ethnic cleaning

to Palestinians since 1948.

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P Patrick von Stieglitz 8/23/2026 at 5:02 AM

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And Netanyahu is a democratic dictator

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Alpha Beta 8/22/2026 at 7:01 PM **Blocked**

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Turks are the inventors of genocide

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USMarine FightingForAmerica 8/23/2026 at 3:37 AM ↑

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Actually,... the ancient Egyptians are (read up on some of the wars of extermination they engaged in),.... but why let facts get in the way of your lying.... – JD

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A AYE MYINT 8/23/2026 at 3:08 AM

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Antisemitism happened widely because of Zionists’ behaviour.Justify yourself to adapt humanity.

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Tom Coleman 8/23/2026 at 3:03 AM

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Any/every criticism, always.....

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Alpha Beta 8/22/2026 at 6:59 AM **Blocked**

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List of Turkish genocides:

Armenian genocide

Greek genocide

Assyrian genocide

Aramean genocide

Dersim genocide

Yazidi genocide

Kurdish aenocide

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 **Mr. Patrick** 8/22/2026 at 7:28 AM ↑

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Turkey is one of the bloodier colonial countries.

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 **Cat_Pillar** 8/22/2026 at 7:47 AM ↑

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My crimes don't mitigate yours!

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 **bettysteve322716** 8/22/2026 at 11:50 AM ↑

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and the izril ones

1. Haifa Massacre 1937
2. Jerusalem Massacre 1937
3. Haifa Massacre 1938
4. Balad al-Sheikh Massacre 1939
5. Haifa Massacre 1939
6. Haifa Massacre 1947
7. Abbasiya Massacre 1947
8. Al-Khisas Massacre 1947
9. Bab al-Amud Massacre 1947
10. Jerusalem Massacre 1947
11. Sheikh Bureik Massacre 1947
12. Jaffa Massacre 1948
13. Khan Yunis Massacre 1956
14. Jerusalem Massacre 1967
15. Sabra and Shatila Massacre 1982
16. Al-Aqsa Massacre 1990
17. Ibrahimi Mosque Massacre 1994
18. Jenin Refugee Camp April 2002
19. Gaza Massacre 2008-09
20. Gaza Massacre 2012
21. Gaza Massacre 2014
22. Gaza Massacre 2018-19
23. Gaza Massacre 2021
24. Gaza Genocide 2022 is still ongoing

24. Gaza Genocide 2023 is still ongoing
that's if you want to keep a score card

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S Serge Krieger 8/22/2026 at 2:26 PM [↑](#)

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You should also post massacres where Jews were massacred and it happened not just in Europe and other places but in pre war palestine too .

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K Karlo Ve 8/22/2026 at 2:49 PM [↑](#)

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«You're not antisemitic if you don't like a Jew, you're antisemitic if a Jew doesn't like you.»

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D David Dunbar 8/22/2026 at 4:08 PM [↑](#)

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Bingo!!!!

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Bill McCannel 8/22/2026 at 3:58 PM [↑](#)

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Luther DeHaven 8/22/2026 at 4:06 PM [↑](#)

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Good job. They are a perfect couple. The Turkish people will end Israel. I pray that war starts.

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Ketso Moeketsi 8/22/2026 at 12:05 PM [↑](#)

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Do something.

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Bill McCannel 8/22/2026 at 3:56 PM [↑](#)

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Armenian....give you this one tried.to decimate Christians
....all the rest....just wars....between Muslims
the Greeks and Turks been fighting EACH OTHER...for a very long time

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