

## Selected Articles: Turkey at War with Syria

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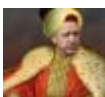
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### [Empires of the Steppes Fuel Erdogan Khan's Dreams](#)

By [Pepe Escobar](#), March 05, 2020

The latest installment of the interminable Syria tragedy could be interpreted as Greece barely blocking a European "invasion" by Syrian refugees. The invasion was threatened by **President Erdogan** even as he [refused the EU's puny "offer you can refuse" bribe of only one billion euros](#).

Well, it's more complicated than that. **What Erdogan is in fact weaponizing is mostly economic migrants - from Afghanistan to the Sahel - and not Syrian refugees.**



### [Erdogan Tells Putin: "We're in Idlib to Protect the People There."](#)

By [Eric Zuesse](#), March 05, 2020

According to Middle East Eye, on Saturday February 29th, reporting under their headline [“Erdogan asks Putin to stand aside as Ankara deals with Syrian government forces”](#), Erdogan said in Istanbul that on Friday the 28th he had told Putin (presumably by phone or some other remote means) that, “We did not go there [into Syria’s Idlib Province] because we were invited by” Syria’s President Bashar al-Assad; but instead, “We went there because we were invited by the people of [Idlib Province of] Syria. We don’t intend to leave before the people of Syria say ‘okay, this is done’.” Thus, “Erdogan said he asked Putin to leave Turkey ‘to do what is necessary’ with the Syrian government.”



### [Video: Syrian Armed Forces Teach ‘2nd Strongest NATO Army’ Painful Lesson in Idlib](#)

By [South Front](#), March 04, 2020

Units of the Russian Military Police entered the town of Saraqib in eastern Idlib following the second liberation of the town from al-Qaeda terrorists and Turkish forces. According to the Russian military, the deployment took place at 5:00pm local time on March 2 and was intended to provide security and allow traffic through the M4 and M5 highways. In fact, the Russians came to put an end to Turkish attempts to capture the town and cut off the M5 highway in this area.



### [Turkey in Syria: Down a Blind Alley in an Unwinnable War?](#)

By [Tony Cartalucci](#), March 03, 2020

Fighting in northern Syria has escalated as Syrian forces retake the last remaining bastions of foreign-funded militants and encircle, cut-off, and in some cases catch in the crossfire their Turkish backers.

Turkey had been making some promising steps in the right direction since Washington’s disastrous proxy regime-change war in Syria began unraveling – yet it still maintains a problematic position inside Syrian territory, backing what are unequivocally terrorists and obstructing Syria’s sovereign right to recover and restore order within its own borders.



### [Turkey Asks NATO to Join Its War Against Syria and Russia](#)

By [Eric Zuesse](#), March 02, 2020

The spokesperson for the Islamist party of [Turkey’s President Tayyip Erdogan](#) has called upon all of NATO to go to war against Syria for Syria’s having killed dozens of Turkey’s troops in order for Syria to defeat Turkey’s invasion and military occupation of Syria’s Idlib Province, which borders on Turkey. Going to war against Syria would mean going to war also against Russia, which is in Syria to protect Syria’s sovereignty over its own territory.



## [Turkey Sacrifices Their Own Troops to Protect Al-Qaeda?](#)

By [Matthew Ehret-Kump](#), March 02, 2020

After 33 Turkish troops were killed in a Syrian army offensive on February 27 amidst the current Russia-backed campaign to liberate Idlib, Erdogan responded by laying the blame entirely on Russia and Syria – successfully avoiding all mention of the uncomfortable fact that **Turkey has been protecting radical terror networks not only in Idlib but across Syria as a whole for years.**

During this time, Islamist forces within Turkey favorable to Assad’s overthrow have been attempting to play a complex game of geopolitics for which they are totally unqualified.



## [Turkey and Syria Are at War Without a Declaration of War](#)

By [Paul Antonopoulos](#), March 02, 2020

Although Turkey has supported anti-Syrian government forces, especially terrorist organizations [like ISIS](#) and the Al-Qaeda affiliated [Al-Nusra](#) and [Turkistan Islamic Party](#), since the very beginning of the Syrian War in 2011, no declaration of war has ever been announced between the two neighboring countries. Russia became militarily involved in 2015 and its intervention saw the quick defeat of ISIS and the recovery of large swathes of the country back into Syrian government control, as well as a partnership emerging with Turkey to discuss the Syrian crisis.

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