

# Turkiye Pushes for Islamic Bloc with Egypt and Assad Against Israel

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## **1. Türkiye Pushes for Islamic Bloc with Egypt and Assad Against Israel**

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan urged forming an Islamic solidarity bloc to counter what he described as "Israeli expansionist threats." Erdogan emphasized that Türkiye's efforts to improve relations with [Egypt and Syria](#) aim to establish this solidarity bloc. Speaking at a conference in Kocaeli, Erdogan highlighted the killing of Turkish-American activist Aisha Noor Ozgi by an Israeli sniper. He stated, "The Gaza conflict is not between Israel and Palestine, but between expansionist Zionism and Muslims defending their homeland." Meanwhile, the AKP spokesperson Omer Celik stated it is challenging to predict a timeline for a meeting between [Erdogan and Assad](#). Celik explained the Syria plan involves three phases, beginning with intelligence handling security files, followed by foreign and defense minister meetings. He added, "We are still in the first phase, and no timeline has been set yet for the meetings." Celik also mentioned that the United States appears displeased with the normalization process between Türkiye and Syria.

## **2. Türkiye Announces Killing of PKK Leader in Iran in Targeted Operation**

The Turkish Intelligence Agency confirmed the death of [Saliha Akbiyik](#), leader of the Iran branch of PKK, in Iraq. Akbiyik, who led PKK terror activities in Iran, was killed

during a carefully planned operation in Sulaymaniyah, Iraq. Ankara emphasized that Akbiyik, pursued by Turkish intelligence, was neutralized at an optimal time, according to Turkish sources. Known as "Nozhiyan Amad," she joined the PKK in 1993 and oversaw militants on the Iran-Iraq border. Akbiyik reportedly participated in armed terror operations in Qandil, Zab, Metina, and Makhmur regions of Iraq.

### **3. Turkiye Unveils Medium-Term Economic Program to Combat Inflation**

Turkiye announced a new medium-term economic program from 2025 to 2027. The plan, introduced by Vice President Cevdet Yilmaz, aims to reduce inflation, increase investment, and ensure income equality. Inflation forecasts for 2024 were raised to 41.5%, while economic growth expectations were lowered. The program also focuses on strengthening the Turkish lira and reducing unemployment, which is expected to decline to 9.3% in 2024.

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