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Israeli genocide unites the world's peoples

» ISRAEL used to control the world's most effective media outlets and academia. It's a biased and unilateral narrative that has shaped global public opinion for decades. None dared to challenge the Israeli narrative. Since its beginning in 1948, almost all major and advanced Western countries have provided Israel with unconditional and unlimited access. It unilaterally attacked and invaded the neighboring Arab states, while the world largely remained silent.

Israel gradually exterminated the Palestinians, but the world remained largely indifferent to Israel's atrocities. Israel blockaded the Gaza Strip and turned it into an open-air prison, but the world remained silent. Israeli occupiers forced Palestinians to flee their homes and lands, while the world public opinion interpreted all these illegal and inhumane actions as part of Israel's right to take action against potential threats.

Israel attempted to eradicate the Palestinians and the Palestinian cause from the Arab world. In the post-Arab insurgency period, many Arab states sold out the Palestinians at the negotiation table. These Arab states sold out the Palestinian cause and, in return, secured their regimes for a time.

However, after Oct. 7, Israel intensified its oppression in Palestine, especially in the Gaza Strip. Israel has been committing war crimes, ethnic cleansing and genocide. The pro-Israeli Western media calls genocide a military operation, ethnic cleansing a relocation plan, occupation a settlement project and starvation a hunger crisis. Thus, most Western governments and media outlets become accomplices of Israel.

After persistent Israeli attacks and genocide, which take place before the eyes of the whole world, the world's public opinion has been divided into two. Millions of people, including Western people, began to question the role of their respective governments in Israel's war crimes. Western peoples revealed that their governments are heavily dependent on the Zionist lobby. Then, they began to question the role of the global Zionist lobby in their domestic politics. Neither major European powers nor the U.S. can ask about Israel's atrocities and its crimes in Palestine.

With no state able to prevent the heavy and continuous Israeli attacks and international organizations, including the United Nations, incapable of intervening, the people stepped in. *PAGE 9*

# Erdoğan vows safety for Kurds in Syria

Türkiye stands as a guarantor of safety and peace for Kurds and other Syrians, Erdoğan stressed, vowing peace and a future free of terrorism



President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan delivers a speech at a ceremony in Malazgirt, Muş, eastern Türkiye, Aug. 26, 2025. (AA Photo)

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» TÜRKİYE is the guarantee for the security and peace of the Kurds in Syria as it is that of other communities, President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan said yesterday, underlining that those who turn to Ankara and Damascus will prevail. Speaking on the occasion of the Malazgirt (Manzikert) Victory's 954th anniversary in Muş province, Erdoğan said: "We defend permanent

peace throughout the whole region. We aim for problems to be solved through dialogue and diplomacy."

"Let no one forget that we, as Turks, Arabs and Kurds, will live side by side in this region until the apocalypse."

Those seeking new foreign patrons will lose in the end, he added. Erdoğan's words on the Kurdish community in Syria come as the YPG, the Syria wing of terrorist group PKK, which operates under the umbrella of

the SDF, is making statements calling for autonomy and thus endangering the territorial integrity of Syria despite a deal struck earlier this year with the new Syrian administration.

Under the March deal, the SDF forces would merge with the new Syrian national army. The agreement, which is supposed to be implemented by the end of the year, would also bring all border crossings with Iraq and Türkiye, and airports and oil fields in the northeast under the central government's control. *PAGE 7*

WFP warns Israel-allowed aid in Gaza 'drop in ocean'

» THE WORLD Food Programme warned Tuesday that the aid permitted by Israel into Gaza is vastly insufficient, calling it a "drop in the ocean" just days after famine was officially declared in the Palestinian territory.

The United Nations declared a famine in Gaza on Friday, blaming the "systematic obstruction" of aid by Israel during its nearly two-year genocidal war.

Carl Skau, WFP's chief operating officer, said that over the past two weeks, there has been a "slight uptick" in aid entering, averaging around 100 trucks per day.

"That's still a drop in the ocean when we're talking about assisting some 2.1 million people," Skau told AFP during a visit to New Delhi.

"We need a completely different level of assistance to be able to turn this trajectory of famine around."

The Rome-based Integrated Food Security Phase Classification Initiative (IPC) said famine was affecting 500,000 people in Gaza.

It defines famine as when 20% of households face extreme food shortages, more than 30% of children under 5 are acutely malnourished, and there is an excess mortality threshold of at least two in 10,000 people a day.

Skau painted a grim picture of Gaza. "The levels of desperation are so high that people keep grabbing the food off our trucks," the former Swedish diplomat said.

"And when we're not able to do proper orderly distributions, we're not sure that we're reaching the most vulnerable – the women and the children furthest out in the camps," he said.

"And they're the ones we really need to reach now, if we want to avoid a full-scale catastrophe."

But Skau also warned that Gaza was only one of many global crises, with multiple famine zones emerging simultaneously as donor funding collapses.

Some 320 million people globally are now acutely food insecure – nearly triple the figure from five years ago. At the same time, WFP funding has dropped by 40% compared with last year.

"Right now, we're seeing a number of crises that, at any other time in history, would have gotten the headlines and been the top issue discussed," he said. *PAGE 10*

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US envoy claims exerting serious efforts to end Ukraine war

» U.S. special envoy Keith Kellogg said Monday in Kyiv that officials are "working very, very hard" to end the three-year Russia-Ukraine war, amid growing skepticism over the prospects for a peace agreement due to stalled progress.

Officials are "hoping to get to a position where, in the near term, we have, with a lack of a better term, security guarantees" that address Ukraine's fears of another invasion by Russia in the future, Kellogg said.

"That's a work in progress," Kellogg said of the potential security guarantees after attending Ukraine's annual National Prayer

Breakfast along with politicians, business leaders and diplomats.

A week ago, Trump said he had set in motion arrangements for direct peace talks between Russian President Vladimir Putin and Zelenskyy. But Russian officials have signaled that such a summit won't happen any time soon.

Trump said Friday he expects to decide on next steps in two weeks if direct talks aren't scheduled.

A stream of high-ranking visitors to Kyiv in recent days reflects concerns around the U.S.-led peace drive. *PAGE 10*

German industry shed almost 250,000 jobs since 2019

» THE WORSENING downturn in German industry has resulted in almost a quarter of a million jobs being lost in the sector since 2019, with the automotive industry being particularly hurt, according to an EY study released on Tuesday.

German industrial firms generated revenue of over 533 billion euros (\$623.98 billion) in the second quarter of 2025, down 2.1% year on year, EY found, citing official statistics office data. This followed a 0.2% decline in the first quarter. The number of people employed in German industry also declined by 2.1% in the second quarter, to 5.43 million. Compared to six years ago, the workforce has contracted by 4.3%, with approximately 245,500 jobs lost since 2019, according to EY.

The sharpest decline in jobs was seen in the automotive industry, down 6.7% in the second quarter. In absolute terms, that amounted to around 51,500 jobs lost in a year.

Germany's carmakers are battling with stiff competition from Asia, a costly transition to electric vehicles and high U.S. import tariffs, with Volkswagen, Mercedes and supplier Continental among the companies cutting jobs. *PAGE 4*

Households' inflation expectations in country hit lowest since late 2021

» EXPECTATIONS for inflation in Türkiye 12 months from now fell in August among households, market participants and businesses, a central bank survey showed on Monday, an improvement that a top official said supports the country's disinflation path.

The households' expectations fell by 0.4 percentage points to 54.1%, the Central Bank of the Republic of Türkiye (CBRT) said. That marks the lowest level since November 2021.

The share of households expecting inflation to fall over the next 12 months rose by 1 percentage point to 27.6%.

Market participants' expectations dropped

0.6 percentage points to 22.8%, while the real sector's outlook declined 1.3 percentage points to 37.7%.

The central bank has repeatedly cited expectations as one factor determining the course of its monetary policy.

Treasury and Finance Minister Mehmet Şimşek said expectations had improved significantly compared with a year earlier, stressing that the improvement supports disinflation.

Şimşek said the real sector and households' expectations declined by 16 and 19 percentage points, respectively, compared to the same period of last year. *PAGE 5*

Naming trends reflect culture, history, social change in country

» IN TÜRKİYE, the names given to children have long reflected not only family traditions but also cultural, religious and social shifts. A deep dive into this phenomenon reveals how the choices of names have evolved dramatically over the past two centuries, particularly since the Tanzimat Era, when the country began a process of modernization.

Professor Doğan Gürpınar, a faculty member of the Sociology Department at Istanbul Technical University (ITU), explored these changes in his extensive research titled "The History of Personal

Names in Türkiye," later published as a book.

His study examines how personal names can signal a person's regional origin, cultural identity, religious background, emotions, or ideological stance and in some cases, even carry no discernible meaning at all.

In recent years, a noticeable trend has emerged in Türkiye, particularly in girls' names. Parents are increasingly choosing names such as Asel, Lina, Lalin, Lavin, Linda, Almına, Pera, Alisa, Çise, Aysima, Mira, Mia, Mila, Esila and Eva, or reviving specific traditional names. *PAGE 3*

