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Gaza violence sets Turkey and Israel back to square one

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Turkey's attempts to fix its once strong ties with Israel have been set back to square one by last month's violence between Israeli security forces and Palestinian group Hamas in the Gaza Strip.

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Erdoğan's harsh remarks mean prospects for reconciliation with Israel are slim. Speaking to Ahval's Turkey Abroad podcast, Dr **Gallia Lindenstrauss**, a senior fellow at the **Institute for National Security Studies (INSS)** in Tel Aviv, said she did yet consider the process dead, but "seriously delayed" for now.

"We know looking at the history of Turkish-Israeli relations that there is a strong correlation between developments in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and how good relations are," Lindenstrauss said.

"When there is a crisis between Israel and the Palestinians, it usually negatively affects Turkish-Israeli relations."

Prior to the recent crisis, Turkish officials had hinted at the reappointment of an ambassador to Tel Aviv. But even if this tentative normalisation process had been successful, it would likely have already been scuppered by the violence in Gaza, Lindenstrauss said.

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