



Erdogan's anti-Israel rhetoric falters as Turkey loses regional clout

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Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has used the United Nations General Assembly to criticise Israel and its Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. But as Erdogan tries to lead opposition to Israel, Turkey is finding itself increasingly sidelined in the region.

At the UN, Erdogan again compared Israel to Hitler, calling for an "international alliance of humanity" to stop Israel as it did Hitler 70 years ago. However, such fiery rhetoric is finding a shrinking audience.

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With Israel already alienated by Erdogan's fiery rhetoric along with Turkey imposing an Israeli trade embargo, **Gallia Lindenstrauss of Tel Aviv's National Security Studies** says Turkey has nothing to offer.

"There are two main mediators in this conflict: Egypt and Qatar. They're the two actors that have leverage over Hamas. Turkey, despite its very open support of Hamas, has very little leverage on Hamas's decisions," said **Lindenstrauss**.

"So Turkey is not effective – it doesn't have the money to push Hamas in a certain direction, it doesn't have the political leverage over Hamas to push it in the right direction. In practice ...Turkey is not very efficient.

"So I don't think it's a mistake that Turkey is not part of this [mediation] process."

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