

## **Erdogan accuses Israel of wanting to wage war on Turkey despite robust trade ties**

These claims, which analysts have deemed absurd, are mainly aimed at appeasing his Islamist base and distracting the broader public from their economic woes.

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“Accusing Israel of having expansionist policies that are a direct threat to Turkey is complete nonsense. Even in practical terms, Israel has much more pressing security needs,” **Gallia Lindenstrauss, a senior research fellow at Israel’s Institute for National Security Studies**, told Al-Monitor.

Lindenstrauss continued, “Israel may have succeeded in militarily defeating Hamas, and it dealt impressive blows to Hezbollah’s command structure and arsenal of weapons, but it is far from neutralizing the threat in southern Lebanon. The perception in Israel is that it will have to invest much more in its defense of its immediate borders in the coming years, making any adventurism in far arenas much more difficult.”

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