

## Turkey's FM met with Nasrallah days after Oct. 7 — does that mean he's 'pro-Iran'?

The recent revelation by Hakan Fidan has refocused attention on the top Turkish diplomat's supposed fondness for Iran.

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As the aftershocks of Israel's killing of Hassan Nasrallah in Lebanon continue to reverberate, raising the specter of a region-wide conflagration, Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan revealed that he had met with the Hezbollah leader in Lebanon just 10 days after Oct. 7, 2023, when Hamas unleashed the current cycle of violence by attacking Israel.

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Israel has yet to formally comment on Fidan's disclosure. "Because of the intensive news cycle in Israel, Fidan's remarks didn't get public awareness," **Gallia Lindenstrauss, a senior research fellow at Israel's Institute for National Security Studies**, said.

Yet "such a meeting, just after the brutal surprise attack on Israel on Oct. 7, with the Hezbollah leader who — besides being Israel's archenemy — also butchered so many Syrians, can be understood as part of Fidan's basic sympathy to Iran," Lindenstrauss told Al-Monitor.

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