

# Erdogan Nurses Forlorn Hope For the Best with Biden As More and More Ask, Why Is Turkey Still in NATO?

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*President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said on Friday, January 14, that he hoped positive steps will be taken by Washington on Turkey's role in the F-35 jet program, and its ability to purchase the plane be reinstated, once US President-elect Joe Biden takes office. Erdogan described the ban on Turkey's purchase of the F-35, in response to Ankara's buying the Russian S-400 anti-missile defense system, as a "serious wrong."*

He is certain to be disappointed. The report on his hopes for a rapprochement with Washington, allowing Turkey to buy the F-35, is here: "Erdogan hopes for positive steps on F-35 jet

programme in Biden term," [\*Jihad Watch\*](#).