

# Realpolitik, Which Once Prevented Israel From Recognizing the Armenian Genocide, Now Points in the Other Direction

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Israel for years was a close military ally of Turkey, the Jewish state's one friend in the Arab and Muslim world, Both countries benefitted from the alliance, and Israel for a long time was reluctant to damage that relationship by recognizing the Armenian Genocide. But many things have happened to change that calculation: the enmity felt by the antisemitic Erdogan toward the Jewish state: the new normalization of Israeli ties to four Arab states, members of the Abraham Accords, with more Arab states to come; the much greater military strength of Israel compared to what it was in the first few decades of the Jewish state's existence; the increasing number of states that are now recognizing the Armenian Genocide, including the most important one, the United States. "Why has Israel not yet recognized the Armenian Genocide?," by Jeremy Sharon, [Jihad Watch](#).