

The New York Times, Turkey, and the Missing Kurds of Afrin

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The *New York Times* has much to answer for in its coverage of the Middle East. Its relentlessly anti-Israel coverage, from its reporters on the spot, from its columnists (with the exception of Bret Stephens), from the Op/Ed articles it chooses to publish, and from the editorials it publishes, have earned it pride of place with such media watchdogs as CAMERA. But it is not only Israel that has been on the receiving end of the Times' failure to be fair. It has misinformed its readers about the reasons for the suffering endured by the Yazidis in the Islamic state; it has minimized the suffering of the Christian Arabs in Gaza and the West Bank; it has

failed to explain how Hezbollah has taken over Lebanon and helped push its economy into free fall.

And now it has alarmed and angered many for its tendentious coverage, and cover-up, of the Turkish occupation of the Syrian – and once Kurdish – city of Afrin. The report on the NYT coverage of Afrin is here: “NYT accused of whitewashing Turkey’s Afrin occupation,” by Seth J. Frantzman, [Jihad Watch](#).