

Will Erdogan's Turkey Frustrate Kurdish Recognition in the War Against ISIS?

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A series of suicide bombings in Suruc, Turkey July 20, 2015 triggered a major change in the Erdogan AKP participation in the US-led coalition effort to combat ISIS. The suicide bombing in the Turkish border town of Suruc directly across from Kobani this Thursday killed 32 and injured 100 of a Socialist group gathered to assist in the rebuilding of the devastated Kurdish community in Syria. The bomber was later identified through DNA analysis as Turkish University student, probably an ISIS returnee from Syria. The Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) accused the Turkish police of being complicit in the bombing and killed two Turkish police officers in retaliation. Erdogan then opened up operations from Turkish air bases. The air attacks unleashed in both Syria and Iraq by Turkey's air force were directed at both ISIS targets and Kurdish Workers Party (PKK) combat units in both Syria and Iraq. [more>>>](#)