

CHAPTER III

THE CHANGES OF TURKEY'S POLICY TOWARD ISRAEL IN ERDOGAN ERA

The political actors of change that occurs in a country, indirectly will have an impact on the country's policies, both domestic and foreign policy. Because of the actor's political act on behalf of the State in formulating a policy on one of the foreign policy of Turkey which is clearly different from the previous Government is related to security cooperation with Israel. Where Turkey during Erdogan's more has the power to do the resistance against Israel's policies are indeed contrary to Turkey's interests.

A. The Change of Foreign Policy Orientation of The Turkey

In 2002, there was a change in Turkey's domestic political map. Where at the time of the election the party won by Turkey, AKP Islamic-leaning under the command of Recep Tayyip Erdogan. After the winning party AKP Turkey-leaning moderate Islam, and the election of Erdogan as Prime Minister, is slowly changing Turkey's foreign policy orientation. There is an unusual role played by Turkey in the Government of Erdogan. Turkey is slowly pulling his closeness with the West. Proven in some policies, Turkey more docked to the Middle Eastern countries, especially Islamic countries. some of them are policy, Turkey refused to make its territory as bases for NATO to conduct an invasion of Libya. Turkey has also refused U.S. requests to make its territory as bases in the invasion of Iraq.

Turkey's foreign political views in the Middle East changed under the leadership of Erdogan. Turkey through Ahmed Davutoglu as Foreign Minister gave a strategy known as Al-Istratijii Al-Wub (intensive political strategy). Where politics are being stressed to the geopolitical strategy of conditions ranging from Turkey and a long history as well as a culture that encourages Turkey occupies a strategic position in the international political scene, especially in the Middle East. Thus, that Turkey's new political strategy, namely to ensure the safety and security of national Turkey without going through the restrictions and the insulation yourself, but rather openness and apply power to the soft political neighbors.

Change the orientation of the foreign policy of Turkey in the West start to look up when a couple times Turkey involved a conflict with one of the Western allies who were in the Middle East, namely Israel. State of Israel which turned out to be a partner of Turkey in the Middle East also began to cut off his interests when Turkey intervened in the Palestinian-Israel conflict. On the other hand Turkey also wants to create a new power of its economy are strong enough, one of them with open communication with other big countries, including Russia and China. If the views of foreign policy, the Government of Turkey Erdogan looks to want to restore the spirit of Ottoman influence among the countries of the region of the Middle East. Like what Thomas Friedman, requests for Turkey to become a member of the European Union is one form of camouflage to enhance the value of fresh Turkey among the countries of the Middle East, in order for Turkey to become a country that had the influence that the lowliest, but on the other hand, America and Europe is still the object of Turkey opening foreign cooperation. The courage of the Government of Turkey on the Government of Erdogan in deciding military cooperation with Israel is

a decision that will have an impact on the bilateral relations with Israel. On the other hand if Turkey halted military supplies and equipment, it will have an impact on the military power of Turkey itself. As long as this happens, the military strength of the Turkey often becomes a threat to the Government. If the supply of military equipment to a halt, automatically it will interfere with the Turkish military interests nationally. Its impact is the overthrow of his Government of Erdogan who decided the cessation of the military industry will be the Government of Turkey before.

In running the foreign politics of Turkey during the Government of Erdogan's more political emphasis on Zero Problem with Neighbors where Turkey more use diplomatic approaches to be used in the event of a problem at the international level, Because Turkey is more emphasis on the values of community in the running of the international system. But in this military termination policies, putting aside the aspect of Turkey being with Israel. Where on the condition that, Turkey argued that Israel already disrupting the national interests of Turkey for the murder of 10 citizens of Turkey in humanitarian missions towards the border of the Gaza Strip. The policy line as to what is said by the Foreign Minister of Turkey that Turkey will continue cooperation with the West and its allies as long as it does not interfere with the interests of the State and not to interfere with Turkey's relations with neighboring countries. Therefore, the Government of Turkey Erdogan firmly crack down on top of the bold policies of Israel affecting human rights violations. Seen in the last few years, Turkey has always taken the opposite stance with Israel which led to the conflict between the two countries. Turkey relations several times and Israel had escalated over differences of views that occurred against the conflict in Palestine.

The attacks carried out by Israel's military against freedom that contains citizens of 23 countries constitutes a violation of human rights. "What Israel is unacceptable, barbarian actions. That's the State of terrorist fanatic and anarchic country ". That's the word Erdogan expressed his official speech on responding to the Mavi Marmara incident.

On May 31, 2010, the Israel Navy convoy ship Mavi Marmara attack to penetrate Israel over Gaza blockade. The attack killed 19 people, 10 of whom is a citizen of Turkey and injured dozens of others. Charming and more than 700 people who are above the ship. Israel also dismantle the whole boatload at the port and all Israel goods which carried.

B. The Relationship Between Turkey and Israel Could Eventually Cut Off

The day after the attack, Erdogan delivered a speech to do his message before Turkey's Parliament members. Erdogan called for the overthrow of sanctions against Israel for the murder of 19 people who were in the humanitarian ship Mavi Marmara. Erdogan rejected allegations Israel about the reason of the attack because the armed groups above the ship Mavi Marmara. Erdogan said that countries that send his help has checks for prior to departure and ensure that the absence of the goods. There is no evidence whatsoever supporting the statement from Israel. In the aftermath of the attacks, Erdogan asked Israel to immediately responsible. Erdogan is demanding Israel to apologize for the incident and provide redress to the victims who were killed in the attack on Mavi Marmara. The two countries increasingly strife increased when the discharge of the official announcement of the United Nations which States that the actions denounced Israel, but the United Nation Justifying the Embargo that

Israel carried out against the Gaza Strip. The Government of Turkey rejects the report from the United Nation and keep asking Israel to apologize and recompense upon the victims who were killed in the incident. Up to the time limit provided, the Government of Israel never delivered the apology dang indemnification against the families of the victims. Until the Summit where Turkey Government suspend some cooperation with Israel. Including cooperation in military training and military industry. In the News reported by BBC news, Turkey through his Prime Minister said that Turkey had cut off defense cooperation with Israel and will take a firmer again by bringing the issue at the International Court of Justice.

1. Cessation of the Supply of Military Weapons

Post military training cooperation agreement (MTCA) in 1996, several companies of military industry Israel many weapons sales won a bid to Turkey. Israel has become the distributor of the company remain in military weaponry possessed by Turkey since the year 1996 until the year 2010. So such cooperation is one of considerable revenue for Israel in the field of economics. Some defense experts estimate that the purchase of military equipment to Israel by Turkey have filled more or less about 69% of the volume of trade worth \$2.6 billion.

Turkey and Israel have agreed to conduct cooperation worth \$650 million associated upgrades fifty combat aircraft F-4 Phantom. The purchase of Airborne Systems helicopter Rescue worth \$15 million, Popey II air-to-air missiles worth \$100 million purchase of the Merkava Tanks worth \$3 million, and the Upgraded F-5 fighter planes worth \$75 million. In this period was the relationship most closely between the Governments of Turkey and

Israel. Israel wants the expanded cooperation not just military cooperation, but also thrive on cooperation in the field of the other, including in the current diplomatic relations. The military-industrial cooperation, strengthen the ties between the two countries in the area of the Middle East.

Freezing against the contract and selling military weapons carried out by Turkey after Israel Government refuse to take responsibility for the incident the mavimarmara, killing 20 people, 10 of whom are citizens of Turkey. The Israel's economy is experiencing a decline in post contract commercial Turkey with Israel in the field of military industry. According to some experts, the Ministry of finance Israel lost nearly a half billion us dollars over the closure and selling armaments cooperation with Turkey. Turkey and Israel is a strategic partner in the region of the Middle East. Since the outcry over Israel assault on Erdogan and the blockade on the territory of Gaza, Israel and Turkey relationship increasingly hit rock bottom. So arises the threat issued by Turkey's Foreign Minister to sever diplomatic relations with Israel. Israel Army raids that broke through a blockade on the Gaza Strip is an important event that became the beginning of the end of the strategic partnership between Turkey and Israel. Turkey's policy of military cooperation with Israel deciding result in losses that does little. Basically, both countries the same kind suffered losses due to the application of these policies, the most aggrieved party but this time it was Israel. Militarily, Israel lost consumers Allied military equipment, loss of intelligence, lost military exercises. In terms of the economy, Israel lost nearly a half billion us dollars over the closure and selling armaments cooperation with Turkey.

2. Cancellation of Military Training

In 1996, Turkey and Israel doing the signing of military cooperation. Where these standards aim to exercise coordination in emergency situations, particularly the joint military exercises of the air. Where the joint exercises set in the area of territorial Turkey. At current date August 11, 2009, Israel's military announced it will conduct joint military exercises coded Reliant Mermaid x along with Turkey and the United States in the Mediterranean region. The exercise is aimed at coordination of preparation time search and rescue operations in emergency situations.

After Israel's attack against the ship Mavi Marmara, Turkey Deputy Prime Minister Bulent Arinc said that the Government has decided to cancel joint military exercises with Israel and the United States. The decision is a protest over the assault which happened against the humanitarian ship Mavi Marmara. The two countries have conducted joint military exercises since the signing of the start of the year 1996. Turkey and Israel is the country that wouldn't have the influence of performance in terms of military strength in the region of the Middle East. Therefore, the cooperation of two countries lasting until the occurrence of the Mavi Marmara incident.

3. Termination of Intelligence Information

Turkey and Israel frequently hold exchanges of intelligence information. The information exchange is the exchange of important information about the military. If one of the parties in need of vital information, the other party then parties concerned will exchange information with those who need such

information. Since the onset of the storming of the Mavi Marmara, Turkey review the cooperation Exchange of intelligence information. Post termination equipment of military cooperation, stop any intelligence information exchange cooperation applied. Turkey does not accept party over the assault and considers such a feat is an international crime.

4. Prohibition Against Israel's Military Aviation

A feud between Turkey and Israel are increasingly continued. Turkey has twice refused to cross through Israel's military aircraft the air of Turkey. One of them is the rejection of Israel's military aircraft when carrying 100 officers to cross Turkey's airspace. These aircraft were en route to Poland to visit camp-camp there are Jewish in Poland. The flights were not only to Poland but also towards Germany.

Israel-Turkey relations decline has now reached its peak following the attitude of Turkey which prevents Israel military aircraft heading to Poland using the territory of Turkey. The prohibition does not apply to the entire flight, civil aviation, Turkey to allow its flights. Civil aviation from Israel with the aim of Turkey or simply crossing is allowed through. Civil policy in no way prohibited in flight prohibition policy is applied to the Government of Turkey tragedy Mavi Marmara.