Erdogan's Call for NATO's intervention in Syria: A Very Strange Call

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Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, the Prime Minister of Turkey groomed in the recent years as the hero of the Arab people made a declaration couple of days ago that seemed to insinuate that Western countries members of the Western Military Alliance NATO are obligated to come to the help of the Syrian people in the manner they did in Libya. That appeared the meaning of Edogan's statement to that essence blaming two days ago Western powers of "Double Standard" for not rushing thus far to come to the aid of the Syrian people as the Western powers did coming to the aid of the Libyan that culminated in a full fledged NATO’s active military intervention in Libya motivated, according to Erdogan, by Oil, as he exclaimed “why the West are not doing anything about the Syrian crisis?”

Erdogan’s message can only be interpreted as requesting the NATO forces to now intervene militarily in Syria now that the West had thus far, singularly and collectively, are exhausting other none military measures of pressure on the Assad including the application of all sorts of diplomatic and economic sanctions and economic embargo on both the close members of Bashar El-Assad's entourage and on Syria as a whole to make it hard on the Syrian regime.

Thus, Erdogan's call has only one meaning: i.e. inviting NATO to intervene militarily in Syria.

Erdogan's call to the Western power leaves one wondering what Erdogan and what Turkey are up to. As foreign and Western military intervention and campaign against Syria would cause the destruction of the military capabilities of one of the steadfast countries neighboring Spartan Israel; at a time when nuclear Israel is ruled by a warlike Junta intent on complete violation of the International Law; territorial expansion by force into the Occupied Syrian Territories of the Golan heights; the Shab’a farms in adjacent Southern Lebanon; the colonization and expelling of the Palestinians in Jerusalem and the West Bank; the maintenance of a criminal unlawful siege of Gaza; one only wonders, notwithstanding the none
popularity of the Assad regime if Erdogan’s call is an intentional slip of tongue or part of well considered strategy or possibly an outright miscalculation judging on the dour consequences, in human count and in other considerations that foreign intervention would bring about to Syria at large; the Levant and the future of the balance of power vis-à-vis Spartan Israel of militarily decimated Syria.

Syria of the Assad regime, notwithstanding its abysmal record on human rights and democracy, proved instrumental in its close alliance with Iran and Hizbullah in the past few years to strike some kind of a balance of power with Spartan Israel that had no qualms or respect neither to international law nor to human rights as it preemptively attacked militarily weaker neighboring countries and neighboring territories.

One sure deplores the Assad regime’s failure all these years to introduce democracy and check spiraling corruption which justifies the Syrian people’s outcry for freedom and the right to self-representation, yet, nothing ever justifies foreign military intervention, another replay of an Iraq that remains divided and rife with corruption and sectarian violence.

One wonders if Erdogan and Turkey had first exhausted their huge stock of moral suasion and silent diplomacy with the Assad regime - considering the huge stock of goodwill they enjoyed with the Assad regime in view of the close cooperation between the Erdogan government and Syria in the past five years encompassing a large number of Agreements touching on security; military cooperation; economic cooperation and other aspects of closer cooperation - to bring about important positive changes in Syria before Turkey turns around and starts shouting “Foul.”

So much at stake to play high risk for Erdogan to contemplate a military intervention against the Assad regime at a time that Israel is posing to invite another all-devastating war on the region as it is hammering on the necessity and enticing the Western powers to join her in a preemptive war on Iran.