TURKISH PM ERDOĞAN CALLS ON PROTESTERS TO WITHDRAW FROM THE STREETS

Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan has called on protesters across the country to withdraw from the streets, saying the wave of anti-government demonstrations was part of a deliberate attempt to damage Turkey's image and economy.

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"These sorts of incidents happen everywhere and they are considered unexceptional. Then why are they regarded extraordinary when happening in Turkey?" Davutoğlu said in response to statements from U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry.

"There is not a second class democracy in Turkey," he said.

"In democracies, these protests may happen. There is a right to demonstrations in Turkey. We respect peaceful demonstrators, but there are also ones who abuse," Davutoğlu told Kerry.

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TIME FOR EUROPE TO TALK TURKEY

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There are several very good reasons why Europe should reach out to Turkey.

One of them is obvious. The mass demonstrations currently engulfing Turkey’s cities show that a large and courageous number of Turkish people are attached to the same values as Western Europeans. Turks are taking to the streets to counter what they see as an increasingly authoritarian and sectarian style of government. This alone would deserve the EU’s support. Every day now, Turkish crowds are disproving the argument—so cherished by EU countries like Germany, France, the Netherlands, or Austria—that Turkey simply does not fit in with Europe.

But there are other motives for engagement, too.

First, promises must be kept. The EU has been stringing Turkey along for many years. The fact that France recently lifted its veto over two chapters of Turkey’s EU accession negotiations doesn’t count for much if so many other member states continue to drag their feet. This must stop if Europe wants to retain its credibility vis-à-vis the Turkish people.

Then, Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan’s record in office deserves some credit. While it is true that he has been stalling on judicial reform and clamping down on press freedom, he also has some remarkable achievements to show.

In his ten years in power, Erdoğan has never been an easy interlocutor for European leaders. But, against all the odds, he pushed ahead with economic and political reforms—as the EU demanded. He has removed the military from the center of power and sent it back to its barracks—another EU demand. And he has given the Kurds access to Kurdish-language radio—again, another EU demand.

Erdoğan also opened up secret channels of negotiations with Abdullah Öcalan, the imprisoned leader of the Kurdistan Workers’ Party (PKK), to try to end the long and bitter Kurdish conflict. Recall that, last March, Öcalan called on PKK forces to observe a ceasefire and withdraw from Turkey. That was a huge shift in Turkish-Kurdish relations. The EU welcomed it, too.

Beyond domestic reforms, there also is a foreign-policy reason why the EU should reach out to Turkey at this particular moment. This reason is counterintuitive.

The EU needs to help Turkey because Ankara’s foreign policy is adrift in a potentially dangerous way. Given Turkey’s size and strategic importance in a highly combustible region, Europe needs to anchor Turkey to the West. That means being sincere about the country’s accession negotiations.

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At last, some sober thinking about Turkey.1 Not from Europe, unfortunately, but from the United States where the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) has just published a report on Turkey. The good thing about the report, directed by the former United States Secretary of State, Madeline Albright...

The United States recognizes the enormous challenges on Turkey’s doorstep. And unlike Europe, as the CFR report makes clear, the Obama administration seems genuinely interested in responding to Turkey’s new ambitions. President Barack Obama and Mr. Erdogan have had thirteen long telephone conversations during 2011, during which time the two leaders have forged a close relationship. Can anyone imagine Mr. Erdogan having such a dialogue with any of his European counterparts.

The difference to Europe’s passivity (with the exception of Great Britain) is that Washington knows that it has a major strategic interest in working together with Turkey. For one thing, as CFR makes clear, the United States needs Turkey to remain a strong and reliable flank in this part of the NATO alliance.

And how is Europe responding to the "new" Turkey? The EU is showing little interest in trying to further the accession negotiations with Turkey -- blaming the divided island of Cyprus, the Kurdish issue and human rights abuses for the delay in accession talks. "Many European countries simply do not want Turkey in the EU and are using these arguments as an excuse," argues the CFR report. "This has had a negative effect on the Turkish public which continues to support membership in Europe but is deeply skeptical that the EU will ever admit a large Muslim country into the fold," argues the report.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel and most of her conservative bloc insist that Turkey be granted a "privileged partnership." In practice, it would mean that Turkey would enjoy many of the benefits of close ties with the EU, but never have a say and voting rights, which is what membership is about. It is clear that the Merkel government is not thinking strategically about Turkey and its role in the region. Austria, the Netherlands and some other countries are also increasingly opposed to Turkey joining the European Union as they pander to far right-wing anti-immigrant and anti-Muslim parties.

But there may be one glimmer of hope. Now that France has a socialist president, perhaps Francois Hollande will move away from the dogmatic, anti-Turkish stance that his predecessor Nicolas Sarkozy had pursued. At best, that shift will not happen overnight. France regards Turkey as a major competitor in North Africa.

Still, perhaps with Britain, a staunch supporter of Turkey joining the European Union, France might slowly recognize why Europe also needs Turkey. It would mark a change and might even lead to Europe and the United States working a bit more closely together towards developing a long-term strategy towards Turkey. Turkey, in the meantime, can justly be confident about its economic growth, its expanding middle class and its new foreign policy.

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