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Turkey's Erdoğan Claims Israel at Fault for Iranian Airstrike

Following the Iranian airstrike on Israel over the weekend, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan claimed the missiles launched against Israel on April 13 were the result of Israeli military action, [stating in a televised address](#):

The one chiefly responsible for the tension that gripped our hearts on the evening of April 13 is Netanyahu and his bloody administration.... Since October 7, the Israeli government has opted for provocative moves in order to spread the fire to the entire region. The Israeli government targeted the Iranian consulate in Damascus, violating international law and the Vienna Convention, and that was the last straw.



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Recep Tayyip Erdoğan

Iran's UN representatives released a statement claiming the attack was a legitimate defensive response to the airstrike on their consulate in Damascus, Syria, [stating on X](#):

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