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## ISRAEL 'DOESN'T WANT FURTHER DETERIORATION' IN TURKEY TIES

*September 6, 2011* SpaceWar.com "Israel does not want its relationship with Turkey to deteriorate any further, an official said on Tuesday, after Ankara said it was freezing arms trade and defence ties with the Jewish state.

"Israel does not want to see a further deterioration in its relations with Turkey," he told AFP, speaking on condition of anonymity.



Turkey

"Over the past few months, there have been numerous attempts to create a positive dynamic in keeping the relationship between Jerusalem and Ankara but so far, those efforts have not succeeded."

Another Israeli official said the government was doing everything it could to try to limit the deterioration of the relationship, and not unwittingly cause it to worsen by getting into a war of words with Ankara.

But he admitted there was concern over the measures announced by Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Tuesday, just days after Ankara said it was expelling the Israeli ambassador and cutting all military ties.

Israel "We are totally suspending our trade, military, defence industry relations," Erdogan was quoted as saying by Anatolia news agency.

The Turkish premier's office later clarified that he did not mean a suspension to commercial ties in general but merely "in the defence industry area".

The Israeli official said talks were under way with various different parties about the possibility of containing the situation but did not elaborate."..."

## IDF GENERAL: LIKELIHOOD OF REGIONAL WAR GROWING

*September 5, 2011* YnetNews.com reported: "Recent revolutions in the Arab world and the deteriorating ties with Turkey are raising the likelihood of a regional war in the Middle East, IDF Home Front Command Chief, Major General Eyal Eisenberg warned Monday.

"It looks like the Arab Spring, but it can also be a radical Islamic winter," he said in a speech at the Institute for National Security Studies in Tel Aviv.

"This leads us to the conclusion that through a long-term process, the likelihood of an all-out war is increasingly growing," the IDF general said.

"Iran has not abandoned its nuclear program. The opposite is true; it continues full steam ahead," he said. "In Egypt, the army is collapsing under the burden of regular security operations, and this is reflected in the loss of control in the Sinai and the turning of the border with Israel into a terror border, with the possibility that Sinai will fall under the control of an Islamic entity."

"In Lebanon, Hezbollah is growing stronger within government arms, but it has not lost its desire to harm Israel, and the ties with Turkey aren't at their best," Major General Eisenberg added.

Referring to what he characterized as the possibility of a "radical Islamic winter," Major-General Eisenberg said: "This raises the likelihood of an all-out, total war, with the possibility of weapons of mass destruction being used."

During his address, the senior IDF official revealed that new, more lethal arms surfaced in the hands of Gaza terror groups during the latest round of fighting in the area. As result of the disturbing development, Israeli civilians were instructed to adopt greater precautions, he said.

"We discovered a new weapon, and as result of this we instructed the public to hide under two roofs, rather than only one," he said.

Eisenberg added that some 25% of local authorities in Israel are ill prepared to face emergency situations.

However, Major General Eisenberg's words infuriated some security and defense officials, who slammed the senior IDF officer for revealing classified information and provoking regional tensions.

"It's unclear why an IDF general heats up tensions in the region and why he exposes secret intelligence information about new Palestinian capabilities," one official said. Notably, Eisenberg's remarks were approved for publication by censorship officials."..."

## SOMALIA FAMINE: UN WARNS OF 750,000 DEATHS

*September 5, 2011* BBC News reports: "As many as 750,000 people could die as Somalia's drought worsens in the coming months, the UN has warned, declaring a famine in a new area. The UN says tens of thousands of people have died after what is said to be East Africa's worst drought for 60 years.

Bay becomes the sixth area to be officially declared a famine zone - mostly in parts of southern Somalia controlled by the Islamist al-Shabab. Some 12 million people across the region need food aid, the UN says. The situation in the Bay region was worse than anything

previously recorded, said senior UN's technical adviser Grainne Moloney.”...

‘In total, 4 million people are in crisis in Somalia, with 750,000 people at risk of death in the coming four months in the absence of adequate response,’ the UN's Food Security and Nutrition Analysis Unit (FSNAU) says. Half of those who have already died are children, it says.

Neighbouring Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda have also been affected by the severe lack of rain...”

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## **US COUNTS THE COST OF NINE MONTHS OF UNPRECEDENTED WEATHER EXTREMES**

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*September 5, 2011* The Guardian.co.uk reported: “As deadly fires continue to burn across bone-dry Texas and eight inches of rain from tropical storm Lee falls on New Orleans, the US is beginning to count the cost of nine months of unprecedented weather extremes.

Ever since a massive blizzard causing \$2bn of damage paralysed cities from Chicago to the north-east in January, nearly every month has been marked by a \$1b+-weather catastrophe. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (Noaa), there have been 10 major disasters already this year, leaving more than 700 people dead and property damage of over \$35bn (£22bn).

In the past 31 years the mainland states have suffered 99 weather-related disasters where overall damages and economic costs were over \$1bn. This year has seen three times as many than as usual.

Noaa will release its August data next week but Summer 2011 is expected to be the warmest on record. Chris Burt, author and leading weather historian, has compiled a list of more than 40 cities and towns that have experienced record temperatures this year.

“So many heat records of various types have been shattered this past summer that it is impossible to quantify them,” he said. “Not since the great heat waves of 1934 and 1936 has the US seen so many heat-related records broken as occurred this summer.”...

This year, the UN World Meteorological Organisation said 2010 was the warmest year on record, confirming a “significant” long-term trend of global warming and producing exceptional weather variations.

The insurance company Munich Re said in the first six months of the year there were 98 natural disasters in the US, about double the average of the 1990s.

“The increasing impacts of natural disasters, as seen this year, are a stark reminder of the lives and livelihoods at risk. Severe weather represents a very real threat to public safety,” said Jack Hayes, director of Noaa's National Weather Service.

But the US is not alone. 2011 has seen the deepest drought in 60 years in the Horn of Africa which has contributed to a famine in Somalia and 10 million people affected in Kenya, Djibouti, Ethiopia and Uganda. Southern Africa, however, experienced unusually heavy rainfall.

Latin America has suffered a series of disasters. More than 500 people died in some of Brazil's worst rainstorms and mudslides in January, and Columbia faced what it called its worst-ever natural disaster when months of rain and floods devastated the north of the country.

Meanwhile Mexico and much of central America experienced one of their deepest droughts in many years. Korea, the Philippines, parts of China have been racked with some of the worst storms in a century, with flash floods and landslides triggered by torrential rain .

2011 has also seen a series of major non-weather-related natural disasters. The worst, by some way, was the Japanese tsunami which killed at least 12,000 people and devastated the country. However, 6.2 or above earthquakes have hit New Zealand, the Philippines, Japan, the Fox Islands, Papua New Guinea, Mexico, Indonesia, Fiji, Thailand, Burma, Vanuatu, Argentina, Chile and Iran in the first six months of 2011.”...

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## **FORMER GERMAN LEADER CALLS FOR "UNITED STATES OF EUROPE"**

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*September 6, 2011* Reuters reports: “Former German chancellor Gerhard Schroeder on Sunday called for the creation of a ‘United States of Europe,’ saying the bloc needed a common government to avoid future economic crises. Schroeder, a Social Democrat who ran the country from 1998 to 2005, said in an interview with Der Spiegel that European Union leaders were wrong to expect the euro to drive the bloc on its own.

‘The current crisis makes it relentlessly clear that we cannot have a common currency zone without a common fiscal, economic and social policy,’ Schroeder said. He added: ‘We will have to give up national sovereignty.’

‘From the European Commission, we should make a government which would be supervised by the European Parliament. And that means the United States of Europe.’...”



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## **CHINA SEEKS TO DISPEL FEARS OVER MILITARY BUILD-UP**

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*September 8, 2011* SpaceWar.com reports: “China said Wednesday it would avoid ‘invasion, expansion or war’ -- but not at the expense of its claims on Taiwan -- as it seeks to dispel fears over its military build-up and territorial assertiveness.

Washington and China's neighbours have expressed rising concerns about Beijing's claims in the South China Sea, military spending and new high-tech equipment that includes an aircraft carrier that trialled last month.

Introducing a white paper on China's ‘peaceful’ development plans, Wang Yajun, head of the Central Foreign Affairs Office -- which advises the top leadership -- reiterated the ‘defensive’ nature of China's defence policy. He said the paper was designed to reassure critics that ‘China will not follow the beaten path through invasion, expansion or war’.

‘China will not attack another country unless we are attacked,’ he said.”...

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