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The deputy minister pointed at the Turkish ambassador with his finger and said in Hebrew, "Turkey was deeply ashamed of the anti-Semitic TV program aired in his country and came to apologize." When the news was reported on TV next morning and the intention of the deputy minister became clear, fierce anger was arisen in Turkey. The deputy minister's remarks developed into diplomatic quarrel between the two countries. Finally, Israel apologized to Turkey for the disrespect of the deputy minister.

Two incidents, the death of Turkish crews and the insult of the Turkish ambassador, implanted a deep anti-Semitic sentiment in the hearts of the Turkish people. Israeli foreign ministry and intelligence agencies, therefore, have taken Turkey's national sentiment into account and advised the military to avoid the Turkish route.

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