

# Israel Assisting Syrian Kurds: Foreign Ministry



Tzipi Hotovely

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**ERBIL** - Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu's offer for assisting the Syrian Kurds has been accepted, Deputy Foreign Minister Tzipi Hotovely has revealed.

The Israeli official noted that they "are assisting them through a number of channels," and that advocating for them in discussions with the US, as the Syrian Kurds have been affected by the Turkish incursion into the neighboring country in October.

Turkey began an offensive against the Kurdish forces in northeastern Syria on October 9, while the US started to withdraw its forces from the region and let the NATO ally move into the area.

"Israel has received many requests for assistance, mainly in the diplomatic and humanitarian realm," she said, according to Reuters. "We identify with the deep distress of the Kurds, and we are assisting them through a range of channels."

She, however, did not clarify how the Jewish state would help the Kurdish nation in Syria, but pointed out that in their "dialogue with the Americans..., we state our truth regarding the Kurds...and we are proud of our taking a stand alongside the Kurdish people," as cited by Harretz.

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