

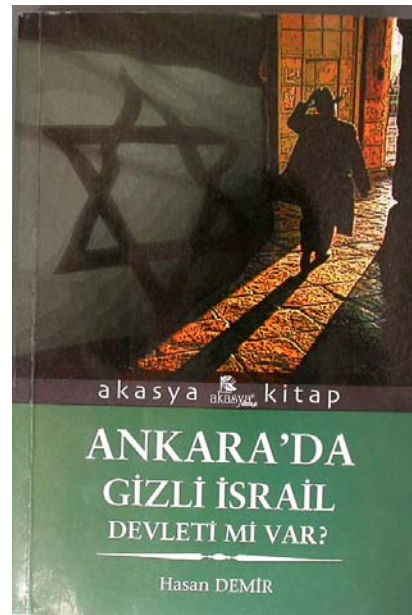
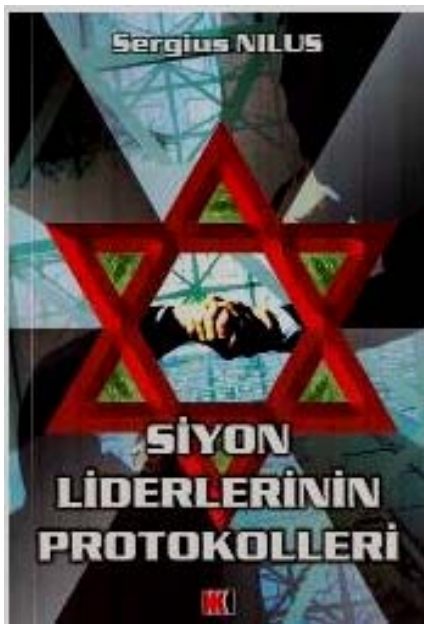


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**The hate industry: in recent years, anti-Semitic publications are becoming increasingly widespread in Turkey. The Islamic government of Turkey does not do enough to prevent the distribution of the anti-Semitic publications, even though some of them are aimed against it and its policy.**

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Left: the front cover of the Turkish translation of *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*. Right: an anti-Semitic book within a Turkish context: *Is There a Hidden [State of] Israel in Ankara?*

## Overview

1. Recent years have seen significant growth of **anti-Semitic literature** published in Turkey. Much of this literature has become best-seller books. Two categories of books can be established:

a. **“Classical” anti-Semitic literature** in Turkish translation, such as *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, *Mein Kampf* by Adolf Hitler, and *The International Jew* by Henry Ford.

b. **Anti-Semitic books in the Turkish language**, set in an internal Turkish context, are also distributed. Such books strongly criticize the current Islamic government, including the Turkish President, the Prime Minister, and the ruling party, describing them as pawns in the Jewish scheme to take over Turkey and the world.<sup>1</sup> The books are mostly written by radical Islamic elements in Turkey, which believe that the current Islamic government is not conformist enough.

2. In addition to the anti-Semitic books, the Turkish press occasionally publishes **anti-Semitic articles** which combine anti-Israeli incitement and “classical” anti-Semitic motifs. What is more, a blockbuster film called *Valley of the Wolves Iraq* was produced in Turkey, based on a popular television series. Due to its anti-Semitic and anti-American character, the movie was pulled from theaters in the US and triggered harsh criticism in Germany, where it was shown to the Turkish community.

3. Those responsible for such publications are non-establishment radical Islamists and elements associated with the radical nationalist right-wingers. **The Turkish government takes no effective action to prevent the distribution of the anti-Semitic publications**, even though some of them, as already mentioned, are also aimed against it. It is our assessment that the phenomenon is becoming more and more widespread in recent years.

4. What follows is a review of Turkish-language anti-Semitic materials published in Turkey, divided into the following categories:

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<sup>1</sup> Thus, as in other countries, anti-Semitism in Turkey has become an instrument to promote internal conflicts between the government and those who oppose it.

**Part I:** Anti-Semitic literature published in Turkey

**Part II:** Articles of anti-Semitic nature in the Turkish press

**Part III:** A film titled *Valley of the Wolves Iraq*

**Appendix:** an article in the Washington Post titled **The Protocols of the Elders of Turkey**. The article covers anti-Semitic literature in Turkey and the reasons for its popularity.

# Part I: Anti-Semitic literature published in Turkey

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## Overview

5. Literature of anti-Semitic character published in Turkey can be divided into two types: the first is "classical" anti-Semitic literature in Turkish translation (with the editors' foreword), such as *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, *Mein Kampf* by Adolf Hitler, and *The International Jew* by Henry Ford. Such "classical" anti-Semitic works are supplemented by Turkey's own unique brand of anti-Semitic literature, **markedly set in an internal Turkish context**, freely available on the streets of downtown Istanbul and in the Atatürk International Airport. Those books claim that the political power in Ankara is in the hands of the Jews **and that the ruling Islamic government complies with Jewish dictates**, similarly to claims found in anti-Semitic books in many other Arab and Islamic countries. Numerous Turkish anti-Semitic books have become **bestsellers** and have been published in many editions.

6. The recycled anti-Semitic myths and the utter drivel that can be found in those books **demonize and delegitimize the Jews** (and Israel) both among the Turkish public and among Turkish communities in Europe where, in our assessment, such literature is marketed. At the same time, the Jews are exploited by Islamists and radical right-wingers to **lash out at the current Islamic regime** and Turkey's policy of integration into the EU.

7. What follows is a review of the anti-Semitic literature, divided into two categories:

a. **"Classical" anti-Semitic literature:**

1. *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* (*SİYON LİDERLERİNİN PROTOKOLLERİ*) (2004)

2. *Mein Kampf* (*KAVGAM*) by Adolf Hitler (2005)

b. **Anti-Semitic books set in an internal Turkish context**, published in Turkey in **2007** and purchased in Istanbul in late 2007:

1. *The Children of Moses – Tayyip and Emine* [referring to Turkish PM Tayyip Erdoğan and his wife Emine] (*MUSA'NIN ÇOCUKLARI- Tayyip ve Emine*)

2. *The Rose of Moses* ["rose" in Turkish being "göl", the title is also a reference to Abdullah Göl, the President of Turkey; it can also be read, therefore, as "Göl of the Jews"] (*MUSA'NIN GÖL'Ü*)

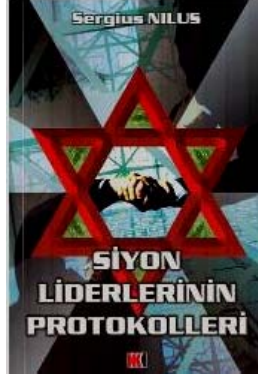
3. *The Warrior of Moses* [i.e., "The Warrior of the Jews"] (*MUSA'NIN MÜCAHİTİ*)

4. *The AKP of Moses* [i.e., Justice and Development Party, the ruling party of Turkey, controlled by the Jews] (*MUSA'NIN AKP'Sİ*)

5. *Is There a Hidden State of Israel in Ankara?* (*ANKARA'DA GİZLİ İSRAİL DEVLETİ Mİ VAR?*)

## “Classical” anti-Semitic literature

### Book no. 1: The Protocols of the Elders of Zion



8. This is the Turkish translation of Sergei Nilus's *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*.<sup>2</sup> **Basic information on the book** follows:

- a. **Date of publication:** July 2004 (first edition)
- b. **Publishing house:** Nokta Advertising Services Ltd. (Nokta Yayıncılık Hizmetleri Tic.San.Ltd. Şirketi)
- c. **Editor:** Erdem Boz
- d. **Translation:** İsmail Tulçalı
- e. **Cover design:** Berkay Y. Bostan
- f. **Print:** Melisa

### Front cover

9. On the front cover of *The Protocols* is an illustration of a blood-red Star of David, the center of which shows a handshake between two men in suits (reflecting the bond between the Jews). Inside the space created by the triangles of the Star of David are eyes on a green

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<sup>2</sup> **Sergei (Sergius) Nilus** was a fanatical anti-Semitic Christian cleric, who published *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* in Russia in 1905. Nilus claimed that the Jews were bent on world domination, supporting his contention by fake protocols (which he presented as being authentic) of meetings held by a council of Jewish elders, which ostensibly indicated that the Jews were planning to take over the world (from *The Lie That Wouldn't Die: The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* by Hadassa Ben-Itto, Mitchell Vallentine & Company, April 2005).

background (green being the color of Islam), a reference to the watchful eyes of the Islamic world.

## Back cover

10. The following is a translation of excerpts from the back cover blurb:

a. "When *The Protocols* were published in Russia in 1905, it was clear that nothing would ever be the same again, and indeed, it wasn't. ***The Protocols laid bare the Jewish plot to take over the world by murder, exile, insults, entrapment, lies, bloodshed, and inevitably, suffering.***"

b. "Who wrote *The Protocols*? Where and when were they published? Why were they discovered in Russia? Were *The Protocols* behind [i.e., were they the driving force of] the Bolshevik Revolution? As Sergius Nilus notes, the snake is the symbol of Zionism. **Could it be that before arriving in Jerusalem, [the Zionist snake] passed through Istanbul?"**

c. [Citations from *The Protocols*:] "It is our role to vanquish those who oppose us. To achieve that goal, anyone who objects to the establishment of our kingdom will be mercilessly eliminated by various weapons, [from] Protocol VI"; **"We seek the death of all non-Jews,** [from] Protocol III".

d. "The author [of these lines, i.e., the elders of Zion] could only be a criminal or a madman. Assuming that these are not the thoughts of a criminal or a deranged mind, the author is obviously someone who has embraced the sentiment of sacrifice and is driven by his faith. It is a very frightening, barely fathomable reality, and a perfect fantasy indeed to make true."

e. "There is no other race in the world as mystical, as death-wishing, as interesting, as the Jewish race" [quote by Dr. Oscar Levy, a German-Jewish writer frequently cited by anti-Semites<sup>3</sup>], be prepared to embark on a mysterious journey!"

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<sup>3</sup> **Oscar Levy** (1867-1946) was a German-Jewish writer whose work was filled with self-hatred of the Jews and Judaism. For that reason, his writings are often used by anti-Semitic writers who wish to "prove" that Jews, too, hold negative views about themselves, thus making anti-Semitism supposedly true to a significant extent.

## Book contents

11. In the beginning of the book, the author discusses Judaism and then goes on to present the complete text of *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*. In the section about Judaism, the author expresses his intense hatred of the Jews. He refers to the anti-Semitic views of Henry Ford, the founder of Ford Motor Company, as proof of the danger posed by the Jews to the world, and includes anti-Semitic quotes by various personalities.

12. The editor makes a link between notable Jewish personalities in history, including Benjamin Disraeli (who served twice as Prime Minister of Britain in the second half of the 19th century) and Karl Marx (the father of Marxism), portraying them as responsible for the spread of imperialism in the world (p. 67). Further on, the editor includes quotes by Moses Mendelssohn (the father of the Jewish secular enlightenment movement in the 18th century), ostensibly indicating that Judaism is not a religion and that the Jews are polytheists<sup>4</sup> (p. 111).

## Distribution

13. The book is also distributed online. Thus, for example, it is available for sale in a Turkish online bookstore: <http://www.tulumba.com/storeitem.asp?ic=zBK970127KS845>.

*The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*



<sup>4</sup> **Polytheists** (in Arabic: *mushrikun*) are those who believe in several gods at the same time. Early Islam waged a relentless war on polytheists since it was a widespread phenomenon in the Arabian Peninsula. Nowadays, radical Muslims regard Jews, Christians, and secular Muslims (and those Muslims they do not consider pious enough) as polytheists, making it justifiable to wage an all-out war on them. In contrast, moderate Islam views Jews and Christians as protected communities (*dhimmi*s).



## Book no. 2: *Mein Kampf*, the anti-Semitic book by Adolf Hitler



14.This is the Turkish translation of Adolf Hitler's anti-Semitic book *Mein Kampf* (*My Struggle*).

15.In early 2005, a Turkish translation of *Mein Kampf* was published by several small publishers and sold at discount prices at newsstands, supermarkets, and bookstores in Turkey. An international uproar ensued, prompting the Turkish government to ban the publication of the book on technical grounds that the publishers had not been granted publication rights by the government of Bavaria, the book's copyright holder.

## Anti-Semitic books set in an internal Turkish context

### Book no. 1: *The Children of Moses – Tayyip and Emine*



#### 16. Basic information:

- a. **Author:** Ergün Poyraz
- b. **Publishing house:** Toğan Publishing, Istanbul
- c. **Date of publication:** August 2007
- d. **Distribution:** The book is a **bestseller**, now at its **19th printing**

#### Front cover

17. A gold-colored Star of David shows a photograph of **Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, the Prime Minister of Turkey and leader of the ruling party** (AKP—Justice and Development Party) **and his wife Emine**. Inside the Star of David is a star representing the flag of Turkey and illustrating the so-called connection between the Jews on one hand and the Turkish leader and his wife on the other.

#### Back cover

18. The back cover includes a **quote from journalist Emin Çölaşan, associated with radical Islam**, taken from newspaper Hürriyet (Turkey's largest daily, associated with the moderate Islam). Çölaşan notes that as soon as he started reading, he couldn't put the book down. He writes as follows:

“Poyraz conducted considerable research and managed to penetrate deep inside the archives and the sources. He reveals to his readers unique documents and information sources... *The Children of Moses – Tayyip and Emine* really makes me wonder. Who is the leader of Turkey, what is his and his wife’s personal background, what is the story of their lives, what is the connection between money and political power, how did this book get its title, and so forth—I discovered all of that as I was holding my breath while reading Ergün Poyraz’s book. I don’t want to give away any further information about the book. I ask you to read this surprising book—you’ll thank me later. Send me a message and thank me. Emin Çölaşan, April 18, 2007, Hürriyet.”

## Book contents

19. In this book, the author describes the life story of Tayyip and Emine Erdoğan, that is, the Prime Minister of Turkey and his wife. **He claims that there is a connection between Israel and the (Islamic) AKP party**, headed by Erdoğan. He also **claims that Tayyip and his wife are of Jewish descent**. He casts doubt over Erdoğan’s Turkish identity, and claims that his Jewish ancestry has led him to cooperate with Israel.

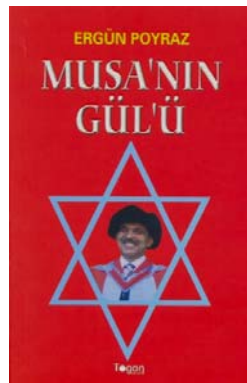
20. In the book’s foreword, the author describes how Erdoğan joined Islamic parties, how he was elected to the parliament, how he climbed the party hierarchy, and how he was elected Mayor of Istanbul. Details are included about his relations with Israeli, British, and American ambassadors.

21. The author describes how Erdoğan studied in a school together with Yitzhak Alaton, a Jewish magnate and Turkey’s richest Jew, **and how, prior to his election, he was “educated” by “intelligence agent” Dr. Alon Liel** (former Director General of the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs and researcher of modern Turkey, Israel’s former Chargé d’Affaires in Ankara). The author writes in some detail about Erdoğan’s connections with Jews and with **Freemasons** (an organization which many anti-Semites across the globe believe plays a part in the Jewish conspiracy to dominate the world).<sup>5</sup> The author claims that Erdoğan is responsible for nurturing and developing the Freemasonry movement in Turkey.

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<sup>5</sup> Many anti-Semites frequently use Freemasonry, whose membership includes but is not limited to Jews, to claim that the movement cooperates with “world Jewry” in the world domination plot outlined in *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*. Being a secretive movement whose ideas are known to few, Freemasonry attracts all manner of conspiracy theorists, many of them anti-Semitic. Anti-Semites in Turkey also make use of that motif. Thus, for example, in a program aired on Al-Jazeera TV on September 28, 2007, Turkish intellectual **Adnan Oktar** said that “Zionism, like Freemasonry, seeks to rule the world. It opposes other religions and claims that one religion should rule.”

## Book no. 2: *The Rose of Moses (or: [Abdullah] Gül of the Jews)*



### 22. Basic information:

- a. **Author:** Ergün Poyraz
- b. **Publishing house:** Toğan Publishing, Istanbul
- c. **Date of publication:** August 2007 (eighth printing), Istanbul

23. The name of the book *The Rose of Moses* [i.e., “the Jewish rose”] was chosen to express the association of Turkish President **Abdullah Gül** with the Jews (“gül” is Turkish for “rose”, a double meaning which here implies that **President Gül is acting in the service of the Jews**).

### Front cover

24. The background color of the cover page is red (the color of the Turkish flag); at its center is a pale blue Star of David. **Inside the Star of David is a smiling photograph of Abdullah Gül** dressed in Freemason uniform (suggesting that Gül serves the Jews).

### Back cover

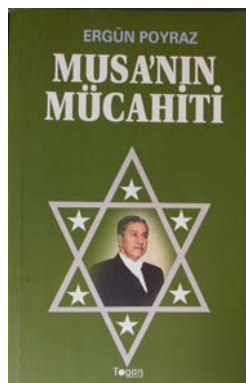
25. On the back cover of the book is an explanation about the author and about the book’s contents. According to that explanation, in the book, the author describes the life story of Turkish Foreign Minister and presidential candidate (**currently holding the office of President of Turkey**) starting from his childhood. It claims there that the book reveals Gül’s association with the British, **his connections with the Jewish lobby**, the secret conversations he holds with the US, his interest in obtaining an American citizenship, and

more. In the foreword, Gül is accused of betraying the Turkish nationality. The author goes on to describe Gül's life story, **emphasizing his relations with Jews, Americans, and British.**

## Book contents

26. In the book, the author attempts to delegitimize the two current political leaders of Turkey, Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and Turkish President Abdullah Gül, linking them to an insidious Jewish plot to take over Turkey.

## Book no. 3: *The Warrior of Moses* [i.e., "the Jewish warrior"]



### 27. Basic information:

- a. **Author:** Ergün Poyraz
- b. **Publishing house:** Toğan Publishing, Istanbul
- c. **Date of publication:** June 2007, Istanbul

## Front cover

28. The background color of the front cover is green (the color of Islam); at its center is a Star of David whose triangles feature stars that symbolize Turkey. At its center is a photograph of **Bülent Arınç, who served as Speaker of the Parliament of Turkey until 2007.**

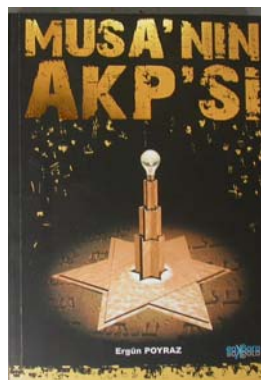
## Book contents

29. In the foreword, the author claims that **Jews who were exiled from Spain and came to the Ottoman Empire were responsible for its downfall**, and that they have been doing the same since the establishment of the Turkish republic while hiding their Jewish identity.<sup>6</sup>

30. The author goes on (p. 200) to lash out at Bülent Arınç, **accusing him of association with the Jewish lobby (in the US)**. In contrast, the author mentions the following statements, allegedly made by Bülent Arınç during his campaign: "The Day of Judgment will not come until a war is waged between Muslims and Jews"; and "On the Day of Judgment, the Jews will hide under stones and behind trees, and the trees shall cry out: oh, Muslim, there is a Jew hiding behind me, come and kill him."<sup>7</sup>

31. The book includes sections about friendly messages made by Bülent Arınç to the Jews, his visit to the US, and his association with Freemasonry. It also accuses him of being an imposter Jew ("Dönme"), that is, a Jew who has converted to Islam but still continues to serve "world Jewry".

## Book no. 4: *The AKP Party – The Party of Moses* [meaning that Turkey's ruling party is a Jewish-controlled government]



### 32. Basic information:

a. **Author:** Ergün Poyraz

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<sup>6</sup> Turkish anti-Semites claim that Jews who have converted to Islam (called **Dönme**) are Freemasons, frequently accusing them of betraying Islam and serving "world Jewry".

<sup>7</sup> This sentence is based on an Islamic tradition considered to be authentic.

b. **Publishing house:** Gökbörü

c. **Date of publication:** July 2007

d. **Place of publication:** Ankara

## Front cover

33. The title appears in golden letters. At the center is a Star of David over a tomb inscribed with Hebrew letters (the Hebrew letters are upside down, probably due to lack of knowledge of the Hebrew language). From the center of the Star of David rises a column with a light bulb at its top, hinting to a book titled *Shattered Light Bulb (Patlak Ampul)*, another book by Poyraz designed to tarnish the reputation of Tayyip Erdoğan, the Prime Minister of Turkey and leader of the ruling party.

## Back cover

34. The back cover blurb describes the life and political activity of Erdoğan, including a **quote from Turkish daily Milliyet**, portraying Erdoğan as one who lied to his voters in the 2001 election campaign. The author accuses Turkey's ruling party (AKP) of cooperating with the intelligence services of the US and Germany, and accuses the US, Germany, France, Italy, and Israel of supporting the Turkish government in its war against Kurdish organization PKK. The author accuses Erdoğan and his family of corruption and disorder, referring to them as "mice and leeches". He concludes by saying that they cannot be trusted with the leadership of the country.

35. In the book, the author covers the main issues which, as he believes, concern Turkey's Islamic population, such as the ban on women wearing headscarves and so forth. **During the current administration, the author claims, unemployment has increased and Turkish money has been transferred to Jewish hands.** He accuses Israeli businessman **Sami Ofer** of attempting to buy Istanbul's harbors for a bowl of soup, claiming that the result was a lot of money siphoned abroad.<sup>8</sup> On the same breath, he notes the names of the companies which he claims are owned by the **Freemasons**, and blames the Israeli Mossad for the attack organized by the special Turkish forces which operated in northern Iraq against

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<sup>8</sup> In March 2005, Sami Ofer won two giant tenders in Turkey: the Galata harbor project in Istanbul and the acquisition of 15% ownership of the country's largest refineries, both within the context of Turkey's privatization program. The tenders were revoked when Turkish opposition parties claimed they were not conducted properly.

the Kurds. The book also claims that Erdoğan is of Jewish descent, which supposedly drives him to conspire against Turkey.

## Ergün Poyraz: the author of bestselling anti-Semitic books

36. Ergün Poyraz, 44, is the author of anti-Israeli and anti-Semitic literature. Branded an anarchist by the Turkish authorities, he prefers to define himself as a “Kemalist”. **His books have made it to Turkey’s bestseller lists.** He has been arrested more than once on suspicion of **cooperation with radical Islamic terrorist organizations**, and has published articles in Turkish newspapers and in **pro-Islamic, anti-establishment periodicals.**



Ergün Poyraz brought to arrest<sup>9</sup>

37. **Ergün Poyraz was arrested some six months ago** (July 27, 2007) on suspicion of belonging to an Islamic terrorist organization, having already been arrested numerous times on suspicion of involvement in various acts of terrorism in Turkey. Poyraz’s books, many of them bestsellers, can be purchased online.<sup>10</sup> (Note: the Washington Post article cited in the Appendix offers some insight on the reason Poyraz’s anti-Semitic books have become bestsellers in Turkey. The article draws a parallel between the popularity of *Protocols*-style anti-Semitic literature and the intensification of anti-European sentiments in recent years.)



Yet another book by Ergün Poyraz in the Turkish language, titled *Conduct, Politics, Trade, and Murder*, in which he draws a parallel between the Jews, money, global influence etc.<sup>11</sup>

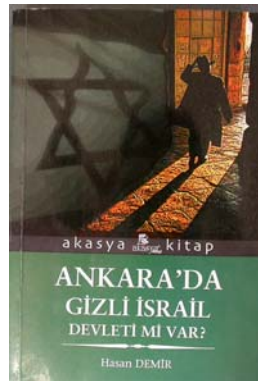
<sup>9</sup> [http://www.internethaber.com/news\\_detail.php?id=97094](http://www.internethaber.com/news_detail.php?id=97094)

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<sup>11</sup> <http://www.acikistihbarat.com/Kitaplar.asp?kitap=5>



## Book no. 5: *Is There a Hidden [State of] Israel in Ankara?*



### 38. Basic information:

- a. **Author:** Hasan Demir
- b. **Publishing house:** Akasya Kitap
- c. **Print:** Turkey's Ministry of Religion
- d. **Date of publication:** May 2007 (first edition)

### Front cover

39. The front cover illustration depicts an ultra-Orthodox walking down a dark corridor towards a gate of some sort, with the flag of Israel hanging on the corridor wall. The illustration conveys the feeling that the subject of the book is a Jewish conspiracy in the spirit of *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*.

### Foreword

40. The author claims that Turkey is currently facing a grave danger, namely the alliance between the Christians and Zionism. That alliance is designed to ensure the safety of Israel and allow it to appropriate such natural treasures as oil, gas, gold, and water. The author claims that Erdoğan is the chief promoter of the Crusader-Zionist campaign against Islam.<sup>12</sup> "Today, both homeland and faith are at stake," he emphasizes.

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<sup>12</sup> It is standard practice for Bin Laden and radical Islamic movements (such as Al-Qaeda) to refer to Christians as "new Crusaders" and to Jews as their collaborators, since the Crusaders fought Muslims in the Middle Ages.

## Book contents

41. The book, a compilation of Demir's articles in the Yeniçağ newspaper in the years 2005-2007, lays out the factors which, according to the author, cause Turkey harm. The list includes Jews, **Freemasons**, Greeks, Armenians, and the intelligence networks of the US, Britain, and Israel. **The book is full of hatred against the Jews and, in the spirit of *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, claims that they are bent on world domination.** The author also claims that the West, headed by the US, Britain, and Israel, is engaged in a conspiracy against Islam and Turkey, and expresses his protest of it.

42. The author criticizes "the Jewish lobby in Turkey" which, he claims, controls the Turkish leadership (p. 57). He also claims that Israel is responsible for the deaths of Turkish soldiers in northern Iraq (p. 98) and that the Jews control the world's financial resources (pp. 140-142).

## The author: Hasan Demir



Hasan Demir<sup>13</sup>

43. Born in 1965, Hasan Demir is a Turkish author and poet. So far he has published six books, including a book about the cooperation between the leaders of Turkey's pro-Islamic government on one hand and the Western-Christian world and the Jews on the other. His writings and poems are published in the Turkish press, particularly in the Yeniçağ newspaper.

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<sup>13</sup>[http://kutsalkitaplar.net/ANLATILMAYANLAR:Kuran\\_Tevrat\\_Zebur\\_incil\\_bilmedikleriniz\\_mp3\\_ile\\_dinle\\_e-book\\_olarak\\_download\\_yap/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=category&sectionid=24&id=483&Itemid=2038](http://kutsalkitaplar.net/ANLATILMAYANLAR:Kuran_Tevrat_Zebur_incil_bilmedikleriniz_mp3_ile_dinle_e-book_olarak_download_yap/index.php?option=com_content&task=category&sectionid=24&id=483&Itemid=2038)

## Part II: Articles of anti-Semitic nature in the Turkish press

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### Overview

1. Articles of anti-Semitic nature are occasionally published in the Turkish press, mostly in newspapers with an Islamist or nationalist right slant. Interwoven in such articles are clearly anti-Semitic motifs (including Holocaust denial) as well as rabid incitement against Israel which is occasionally targeted against the US as well. A recurring theme in several articles is that Israel's crimes in the Middle East outweigh those perpetrated by Adolf Hitler.

### Examples of articles of anti-Semitic nature

2. **Fahri Guven**, who is associated with the Islamic tendency in Turkey, wrote as follows in Islamic newspaper Milli Gazete on December 15, 2007: "The Zionists have exaggerated the proportions of the Holocaust in Hitler's time and created an illusion of genocide". He also quoted an anti-Semitic book recently published in Turkey, which said that "the Jew is a curse" and that "the Jew is interested in taking over the world and destroy the world's faith [i.e., Islam], honor, love, and family values one step at a time."<sup>14</sup>

3. An article published in Yeniçağ (a right-wing nationalist newspaper) on March 4, 2005 was a summary of a lecture given by **Mehmet Gül** at a convention of the Turan Cultural Foundation. The following are excerpts from the lecture as presented in the article: "The only secret power behind globalization is the Jews and the Freemasons"; "the Jewish Zionists, whose purpose is to subject the world to Jewish rule, believe that a Messiah will come down from the sky and establish 'the global kingdom' [headed by themselves]."

4. In an article by **Sami Hocaoğlu** published in Islamic daily Yeni Şafak on August 14, 2006, the author claimed that "Israel is engaged in state terrorism and genocide [against the Palestinians]. They put the Palestinians in concentration camps and do what Hitler did to them."

5. In an article by **Hasan Karakaya** published in Islamist daily Vakit on August 1, 2006, the author claims that "the Jews are lower than animals."

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<sup>14</sup> [http://www.thememriblog.org/turkey/blog\\_personal/en/4156.htm](http://www.thememriblog.org/turkey/blog_personal/en/4156.htm). The book was written by M. Ertuğrul Düzdağ.

6. In an article written by **Mehmet Ocaktan** and published in the newspaper Yeni Şafak on August 2, 2006, the author says that “the terrorist state of Israel, the whore of the United States in the Middle East, is perpetrating heinous crimes. Can democracy be brought to the Middle East with an Israeli terrorist organization that is actually the bastard child of Hitler?”

7. An article by **Selahaddin Çakırgil** published in the Vakit newspaper on August 3, 2006 says that “even Adolf Hitler did not commit the horrendous crimes committed by Israel. If there is indeed a wave of anti-Semitism spreading in the world, the ones responsible are the Zionist-Jewish monsters and their overseas boss [i.e., the US].”

8. An article by **Ali Eren** published in the Vakit newspaper on August 3, 2006 says that “the Jewish claim that Hitler murdered six million Jews is Jewish propaganda. It is a lie of the Zionist Jews. If Hitler had come to life, he would have said: ‘It is a lie that I murdered innocent Jews. Looking at what they are doing now, wouldn’t it be better if I had completely eliminated the ancestors of these monsters?’”

9. In an article written by **Hüseyin Tanrıverdi**, an MP from Erdoğan’s party, published in the newspaper Yeni Şafak on August 3, 2006, the author says that “the cruel, inhuman acts of Israel in the Middle East outweigh the cruelty of Hitler.”



**Hüseyin Tanrıverdi**

10. An article by **Hüseyin Üzmez** published in the Vakit newspaper on August 8, 2006 says that “the Jews are committing against the poor Palestinians crimes that are more shocking than those Hitler committed against them.”

## Part III: *Valley of the Wolves Iraq*, an anti-American movie of anti-Semitic nature

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Promo poster for the movie *Valley of the Wolves*

1. This movie was a blockbuster in Turkey in early 2006, with an estimated 4 million viewers. The movie deals with the US activity in Iraq, portraying the US as a perpetrator of atrocities against Iraqi civilians and representing American soldiers as being particularly brutal. The director of the movie is **Serdar Akar** and the screenwriter is **Bahadır Özdener**.

2. The movie includes anti-Semitic motifs. Thus, for example, one of the characters in the movie is a Jewish doctor played by American actor Gary Busey. The Jewish doctor removes kidneys from Iraqi soldiers killed in the war and ships them to Tel-Aviv, New York, and London to implant them in Jewish patients. The Jewish doctor in the movie is portrayed as corrupted, greedy, and vicious.

3. The movie started showing worldwide and enjoyed particular success **among the Turkish community in Germany**. However, due to its anti-American and anti-Semitic character, the movie was pulled from theaters in the US and triggered harsh criticism in Germany (but was not pulled from theaters). The movie was shown at the Alexandria Film Festival in September 2007.<sup>15</sup>

4. The movie is based on a successful television series which ran for three consecutive seasons on Turkish television. It should also be noted that the movie website is still online and that scenes from the movie can be viewed from anywhere on the globe.

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<sup>15</sup> <http://www.alarabiya.net/articles/2007/08/10/37698.html>

## Appendix

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### Washington Post article reviewing anti-Semitic literature in Turkey and the reasons for its proliferation

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#### The Protocols of the Elders of Turkey

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Look in just about any bookstore in Turkey, and you'll see some of the strangest bestsellers imaginable. The cover of "The Children of Moses," the first and most popular book in a series of four, shows the country's devoutly Muslim prime minister, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, in the middle of a six-pointed Star of David. Inside, you'll find a head-spinningly weird argument: that Erdogan and his conservative allies in Turkey's ruling pro-Islamic party are actually crypto-Jews with secret wicked ties to the conspiratorial forces of "global Zionism."

The books are hardly a fringe phenomenon. They're arrayed in chic bookstores along Istiklal Avenue, the funky pedestrian mall that's the heart of secular Istanbul. They're openly displayed alongside Orhan Pamuk novels at Ataturk International Airport. And they're even sold on tiny bookstands on the Princes' Islands, the vacation destinations in the Sea of Marmara that many well-off Turks view the way Manhattanites do the Hamptons. By the publishers' figures, they've sold about 520,000 copies since the books started rolling out this year -- a staggering figure for a nation of about 71 million people.

Of course, paranoid theories about Jewish conspiracies have never lacked for imagination.

"International Jewry" has been blamed for destroying both czarist Russia and the Soviet Union, for cooking up both capitalism and communism. But dreaming up a conspiracy theory about a Zionist plot to create an Islamist state? That's a new one.

In fact, the politicians from the ruling Justice and Development Party (known by its Turkish acronym AKP) whom the books accuse of being Israeli stooges have strong Islamic identities.

The cover of the first volume shows not only Erdogan in the middle of the six-pointed star, but also his wife, Emine, who is famous in Turkey for wearing a traditionalist Islamic headscarf -- perhaps the world's least likely crypto-Zionist conspirator.

Ergun Poyraz, who wrote the series, is a self-declared "Kemalist," the term used here to describe the committed followers of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the resolutely secular war hero who founded modern Turkey in 1923. The politicians whom Poyraz is out to skewer define themselves as sensible conservatives, but they're derided as closet fundamentalists by their foes among Turkey's traditional elites, who are still deeply suspicious of any intrusion of Islam into the public sphere. Poyraz's books argue -- apparently in all seriousness -- that "Zionism" has decided to steer Turkey away from its time-worn secular path and turn it into a "moderate Islamic republic." It is hard to believe that "Zionism" (let alone any sane Israeli leader) would prefer an Islamist Turkey to a secular one, but Poyraz is convinced that a mildly Islamic state would be more easily manipulated by foreign powers than a staunchly nationalist one.

Poyraz doesn't present evidence to support his bewildering claims, which aren't documented, footnoted or backed up with any credible facts. His method throughout is to cherry-pick irrelevant data, then build wild speculation on them. The series is among the most creative sequels to "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion," the anti-Semitic classic propagated by the czarist secret service a century ago. So why are these lunatic books bestsellers, featured in the windows of virtually every grand bookstore in Turkey? And why are the supposedly open-minded secularists, not the alleged Islamists, the ones peddling anti-Semitism?

The answer, oddly enough, is connected to the anti-Europe sentiment that has exploded here in recent years. Since coming to power in 2002, the AKP has accelerated Turkey's bid to join the European Union. Some Europeans aren't keen to let a Muslim democracy join their Christian club, but E.U. membership has proved widely popular in Turkey. In turn, that has encouraged Turkey's xenophobic and anti-democratic forces -- who fear that European liberties would be dangerous and corrupting -- to crawl out of the woodwork. Opponents of the E.U. bid insist that the Turkish Republic faces grave threats from enemies within and without, and warn that the only way to save the country is to keep it illiberal and closed.

What is most striking in this nationwide division is that the so-called Islamists are generally on the liberal pro-Western side, while the secularists are often on the other. In the general election held on July 22, the "Islamist" AKP had the most strongly pro-E.U. platform, whereas the ultra-secularist Republican People's Party tried to woo voters with Euro-skeptic rhetoric. (The AKP won the elections with a clear victory of 47 percent, while its main secular rival took 21 percent.) The AKP is also a strong proponent of free markets and foreign investment, whereas most secularist politicians see such things as "imperialist" and favor a state-protected economy. As Ziya Onis, a political economist at Koc University in Istanbul, said recently, the current power struggle in Turkey is between "conservative globalists" and "defensive nationalists" -- including the ultra-secular Kemalists.

In this context, the mystifying bestsellers make more sense: as a smear campaign cheered on by Turkey's spooked secularists, who hope that vilifying the AKP leadership as Jewish agents will help scare away the party's supporters, thereby staving off E.U. membership and limiting Turkey's exposure to corrosive European ideas.

The books' odd fusion of anti-Semitism and Kemalism also has a historical pedigree. When Ataturk raised modern Turkey from the ruins of the Ottoman Empire, he wisely decided to orient it toward the West. But during his time in power (1923-38), the West included not only democracies such as the United States and Britain but dictatorships such as fascist Italy and Nazi Germany. Ataturk never admired these tyrannies, but some of his aides and followers certainly did, and they incorporated numerous fascist elements into Turkey's state-sponsored brand of secular nationalism. Fantasies about the supremacy of the Turkish race soon became official rhetoric. Turkey adopted corporatism, Benito Mussolini's state-dominated economic model, and when Ataturk died, he was declared the country's "eternal chief." His successor, Mustafa Ismet Inonu, introduced a heavy "wealth tax" in 1942 that specifically targeted Jews. Unable to pay, many were sent to labor camps in eastern Turkey.

This dark episode of Turkish history ended after the Allies' victory in World War II, which forced the Kemalist elite to shift from single-party rule to democracy. But unlike other European nations, Turkey never engaged in much self-criticism of its interwar chauvinism -- which let ultra-nationalist themes persist as legitimate ideas. When the E.U. admission process pushed Turkey to liberalize itself, these skeletons came out of the closet.

Last February, the country was shocked by the exposure of a fascist gang called the Union of Patriotic Forces, led by Fikri Karadag, a retired colonel. The group's secret oath included the words, "I am of pure Turkish stock, and there is no Jewish convert in my blood," as well as a promise to "kill and to be killed" for the sake of "making the Turkish nation the lord of the world."

In June, police found 27 hand grenades and stacks of TNT in an Istanbul house belonging to another fascist gang with shadowy links to the country's security forces. The bust led the authorities to other cells, and Poyraz, the prolific anti-Semitic author, was among their members. After his arrest, the lawyer who rushed to defend him was none other than Kemal Kerincsiz, who has lately made a name for himself by suing dozens of liberal intellectuals -- including the Nobel Prize-winning Pamuk -- for "insulting Turkishness."

The trial of Poyraz and his comrades goes on. So does Turkey's own trial by radical nationalism. Many in Washington are concerned about what President Bush calls "Islamofascism." But that term too easily misleads us into assuming that there's a direct link between Islam and fascism. In fact, xenophobia and authoritarianism have their own



complex roots in the societies where they thrive and may be mingled with almost any sort of religion or irreligion. In Turkey , they are becoming less linked with Islam and more with secularism.

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