

# Erdogan says Turkey has no business in Syria's Manbij if YPG forces leaves

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Turkey will have nothing left to do in the Syrian town of Manbij once "terrorist organisations" leave the area, President Tayyip Erdogan said on December 28, hours after the Syrian army said it had entered the town.

"These areas belong to Syria. We are against the division of Syria. Our sole aim is to remove all terrorist organisations from there. Once terrorist organisation have left the area, we will have nothing left to do there," Erdogan said.

"We know that Syria (Syrian government) is now carrying out this psychological practice, we know they are involved in this psychological operation. We know that they are waving their flag there but for the moment there is nothing certain," he added.

Turkey has threatened an assault on Manbij to drive out the Kurdish YPG forces. Erdogan signalled on Friday that Turkey was not in a hurry to carry out the operation.