Bolan Mothle made a "Serious Mistake," Ankara Won’t ‘Swallow’ His Comments on Syria’s Kurds – Erdogan

STANBUL – US National Security Adviser John Bolton has made a "huge mistake" according to President Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey, who yesterday was keen to express his gratitude to President Donald Trump for telling him that he would not "allow Turkey to kill Kurdish fighters in Syria, if they act in violation of the prohibition to coordinate with and agreed to by the United States, at a minimum, so they must always consider these alliances as also armed forces with no exception, are under our army's command and direction because we need to meet the president's requirement and that the Syrian Kurdish forces who have fought side by side with our forces are not endangered," he said.

The Turkish leader, on his part, stated that Ankara would not "serve as a base or logistics for activities in the neighborhood," meaning that the Turkish border was not "open space" in the country.

"The way the US is killing the Kurds is very dangerous and it is not true," Erdogan stressed.

Bolton revealed on Monday that the US President Donald Trump told him he would not "allow Turkey to kill Kurdish fighters in Syria," to which Erdogan responded: "We don’t think the Turks ought to undertake any action that’s not fulfilling the conditions for US pullout from Syria, as agreed to by the United States."