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## ***What's really behind this affaire***

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Re: L'affaire Ayalon, George Jonas, Jan. 16.

In reading this column, I am truly surprised the author missed the real point of the whole affaire.

This story is not really about an Israeli minister's petulant and undiplomate-like behaviour, but rather the very serious and disturbing rise in anti-Semitism in Turkey. It is not only inappropriate but dangerous for a cultured and advanced country such as Turkey to begin reviving ancient blood libels against the Jewish people, as is now happening in the Turkish media. As one of the leaders of the Muslim world, I would expect Turkey to take a strong stand against anti-Semitism, rather than acting as one of its leading proponents.

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