

Readout of the President's Call with Prime Minister Erdogan of Turkey

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The President spoke today with Prime Minister Erdogan to congratulate him on his election as the 12th President of the Republic of Turkey and wish him well as he begins his term later this month. The President praised the Prime Minister's speech on Sunday and noted that as Turkey's first directly elected President, the Prime Minister has an historic opportunity to further move Turkey forward. The President and Prime Minister agreed on the importance of close cooperation on Syria and Iraq and the terrorist threat emanating from the region. They also discussed ceasefire efforts in Gaza. The President welcomed Turkey's humanitarian aid to vulnerable Syrians and Iraqis, and both agreed on the need to ensure cooperation and such assistance continue. They also expressed hope that a new Iraqi government will bring all communities together.