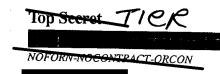


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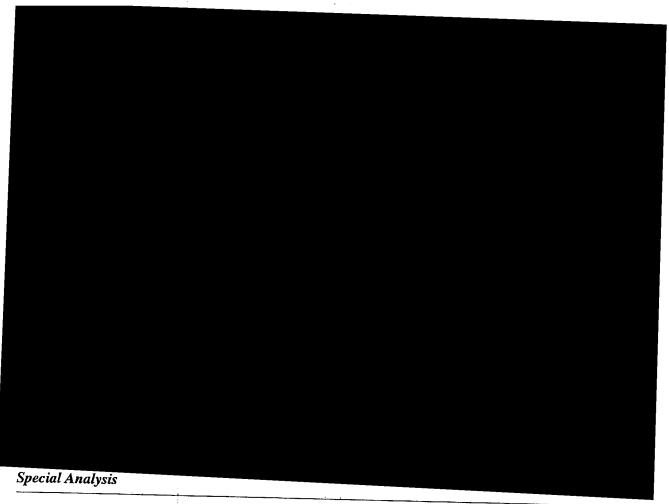


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Limited Turkish Domestic Fallout Over Northern Iraq

Minimal Turkish press coverage suggests most Turks are not focused on events in northern Iraq beyond the implications for the counterinsurgency campaign and the potential for a refugee crisis in southeastern Turkey. They are likely to support any Turkish efforts to establish order and prevent the PKK from using the region as a staging ground for attacks into Turkey.

Prime Minister Erbakan—who has kept silent on recent events—recognizes the importance of this area to the military, and press reports suggest Refah's radical Islamic wing is among the most vehement opponents of the PKK.

Refah's sizable Kurdish wing, however, may protest or even split from the party if Ankara pursues a policy favoring Baghdad's control over the region.