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RÉSUMÉS

The objective of the study is to analyse the troublesome relationship with Syria from Ankara's perspective. There have been mainly two controversies between the two countries: the water issue and the PKK terrorism. The article deals with the PKK terrorism and Ankara's changing priorities regarding Syria. The main argument is that since the mid-nineties, Turkey has seemed to pursue its Middle-Eastern policies in a new fashion through which it somehow abruptly changed its course vis-a-vis Syria. In this context, the study attempts to shed light on the reasons of the changing attitude of the policy makers in Ankara and its reflection to the recent developments between the two countries.