

# Fact Sheet: “Valley of the Wolves - Iraq”

**The #1 film in Turkey is “Valley of the Wolves” - a virulently anti-American movie produced in Turkey that continues to break box office records. Listed below are highlights of the media coverage of this disturbing - and disturbingly popular - film:**

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1) “Valley of the Wolves” enjoys the support of top Turkish leaders:

- According to a February 14th report by the Knight-Ridder News Service, Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan “recommended the film to friends after a private screening.”
- Brit Hume of Fox News, during the Political Grapevine segment of his February 16th Special Report, reported that, “Emine Erdogan, the wife of Turkey’s prime minister, has praised an anti-American film that depicts U.S. soldiers as cold-blooded killers, calling it a beautiful film.”

2) “Valley of the Wolves” has prompted the U.S. military to issue warnings to our troops:

- According to a February 7th report in Stars and Stripes, the popularity of “Valley of the Wolves” has prompted the U.S. military to advise our forces stationed in Turkey to avoid theaters where the film is playing.
- Joe Scarborough, during the February 9th edition of MSNBC’s Scarborough Country, described Valley of the Wolves as “a movie that is so anti-American that our troops are being ordered to stay away from movie theaters showing it because they’re afraid that American troops may be injured or killed?”

3) “Valley of the Wolves” encourages anti-U.S. and anti-Semitic attitudes:

- The New York Times reported on February 14th that, within Turkey, “popular opinion of the United States has been steadily declining. Anti-American novels, including one that portrays a war between the United States and Turkey, have been selling briskly, and Hitler’s “Mein Kampf” was a best seller last year.
- The Baltimore Jewish Times, on February 15th, reported that “Valley of the Wolves,” in a hateful display of anti-Semitism, portrays “a Jewish U.S. army doctor [played by Gary Busey] who cuts out the organs of Iraqi prisoners at Abu Ghraib and sells them to wealthy foreign clients” in Israel and the West.