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JERUSALEM (Reuters) - Israel will stick to its refusal to apologise to Turkey for killing nine of its citizens aboard a Gaza-bound ship, rejecting a demand by Ankara, an Israeli official said on Wednesday.

The decision was made days before the publication of the findings of a U.N. inquiry into last year's seizure of the Mavi Marmara. The so-called Palmer report was repeatedly delayed to allow the former Middle East allies to try to mend fences.

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