

Finland, Sweden submit NATO bids

Finland and Sweden have formally applied to join NATO, but Turkish objections threaten to derail the alliance's northern expansion

NORDIC SECURITY: NATO could exercise greater control of Baltic Sea if Finland and Sweden joined 30-nation alliance



TURKISH OPPOSITION TO NATO EXPANSION

■ **Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK):** Turkish President **Recep Tayyip Erdogan** (right) has accused two Nordic countries of backing Kurdish militants that Ankara considers terrorists

■ **Sanctions:** Turkey wants lifting of all Finnish and Swedish arms export bans – placed on Ankara in 2019 after its incursion into Syria

