DEMOCRACY TRIUMPHS IN TURKEY

July 15, 2016

FETO's COUP ATTEMPT IN TURKEY
A TIMELINE
WHAT HAPPENED?
A group within the Turkish army associated with the Fetullah Terrorist Organization (FETO) attempted a coup in Turkey on July 15, which claimed the lives of 240 people. The attempt failed spectacularly when the Turkish nation showed an exemplary resistance in support of the Republic and democracy.

WHAT IS FETO?
The Fetullah Terrorist Organization (FETO), which is led by U.S.-based preacher Fetullah Gulen, emerged in 1970s as a movement providing educational services. FETO claims to be a provider of education, and its members, governed by a strong infrastructure, promote themselves abroad as volunteers of education and peace. However, when we look at the organization, they conceal their real identities in Turkey and other relevant countries as they settle into critical state institutions like the army, judiciary, security and intelligence units, and bureaucracy with a variety of identities (leftist, rightist, liberal, pious). This situation reveals the actual aim of the organization, which presents itself as the “Hizmet (Service) Movement” in the countries it operates.

WHAT IS ITS AIM?
It infiltrates strategic institutions by seemingly functioning as a school, educational/cultural center, professional organization or non-governmental organization and with the aim of seizing control of the state. Under their deviant religious ideology, FETO considers it legitimate to engage in all kinds of self-defensive deception, conspiracy, trap and illegal activities to achieve its objectives. With years of confidential training and dissuasion activities, members of the terrorist organization have gained a level of professionalism beyond the comprehension of ordinary people. Its members operate with a radical “devotion” and see themselves as the “chosen ones”; they switch identities and commit all types of illegal acts, including murder if need be.

WHAT HAPPENED ON JULY 15?
On July 15, 2016, a FETO group nesting within the army attempted a coup through force using Turkish fighter jets, tanks and helicopters. The attacks were directly aimed at killing unarmed innocent people. Tanks ploughed over citizens on the streets who were protesting against the coup. FETO bombed the Presidential Palace, parliament, police and public buildings. People in the streets who protested against the coup in Ankara and Istanbul were shot and bombed by fighter jets and choppers; they also tried to assassinate President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. During the coup attempt a total of 179 civilians, 62 policemen and 5 soldiers martyred.
This book gives a complete account of the events of July 15-16 2016, when the most brutal coup attempt in Turkey’s history was made by the Fetullah Terrorist Organization (FETO), as witnessed by Anadolu Agency’s reporters and photojournalists. Data used in the chronology part of the book is based on the news stories published by AA on July 15 and 16.

Aside from a step-by-step account of events, the book includes striking pictures and Anadolu Agency infographics (updated on August 1) detailing the Turkish nation’s firm resistance against the July 15 coup attempt, a day that will henceforth be remembered in Turkey as ‘Democracy Day’.
238 Martyrs

18,756 Detained
11,031 Soldiers
4,315 Police Officers
2,626 Judges and Prosecutors
689 Civilians

10,192 Arrested
6,153 Soldiers
1,751 Police Officers
2,131 Judges and Prosecutors
93 Civilians

171 Civilians
63 Police Officers
4 Soldiers

34 Putschists killed
49 Putschists injured
549 Suspects released pending investigation
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<td>Security sources tell Anadolu Agency the coup is being conducted by officers who are members of the Fethullah Terrorist Organization (FETO), led by US-based preacher Fethullah Gulen.</td>
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<td>President Erdogan leaves Marmaris, in Turkey’s southwest, for Atatürk International Airport in Istanbul.</td>
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<td>TRT news anchor forced to read a declaration from coup leaders claiming to have taken control of the nation as the “Committee of Peace at Home.”</td>
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<td>02:20</td>
<td>Gendarmerie General Command, pro-coup soldiers neutralized.</td>
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<td>03:00</td>
<td>TRT resumes broadcasting.</td>
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<td>03:20</td>
<td>Erdogan lands in Istanbul.</td>
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<td>04:00</td>
<td>First pro-coup soldiers arrested.</td>
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<td>06:30</td>
<td>Turkish Air Force downs military helicopter in Golbasi used by coup forces to bomb TURKSAT satellite facility.</td>
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<td>07:10</td>
<td>Interior Ministry confirms that more than 330 FETO members have been detained.</td>
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<td>09:40</td>
<td>2,745 suspended judges arrested.</td>
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<td>20:02</td>
<td>Military secures Akinci Airbase northwest of Ankara, which had served as the putschists’ HQ.</td>
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<td>Ankara chief public prosecutor’s office orders arrest of 2,745 suspended judges.</td>
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At around 10 p.m. on Friday July 15, a group of officers within the Turkish army associated with the Fetullah Terrorist Organization (FETO) launched a coup attempt at the General Staff Headquarters that was suppressed after almost 22 hours. According to information compiled by Anadolu Agency (AA) reporters, FETO’s putsch attempt was decisively put down at 8:02 p.m. on July 16.

Below is a timeline of FETO’s attempted coup and its aftermath (all in Turkish local time).
Soldiers take control of state broadcaster TRT and the General Staff HQ in Ankara as troops seize Istanbul’s Bogazici (Bosphorus) and Fatih Sultan Mehmet bridges linking Asia and Europe.

10:00 p.m.

The undersecretary of the Prime Ministry sets up a coordination center at the Prime Ministry in Ankara.
An explosion is heard at the Police Special Operations Center in the Golbasi district in southern Ankara.

Prime Minister Binali Yildirim, speaking by phone to television channels, describes unfolding events as an “insurrection”. “This will not be tolerated. Those involved will pay the heaviest price,” he says, adding that the perpetrators are a rogue faction within the army.
Chief of General Staff Gen. Hulusi Akar held hostage by pro-coup soldiers.

Security sources say the coup attempt is being conducted by officers linked to the Fetullah Terrorist Organization (FETO) led by U.S.-based preacher Fetullah Gulen.

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan leaves Marmaris, a district in Turkey’s southwest, for Ataturk International Airport in Istanbul.

Military helicopters open fire on National Intelligence Organization (MIT) Headquarters; MIT forces return fire.
TRT news anchor forced to read a declaration by pro-coup soldiers claiming they had taken control of the nation as the “Committee of Peace at Home”. Presidential sources make it clear the Turkish Armed Forces did not release the declaration, saying: “It is a fake declaration.” Shortly afterwards, satellite communications agency TURKSAT suspends TRT’s transmissions.

President Erdogan addresses the country via mobile telephone, urging the people to “take to the streets” to resist the coup attempt and defend democracy. He says those responsible for the uprising against the national will would receive “the appropriate response”, whether they were a minority group within the Turkish Armed Forces or in other state institutions.
A military helicopter bombs a facility belonging to Turkish satellite agency TURKSAT in Ankara’s Golbasi district.

Turkish citizens take to the streets to protest the coup attempt after call of President Erdogan as well as the calls for unity aired from mosque minarets in 81 provinces upon the instruction of Turkey’s Presidency of Religious Affairs.

The first investigation into the coup attempt is launched in Istanbul, with Kucukcekmece Chief Prosecutor Ali Dogan saying pro-coup soldiers would be detained wherever they were found.
Fighter jets and helicopters attack the Ankara Police Department. Turkish Defense Minister Fikri Isik says: “This is a coup attempt by a junta within the Turkish Armed Forces.”

Security forces return fire on pro-coup armored vehicles near the Prime Ministry. Parliamentary Speaker Ismail Kahraman arrives at coordination center and announces that the national assembly would remain open.

Parliamentary General Assembly opens with the participation of assembly speaker and MPs.

First group of pro-coup soldiers, all of whom are alleged FETO members, is detained.
Golbasi Special Operations Center bombed by pro-coup aircraft, martyring 17 police officers.

An F-16 Turkish Air Force jet downs a Sikorsky helicopter used by the putschists.

Citizens and police neutralize five soldiers, including a senior military officer, who had tried to seize control.

13 soldiers, including three senior officers, are detained while attempting to take over the Presidential Complex in Ankara.

Parliament is bombed, injuring a number of police officers and staff and damaging the parliament building.

Parliament is bombed again; speaker and MPs take cover in assembly’s bomb shelter.
PM Yıldırım, speaking live again by phone to private broadcaster NTV, compares those attacking institutions with jets to members of a terror organization. He describes such acts as “unbecoming of any military officer or soldier serving under the glorious flag of our Armed Forces.”

TRT resumes broadcasting and FETO-affiliated soldiers who tried to seize control of the public broadcaster are detained.
PM Yildirim warns that all military aircraft flying over Ankara -- especially over critical areas such as the National Intelligence Organization HQ, Parliament, Prime Ministry or Presidency -- will be downed.

Sounds of gunfire are heard again from Turkish General Staff headquarters.

President Erdogan arrives in Istanbul.

Ankara Chief Public Prosecutor’s Office orders the arrest of pro-coup soldiers.
It is revealed that FETO-affiliated military officers set up a group on mobile-phone application WhatsApp on July 15 through which they coordinated the coup attempt, ordered attacks on civilians with messages like “Crush, burn, hang tough”, and arranged escape plans once the coup attempt had been put down.

**Coup-Plotters’ WhatsApp Chats Revealed**

Security forces uncovered some of the social media correspondence between the pro-coup soldiers linked to the Fetullah Terrorist Organization (FETO). As the chats show, pro-coup soldiers were given orders to open fire on civilians who were resisting the coup attempt. Excerpts from the conversation follow:

**The order to open fire on crowds**

- Col. Muslum Kaya: They’re bringing the construction equipment to AKOM [the Istanbul Greater Municipality’s Disaster Coordination Center]. Fellow soldiers are opening fire
- Maj. Mehmet Karabekir: As someone in the field, I’m opening fire on the crowd. I’m waiting. Use [firearms] over and over again in a controlled way. Around 10 to 15 people are rubbed out. No such thing as losing initiative
- Maj. Muammer Aygar: There’s an intense clash in Kuleli [Istanbul]. We’re opening fire on the crowd
- Col. Ahmet Baykal: We have ammunition and our morale is high

**“Can an offensive on the second bridge be considered?”**

- Maj. Muammer Aygar: Can an aerial offensive on the second bridge [Fatih Sultan Mehmet Bridge] be considered?
- Col. Uzay Sahin: As long as our strength holds out, my friends
- Col. Muslum Kaya: There’s a battery problem for communication with Taksim [Istanbul]. Planes just opened fire three times. We don’t know where

**The “crush, burn, give no quarter” order**

- Lt. Col. Ugur Coskun: The people crushed all our staff and handed them in to the police at the Governor’s Office. Police are trying to hold back the crowd, but it’s too hard
- Maj. Mehmet Karabekir: Crush, burn, give no quarter
- Lt. Col. Ugur Coskun: If we open fire, we can hit three or five of them, but we can’t stop them from entering
- Col. Zeki Atmaca: Transmissions from the antennas at Camlica [Istanbul] should be cut off immediately
- Col. Uzay Sahin: Don’t get carried away, don’t leave your weapons
- Col. Sadik Cebeci: The private TV stations should be shut down

**“The coup manifesto was read out on TRT, keep going”**

- Lt. Col. Mustafa Duzenli: Fellows, thank God many targets in Ankara and Istanbul were seized. The coup manifesto was read out on [state broadcaster] TRT. Keep going the same way. Whoever resists our campaign will get a firm response. This is the order. Brothers, the units that are no longer needed in their current position should be relocated to other points
- Lt. Col. Ugur Coskun: Urgent support is needed in Sakarya [near Istanbul]. People are trying to interfere with the tanks
- Maj. Mehmet Karabekir: Randomly open fire at Sabiha Gokcen [Airport], there’s a problem there.
- Maj. Muammer Aygar: We shot four people resisting in Cengelkoy [Istanbul]. No problem
- Col. Sadik Cebeci: There are around 3,000 to 4,000 people at the [ruling Justice and Development] AK Party’s Istanbul headquarters. Support is needed
- Lt. Col. Mustafa Duzenli: The people that gather, the police that stand against the military, they should get a heavy response from tanks. Lt. Sadik, where’s the place?
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<td>Helicopters open fire on hotel in Marmaris where President Erdogan had stayed before leaving at around midnight. Masked soldiers in heavy gear besiege hotel, injuring five police in ensuing clash.</td>
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<td>05:20 a.m.</td>
<td>PM Yildirim tweets that 130 soldiers -- including high-ranking ones -- had been arrested and one pro-coup general killed.</td>
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<td>06:00 a.m.</td>
<td>Chief Public Prosecutor’s Office in Golbasi launches investigation into coup attempt. Ankara’s Golbasi district is brought back under control after attack on Golbasi Special Operations Center leaves 42 people dead.</td>
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<td>06:30 a.m.</td>
<td>All streets leading to the Prime Ministry in Cankaya and the ministry’s official residences -- all of which are located in security zone -- are closed. Turkish air forces down military helicopter that bombed TURKSAT facility in Ankara’s Golbasi district.</td>
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<td>06:30 a.m.</td>
<td>Soldiers who had occupied Istanbul’s Bosphorus Bridge surrender.</td>
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Fighter jets operated by FETO members dropped two bombs near the Presidential Complex, in front of the Millet Mosque.

1st Army Commander Gen. Umit Dundar appointed as acting chief of general staff in Gen. Hulusi Akar’s absence.

Pro-coup military jet bombs intersection near Presidential Complex.

Ministry of Interior confirms 336 FETO members detained.
Tank exits Turkish General Staff complex, opens fire on area where trucks are parked to serve as barricade.

Turkish Interior Minister Efkan Ala suspends 29 military colonels and five generals linked with FETO.

Chief of General Staff Gen. Akar arrives at Prime Ministry in Ankara.

Special operations police retake Gendarmerie General Command and pro-coup soldiers at site are neutralized.
Turkey’s top judicial body, the Supreme Board of Judges and Prosecutors, convenes to take stern measures against FETO-linked judges and prosecutors.

1,374 suspected FETO-linked military personnel are detained across the country, including 58th Artillery Brigade Commander Brig. Gen. Murat Aygun.

Nearly 200 soldiers at General Staff HQ surrender to police.
Authorities announce that 90 people had been martyred and 1,154 wounded countrywide during failed coup.


A total of 1,563 armed FETO members are detained across the country.

All judges and prosecutors on annual leave across Turkey are recalled.
Nearly 700 soldiers exit General Staff HQ and surrender to police.

49th Commando Brigade Commander Gen. Yunus Kotaman and 2nd Commando Brigade Commander Gen. Ismail Guneser are detained.

After the coup attempt is put down, soldiers who had attacked hotel where President Erdogan had stayed in Marmaris escape from the area.

Military officers and sergeants who had been locked up for refusing to take part in the coup attempt are released from General Staff HQ. A group of pro-coup soldiers, including high-ranking military officers and non-commissioned officers, surrender.
PM Yildirim announces that Gen. Akar has resumed duty at Cankaya.

FETO members who had seized control of Akinci Airbase -- which they had used as a base -- flee once the coup attempt is put down.

Interior Minister Efkan Ala suspends Coast Guard Commander Rear Admiral Hakan Ustem.

Pro-coup soldiers at General Staff HQ ask to open negotiations with a view to surrendering.

EXTRADITION PROCESS OF TURKISH PRO-COUP SOLDIERS WHO FLED TO GREECE

The extradition process of eight Turkish military officers who fled to Greece in a military helicopter following the July 15 coup attempt could take up to a month, legal experts say.

THE PROCESS HAS THREE PHASES

1. The first involves a trial for illegal entry into Greece, which constitutes a criminal offense.
2. The second involves the asylum applications filed by the officers. If the applications are approved by the Greek authorities, then the extradition process will be halted.
3. The last step is extradition. Proceedings will be held before a regional court before being moved to the Greek Supreme Court, which will decide on the Turkish extradition request. The Turkish request will be considered within the framework of the European Convention on Extradition, to which both Turkey and Greece are parties.

The helicopter carrying the pro-coup soldiers landed at Greece’s Alexandroupoli airport, which lies close to the Greek-Turkish border at around 11.50 a.m. local time on July 16.

Special Forces detain nearly 200 soldiers at Gendarmerie General Command.

Three Ankara public prosecutors arrive at General Staff HQ to take suspects into custody.
PM Yıldırım arrives at Cankaya Palace and appears at news conference. "The insurrection has been suppressed," he says, adding, "We have 161 martyrs and 440 injured until now." He also announces the detention of 2,839 soldiers and military officers, including many of high rank.

Supreme Board of Judges and Prosecutors terminates membership of five judicial officials after they are detained by the Ankara Chief Public Prosecutor’s Office. Turkey’s top judicial board suspends 2,745 judges, including 541 from court of first instance and 2,204 from judicial courts.

A number of FETO members detained for taking part in coup attempt are brought to Ankara Police HQ.

Five members of the Council of State, Turkey’s highest administrative court, are detained due to suspected FETO links.

Another 10 Council of State members are detained.

Ankara Chief Public Prosecutor’s Office orders detention of 140 members of the Supreme Court of Appeals while 48 members of the Council of State are accused of membership in FETO terror organization. Of these, 11 members of the Supreme Court and four members of the Supreme Board of Judges and Prosecutors are detained for their roles in the failed coup.

PM Yıldırım addresses MPs in extraordinary parliament session, starting speech by reciting national anthem.
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<td>Tanks used by FETO-linked military personnel during coup attempt are taken to military barracks from Ankara Police HQ.</td>
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<td>Constitutional Court member Alparslan Altan’s house is searched by police. Altan is detained.</td>
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<td>08:50 p.m.</td>
<td>Gendarmerie Commander Gen. Galip Mendi is rescued from coup plotters at Akinci Air Base. Mendi returns to duty.</td>
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<td>09:09 p.m.</td>
<td>Constitutional Court member Erdal Tercan is detained after his house is searched by police.</td>
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<td>09:19 p.m.</td>
<td>Second department of the Supreme Board of Judges and Prosecutors announces suspension of numerous judges and prosecutors.</td>
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<td>09:57 p.m.</td>
<td>Ankara Chief Public Prosecutor’s Office orders detention of 2,745 judges and prosecutors who “are considered members of the same organization [FETO]”.</td>
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Military officers detained pending further investigation into FETO-led coup attempt
BETRAYAL CAME FROM THOSE CLOSEST TO GENERAL STAFF’S HIGHEST-RANKING OFFICIALS

High-ranking military officials close to Chief of General Staff Hulusi Akar -- and other military commanders-in-chief -- were implicated in July 15 coup attempt.

**BEGINNING OF FAILED COUP**
Tension had soared at Turkish General Staff headquarters at beginning of coup attempt. Coup plotters locked a floor used by Akar’s security detail. During the ensuing clash, some of Akar’s guards were injured.

**AKAR FORCED TO SIGN COUP DECLARATION AT GUNPOINT**
The plotters tortured him to sign the declaration but he refused. The coup plotters then tortured him by tightening a belt around his neck.

**COUP PLOTTERS TAKE AIR FORCE CHIEF HOSTAGE**
Chief of the Turkish Air Forces Abidin Unal and some other high-ranking army officials were taken hostage during a wedding ceremony.

Commander of The Turkish Gendarmerie Forces Galip Mendi was also taken hostage, allegedly by one of his closest coworkers, when he entered his home.

**CONFLICT AT SPECIAL FORCES COMMAND**
An aide, who was working with Major General Zekai Aksakalli, shot and killed Brigadier General Semih Terzi, who supported the failed coup, but the aide was also killed by other coup plotters.

**POLICE COUNTER-TERRORISM CHIEF SUMMONED**
The Turkish police’s counter-terrorism head, Turgut Arslan, was summoned to Gendarmerie General Command and taken hostage at gunpoint by coup plotters.

**TWO GENERAL STAFF GENERALS TAKEN TO FOURTH MAIN JET BASE COMMAND**
Akar and Guler are taken by the plotters to Turkey’s fourth main jet base.
REACTIONS FROM AROUND THE WORLD
European Union leaders: EU President Donald Tusk, European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker and the body’s foreign affairs representative, Federica Mogherini, said in a joint statement: “Turkey is a key partner for the European Union. The EU fully supports the democratically-elected government, the institutions of the country and the rule of law.

Azerbaijan President Ilham Aliyev: “I strongly condemn this crime against the constitution and democracy of Turkey.”

Iranian President Hassan Rouhani: “We are in a region where, unfortunately, some think [they] can seize power by tank, plane and helicopter, and topple a government which has been elected by the people. The time for coup d’états and forcing guns and tanks on people is over. Today, only the ballot box can solve the problems of Iran, Turkey, Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, and Bahrain.”

Georgian President Giorgi Margvelashvili: “We want to express our support for the democratically-elected government in Turkey and personally to President [Recep Tayyip] Erdogan.”

The White House “The President [Barack Obama] and Secretary [of State John Kerry] agreed that all parties in Turkey should support the democratically-elected government of Turkey, show restraint, and avoid any violence or bloodshed.”

Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras: “The government and the people of Greece are following the ongoing situation in Turkey. The Greek people support democracy and the constitutional order.”

Spanish Embassy in Ankara: “Spain expresses its unreserved condemnation of the attempted coup d’état in Turkey, a great friend and key ally, and declares its support for the legitimate authorities and the democratically-elected institutions and calls for respect for constitutional order and the rule of law.”

British Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson: “I have spoken with Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu to underline the UK’s support for the democratically-elected government.”

Chinese Foreign Ministry: “We are closely following the situation in Turkey and hope that order and stability in the country will be restored as soon as possible.”

Indonesian Vice President Jusuf Kalla: Kalla expressed support for the Turkish government and democracy, describing the coup attempt as “very worrying”.

President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe Pedro Agramunt: “Turkey is a member state and we support Turkey’s democratic institutions and authorities. It is now important to restore order, keep calm and uphold democratic principles and institutions. The Assembly and all Council of Europe bodies are at the disposal of Turkey to provide support.”

Ukrainian Foreign Affairs Ministry: “Ukraine expresses its strong support for the people and the democratically-elected authorities of the Turkish Republic.”

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau: “On behalf of all Canadians, I would like to express our concern about this evening’s events in Turkey. We call for restraint by all parties. Canada supports the preservation of Turkish democracy.”

Austrian Prime Minister Christian Kern: “Using force against a constitutional state is not a solution.”

German Chancellor Angela Merkel: “On behalf of the German government, I condemn in the strongest terms the attempt of some Turkish military units to overthrow the elected government and elected president of the country by using violence. It’s tragic that so many people died during this attempted coup.”

German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier: “I condemn in the strongest terms all attempts to change the basic democratic order in Turkey by using violence.”

Chairman of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina Bakir Izetbegovic: “The opposite of what was aimed for will happen... and it will emerge who was untrustworthy.”

Belgian Prime Minister Charles Michel: “We are pleased that the attempted coup has ended.”

Romanian Prime Minister Dacian Ciolos: “The only choice for Turkey is to return to constitutional order and the rule of law.”
Russian President Vladimir Putin:
Russian President Vladimir Putin was the first world leader to call and voice his solid support to President Recep Tayyip Erdogan following the defeated coup. Putin emphasized that they stood by Turkey’s elected government and expressed good wishes for Erdogan, his family, and the Turkish people. On July 17, the two leaders agreed over the phone to hold a face-to-face meeting two weeks later.

Iraqi Parliamentary Speaker Salim al-Jabouri:
Jabouri condemned the attack on the Turkish parliament and stressed the need to respect the political process and democratic system in Turkey.

Iraqi President Fuad Masum:
“I am hopeful that the Turkish nation is well equipped to get past this turmoil and return authority to the democratically-elected government and its institutions.”

Albanian President Bujar Nishani:
“I strongly condemn any attempt to take power through violence. I wish for a fast return of public order in Turkey and hope for the Turkish people to return to normal life.”

Kosovo President Hashim Thaci:
“The stability of Turkey is key to the whole region. We support the democratically-elected government and law and order in the country.”

French Foreign Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault
“France hopes that calm can return quickly. It hopes that Turkish democracy will emerge reinforced by this test and that fundamental liberties will be fully respected.”

Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi:
Renzi said he was closely following the latest developments in Turkey and was relieved that the coup attempt had failed.

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg:
“I welcome the strong support shown by the people and all political parties [in Turkey] for democracy and for the democratically-elected government. I call for calm and restraint and full respect for Turkey’s democratic institutions and its constitution. Turkey is a valued NATO ally.”

EU Foreign Policy chief Federica Mogherini and Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations Johannes Hahn:
“We condemn the attempted coup in Turkey and reiterate the EU’s full support for the democratic institutions of Turkey. The EU stands in solidarity with Turkey and the Turkish people.”

Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull:
“Australia has urged all parties to show calm and restraint and to show respect for Turkey’s democratic institutions.”

Moroccan Transport Minister Abdelaziz Rabbah:
Rabbah said the Turkish people had performed a “miracle” by protecting their leaders and democracy, going on to ask God to protect the Ummah, or the worldwide Muslim community.

President of Tunisia’s Ennahda Party Rachid Ghannouchi:
“The Ennahda Party expresses its rejection and absolute condemnation of the attempted coup, which violates the will of the Turkish people and its constitutional, democratic institutions.”

Saudi Arabian Ministry of Foreign Affairs:
“Saudi Arabia welcomes the return to normalcy in the brotherly Republic of Turkey led by his Excellency President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and his elected government in line with constitutional legitimacy and the will of the Turkish people.”

Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif:
“We deeply admire the resolve of the brave and resilient Turkish people, who stood up against the forces of darkness and anarchy to express their support and commitment to democracy.”

Qatari Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani:
The Emir condemned the failed coup, voicing Qatar’s solidarity with the “brotherly Republic of Turkey” and its support for all actions taken by the latter to safeguard its security, constitutional legitimacy and rule of law.

Somali President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud:
“I condemn the coup attempt in Istanbul and Ankara. It is unacceptable to reverse the democratic path that the people of Turkey enjoyed in recent times. Somalia fully supports the government of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.”

Macedonia’s President Gjorge Ivanov:
“Macedonia and Turkey have a strategic partnership. We are glad that Turkey’s situation is returning to normal.”

Sri Lanka’s Ambassador to Turkey, Pakeer Mohideen Amza:
“Sri Lanka has condemned the recent coup attempt in the strongest terms and stands with the government of Turkey.”
Cities in which anti-coup protests were held

U.S. / Boston - Pennsylvania
Chicago
Germany / Berlin - Cologne
Azerbaijan / Baku
Australia - Melbourne
Austria - Vienna
Belgium - Brussels
Bosnia and Herzegovina - Sarajevo
Morocco

Palestine - Gaza City
France - Strasbourg
Italy - Milan
Sweden - Stockholm
Switzerland / UN Geneva - Zurich
Canada - Toronto
Qatar
Kosovo - Prizren
Libya - Tripoli

Lebanon - Beirut
Luxembourg
Hungary - Budapest
Macedonia - Skopje
Pakistan
Somalia
Syria - Azaz
Tunisia
Jordan - Amman
Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan speaks to CNN International’s Becky Anderson in a July 16 interview after the failure of the Fetullah Terrorist Organization’s attempted military coup. Erdogan says captured coup soldiers are now revealing the source of their instructions. “One of those who took our chief-of-staff hostage even went so far as to say: ‘Let’s put you in touch with our opinion leader, Fetullah Gulen.’”
Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yıldırım (at right) and the leader of the Republican People’s Party, Kemal Kılıçdaroğlu (at left), hold a joint press conference after a meeting at Cankaya Palace in Ankara, Turkey on July 19, 2016.

Kılıçdaroğlu said “I had some concerns and I expressed my concerns to Mr. Prime Minister. Especially I said the violent acts against rank and files who only listened to orders were not right and expressed that those [acts] needed to be investigated. It is our duty to resolve tension in society through cooperation,” Kılıçdaroğlu told reporters during the press conference.

“The [Turkish] society went through a serious trauma. We need to return to normal urgently,” Kılıçdaroğlu added, as Yıldırım thanked him for the show of support.
PM Yıldırım (at right) and leader of the Nationalist Movement Party (MHP), Devlet Bahçeli (at left), hold a joint press conference held the same day.

Bahçeli said Turkey was rid of a calamity with the coup attempt.

“There is relief in our society. Life goes on normally. As the MHP, we have once again expressed to Mr. Prime Minister that we will be with the efforts the government with our 40 deputies and the support we get from our people to remove all coup elements and make evaluations which will prevent such attempts in the future,” Bahçeli said.
Virtually all of the Turkish national media voices opposition to the coup bid and takes the side of democracy.
Almost 70,000 state workers suspended in wake of failed coup attempt.

69,779 state employees are suspended amid a nationwide operation aimed at eliminating FETO members from the state bureaucracy.

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2nd Army Commander Gen. Adem Huduti

3rd Army Commander Lt. Gen. Erdal Ozturk

Commander of Land Forces Training and Doctrine Command Lt. Gen. Metin Iyidil

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Chief of NATO Land Forces Command Staff Maj. Gen. Salih Sevil

Strategic Transformation Director Commander Maj. Mehmet Djl

Land Forces Transportation, Personnel and Training Commander Maj. Gen. Mustafa Itter
TURKISH TOP COMMANDER AIDE ADMITS GULEN ‘LOYALTY’

"I am a member of the parallel state, or FETO. I have served this community for years voluntarily. I have obeyed the orders and instructions of the big brothers exactly,” he confessed

Lieutenant Colonel Levent Turkkan, former aide of Chief of General Staff Hulusi Akar

- "MAIN PERPETRATOR"
  Lieutenant Colonel Levent Turkkan, former aide of Chief of Turkey’s General Staff Hulusi Akar, admitted to having links with FETO, which he said was the “main perpetrator” of coup attempt

- "THey Gave Me exam Answers"
  "I took the military school entrance exam in 1989. I was a bright student and was sure I would pass the exams by my own efforts. But the night before the exam, my 'big brothers' [FETO handlers] gave me the answers to the exam"

- "Big Brothers"
  "I continued to see my big brothers while in military school.

- "Eavesdropping"
  "I spied on [former] Chief of Staff Necdet Ozel all the time. I put a recording device in his room in the morning and took it back in the evening."

While under interrogation, Turkkan also provided information on how the Gulen movement was organized inside the Turkish military

“"I believe 60-70 percent of those people who have been accepted inside the armed forces since the 1990s are linked to Gulen"
Turkkan said he visited his brother to check whether he was aware of the military takeover, but failed to see him.

He told the prosecution that he met with other members of the movement in his brother’s home.

“When I asked them, they angrily told me, ‘How do you know? Who told you this? Did you tell anyone?’... They told me to keep quiet,” Turkkan said.

After the thwarted coup attempt, Turkkan said he surrendered to military officials who turned him in to the police.

Turkkan said he felt regret for taking part in the violent coup.

“Until the coup, I thought the Gulen movement was acting for God’s sake and Gulen himself had a spiritual identity,” Turkkan said.

“But now, I have realized what they really are. They [the members of FETO] are bloodthirsty. I have never seen Fetullah Gulen, but he is the same,” he said.

“I feel regret not only for taking part in this coup attempt, but also for becoming a member of the Fetullah Gulen movement,” he added.
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• Yalcin ARAN / Nigde / 1980 / Digger operator
• Haki ARAS / Ardahan / 1969 / Self-employed
• Mucip ARIGAN / Ankara / 1983 / Self-employed
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• Mehmet CETIN / Usak / 1977 / Police officer
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• Umit COBAN / Amasya / 1975 / Swimming coach
• Aydin COPUR / Ankara / 1989 / Industrial engineer
• Cuma DAG / Elazig / 1977 / Engineer
• Fatih DALGIC / Eskisehir / 1990 / Self-employed
• Cemal DEMIR / Samsun / 1949 / Tradesman
• Seyhmus DEMIR / Mardin / 1988 / Courier
• Muhammet Fazli DEMIR / Nevşehir / 1975 / Real-estate agent
• Faruk DEMIR / Elazig / 1965 / Police officer
• Mehmet DEMIR / Gaziantep / 1985 / Police officer
• Murat DEMIRCI / Istanbul / 1977 / Laborer
• Sumer DENIZ / Sivas / 1974 / Tradesman
• Necmi Bahadir DENIZCIOGLU / Ankara / 1966 / Self-employed
• Erdem DIKER / Tokat / 1986 / Self-employed
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Turkish police return fire at pro-coup soldiers at the Turkish National Defense Ministry in Ankara.

Anti-coup protesters stand up against soldiers at Istanbul’s Taksim Square as coup attempt unfolds.
Citizens block pro-coup armored personnel carrier in Ankara’s Kizilay Square.

Anti-coup protesters resist pro-coup soldier in Istanbul’s Taksim Square.
Citizens -- after being subject to gunfire -- stand up to pro-coup troops in armored personnel carrier in Ankara’s Kizilay Square.

Protesters stage demonstration in front of Turkish Parliament in Ankara as pro-coup tank passes by.
Citizens gather in Ankara’s Kizilay Square, protesting coup attempt and blocking putschist tanks.

Citizens converge on Istanbul’s Ataturk Airport to protest coup bid.
A man lies in the path of oncoming tanks as pro-coup forces enter Ankara’s Kızılay Square.

Anti-coup protesters overwhelm soldier in Istanbul’s Taksim Square.
Turkish news anchor Tijen Karakas at headquarters of national broadcaster TRT, where she was forced to read a declaration issued by the coup plotters in which they claimed to have taken control of the country. This image was captured after police recovered the state broadcaster from pro-coup forces in Ankara.

A Leopard tank drives over a line of cars that had attempted to block its path in Ankara.
Citizens stand up to pro-coup troops in armored personnel carrier in Ankara’s Kızılay Square. The same troops had opened fire on the crowds shortly before.

Two protesters wave flags while standing on top of a pro-coup military vehicle as crowds demonstrate against coup attempt in Turkey’s southern province of Mersin.
Pro-coup gendarmerie troops walk shirtless after being taken into custody by police. Nearly 200 soldiers holed up at the Gendarmerie General Command were detained once the coup was put down.

Following the putschists’ surrender, police and protesters stand on pro-coup tanks which had blocked the Bosphorus Bridge.
Police detain soldiers clad in civilian clothes at the Akinci Airbase near Ankara, which was used as a base by the coup plotters.

The main gate of the Police Special Operations Center in Golbasi, Ankara after being hit in an airstrike during the attempted coup.
The damaged facade of police headquarters in Ankara following an aerial attack carried out during coup attempt.

A heavily damaged section of the Turkish parliament, which was struck by an F-16 fighter jet during the failed military coup.
Heavily damaged sections of the Turkish parliament in the wake of the failed coup.
Workers survey the damage to parliament the day after the coup bid.
Turkish Military Academy Dean Brig. Gen. Kerim Acar (at center) is seen in custody at Ankara Police HQ’s counter-terrorism branch.

General Staff Command and Control and Air Rocket Defense Commander Brig. Gen. Mehmet Arif Pazarlıoğlu in custody at Ankara Police Headquarters following the coup attempt.
People gather at Ataturk Airport to express opposition to coup attempt.

Several judges and prosecutors with suspected links to the coup attempt being taken into custody by police in Turkey’s southern province of Mersin.
President Erdogan addresses crowds outside his residence in Istanbul’s Kisikli district days after the failed coup attempt.

Citizens gather to protest the coup attempt in Izmir’s Konak Square.
Citizens gather to protest the coup attempt at Istanbul’s Atatürk Airport.

Citizens in Turkey’s city of Sivas gather to protest the coup attempt.
Anti-coup protesters and police stand on armored military vehicle in Istanbul.

Anti-coup protesters and police wave Turkish flags while standing on an armored military vehicle as crowds demonstrate against coup.
State of emergency and martial law do not mean the same thing. "The purpose of the state of emergency is to most effectively and swiftly take steps necessary to eliminate the threat to democracy in our country, the rule of law, and the rights and freedom of our citizens," President Erdogan said. During the state of emergency, any restriction on fundamental rights and freedoms will be out of the question.

**When is a state of emergency declared?**

- According to the Turkish Constitution, a state of emergency can be declared for a maximum period of six months when serious indications of widespread violence that threatens the free democratic environment -- or the basic rights and freedoms established by the constitution -- appear, or when the public order comes under threat due to acts of violence.

**How long does a state of emergency last?**

- The parliament may alter the duration of the state of emergency and extend the period for a maximum of four months each time at the request of the cabinet, or it may lift it completely. The cabinet chaired by the President can issue decrees that apply to areas where the state of emergency requires him to do so. These decrees are published in the official gazette and submitted to the parliament for approval.

**Does the state of emergency mean martial law?**

- State of emergency and martial law do not mean the same thing. In the state of emergency, authority remains with the civilian administration while under martial law it is given to the military. President Erdogan announced that the Turkish Armed Forces would remain under the command of civilian governors and would continue to carry out their usual duties during the state of emergency. He also underlined that during the state of emergency any restriction on fundamental rights and freedoms would be out of the question.

**What measures can be taken in a state of emergency?**

- According to the State of Emergency Law, carrying or transferring any kind of weapons or ammunition can be banned. In addition, keeping, preparing, making or transferring any kind of armament, bomb, explosive or radioactive material can be banned. Moreover, any kind of device or tool that could be used to make such materials can be seized.

**How is coordination ensured during a state of emergency?**

- If the state of emergency is declared in a province, responsibility and authority will go to the governor of that province. If the state of emergency covers more than one province, a single governor will be given authority over the region in which the emergency has been applied.
In the wake of the failed coup bid, President Erdogan announced a nationwide three-month state of emergency.

Speaking at the Presidential Complex in Ankara after back-to-back National Security Council and Cabinet meetings -- the first since the coup attempt -- Erdogan said the state of emergency was being declared under Article 120 of the Turkish Constitution.

Under Article 120, in the event of serious indications of widespread acts of violence aimed at the destruction of the free democratic order, a state of emergency may be declared in one or more regions -- or throughout the country -- for a period not exceeding six months.

“The purpose of the state of emergency is to most effectively and swiftly take the steps necessary to eliminate the threat to democracy in our country, the rule of law, and the rights and freedom of our citizens,” Erdogan said.

The president said the move was aimed at “eliminating the coup-plotting terrorist group” in reference to the Fetullah Terrorist Organization (FETO).

Speaking words of reassurance to the Turkish people, the president said: “Never be worried. There is nothing to worry about.”

He said it was “out of the question” for the armed forces to seize power. “Quite the contrary, the authority and will of the [civilian] leaders will be strengthened.”

“We will never compromise on democracy,” he added.

Erdogan blasted ratings agency Standard & Poor’s downgrade of Turkey’s main sovereign rating in the wake of the failed coup, saying the move was politically motivated.

“Why are you even interested in Turkey?” he asked. “Don’t ever try to mess with us.”
In 2013, S&P failed to reach a rating agreement with the Turkish Treasury. Since then, it has only issued an unpaid, unsolicited assessment.

The Treasury has deals with other international rating agencies, including Fitch and Moody’s, both of which maintained the country’s investment-grade rating following the failed coup attempt.

The president said Turkey was still committed to moving ahead with infrastructure projects and would continue its program of economic reform.

Erdogan said that S&P’s assessment did not reflect the realities of the Turkish economy, which grew by 4.8 percent in the first quarter of 2016 compared to the same period last year.

The president went on to vow that Turkey would maintain fiscal discipline. “Turkey will continue its economic reforms without any interruption....There is no liquidity problem,” he said.

After declaring the state of emergency, Erdogan later addressed the crowds assembled in public squares across the country via video conferencing.

Erdogan first addressed the public in the central Anatolian city of Konya before connecting with the southeastern city of Sanliurfa online from Ankara.

He said the state of emergency was not martial law, stressing the move was intended to “purge terror members from state institutions and better practice democracy”.

“The state of emergency is a process of empowering governors. The Turkish Armed Forces will serve the governors in the provinces and work with them. There is no limitation on fundamental rights and freedoms during a state of emergency. We guarantee this,” he added.

Prime Minister Binali Yildirim tweeted: “This [state of emergency] decision will not effect the daily life of our people; rather, it is intended to enhance the proper and swift functioning of state mechanisms.”

Yildirim also reiterated his call to citizens to not leave the streets.

Deputy Prime Minister Numan Kurtulmus, for his part, told reporters in Ankara: “The conditions of the state of emergency will only be used for fighting the [FETO-led] parallel structure.”

In addition, a National Security Council and Cabinet statement asserted: “Our body has once again confirmed its commitment to democracy, fundamental rights and freedoms, and the rule of law. The steps to be taken later were also discussed.”

The statement added that the state of emergency had been declared in order to protect “citizens’ rights and freedoms, our democracy, and the rule of law”.

Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu tweeted: “The state of emergency is definitely not opposed to democracy, the law, or freedoms; it is aimed at protecting and reinforcing these values.”

Speaking to Anadolu Agency, Interior Minister Efkan Ala said the decision would not have any negative effects on the everyday lives of Turkey’s citizens.

“No one need worry about it,” he said. “The state of emergency will accelerate Turkey’s fight against terrorism.”
President Erdogan meets with AK Party leader and Prime Minister Binali Yildirim (at right), Republican People’s Party leader Kemal Kilicdaroglu (2nd from left) and Nationalist Movement Party leader Devlet Bahceli (at left) at Presidential Complex.
A total of 36 soldiers have so far been arrested, who were involved in an attempt to assassinate President Erdogan during the July 15 failed coup.

Over 17 days, every inch of a 50-kilometer area -- covering Mugla’s Icmeler, Akkaya, Akcapinar and Sirinkoy neighborhoods -- was combed for the would-be-assassins.

President Erdogan departed for Istanbul after being alerted about the coup attempt and narrowly escaped an assassination on the evening of the failed coup.

A helicopter was reportedly flying above the hotel in the Marmaris district of Mugla where Erdogan was on a one-week holiday.

A group of masked soldiers, who carried heavy weapons, later stepped out of the helicopter and targeted the president.

Two police officers, Nedip Cengiz Eker and Mehmet Cetin, were martyred as they fought against the pro-coup soldiers outside the hotel.

Operations were launched with the purpose of capturing the pro-coup soldiers involved.

This infographic was updated as of August 1, 2016.
Pro-coup soldiers are detained after targeting hotel in Marmaris at which President Erdogan had stayed earlier.
Pro-coup soldiers are detained after targeting hotel in Marmaris at which President Erdogan had stayed earlier.
Most schools linked to Fetullah Gulen are located in the states of Texas, Ohio and California.

Gulen, who has been based in the U.S. since 1999, earns about $500 million a year from these schools.

**U.S. STATES IN WHICH FETO SCHOOLS CAN BE FOUND**

- Arizona: 7 schools
- California: 11 schools
- Florida: 8 schools
- Illinois: 4 schools
- Missouri: 3 schools
- New Jersey: 6 schools
- New York: 5 schools
- Ohio: 30 schools
- Oklahoma: 4 schools
- Pennsylvania: 3 schools
- Texas: 46 schools

FETO runs around 140 schools in the U.S.

Nearly 60,000 students study at FETO schools.

Schools generate about $500 million in revenue per year.
FETO has a broad network in most countries in the western Balkan region, particularly in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

**ALBANIA**
FETO began its activities in Albania in 1993 when it established the Gulistan Foundation.

- In capital Tirana, it runs three schools and two major universities, Epoka and Beder, and two elementary schools in cities of Shkodër and Durrës.
- FETO’ s Horizantet e Reja group functions as a non-governmental organization.
- FETO runs Albania’s most prestigious preschool education institution called Meridian.
- Gulen writes books published by a company called Prism.
- In 1994, FETO set up the Sema Foundation, which runs Islamic education facilities in five provinces.
- The website that features Gulen’s articles in Albanian is called fgulen.com/al.

**BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**
Sema Educational Institutions were established in 1998.

- Schools affiliated with FETO in Bosnia and Herzegovina include four preschools, five elementary schools, five high schools and one university (Burch University).
- In the tourism sector, the well-known company Fidan organizes tours to Turkey for public employees.
- Gulen’s books are available in Bosnian through the Hikmet Publications company.

**MACEDONIA**
Gulen operates schools called Yahya Kemal in five provinces.

- In Macedonia FETO also manages grocery store chains such as EVAR. It operates Sedef language schools, the Basak tourism agency, and Rainbow transport firm.
- Weekly periodical, the Macedonia Zaman, is a leading news source in the country.
- Foundations such as Tolerance and Safak are in charge of student dormitories.

**KOSOVO**
In Kosovo, the organization has two affiliated organizations, Gulistan Education Centers and the Atmosphere Foundation, which help FETO run schools in four provinces.

**SERBIA**
FETO runs Beyza Elementary Schools in capital Belgrade and one cultural center in the city of Novi Sad, as well as two associations in the southwestern city of Novi Pazar.

**MONTENEGRO**
FETO runs a language school in capital Podgorica and a student dormitory in the city of Rozaje.
FETULLAH TERRORIST ORGANIZATION (FETO) STRUCTURING IN GERMANY

Germany is among the countries where FETO carries out significant activities through dozens of private schools, business associations and media organizations.

- FETO has been active in Germany since the early 1990s

**SCHOOLS**

- Private schools are run by associations such as BIL-Schulen and TÜDESB

**CIVIL SOCIETY**

- The Dialogue and Education Foundation, founded in 2014, engages in lobbying and public relations work for FETO
- The Association of German Dialogue institutions is an umbrella group for a number of FETO-linked groups

**EDUCATION**

**MEDIA**

- FETO’s media interests in Germany operate the World Media Group
  - TV: Pey Media
  - Marketing: Tuwa Media
  - Printing and distribution: Sun Print and Vertriebs
  - Publishing: Zukunft Medien and World Media Academy

**NEWSPAPERS**: Zaman Europe is published six times a week

**BUSINESS**

- The Federal Association of Entrepreneurs includes small- and medium-sized businesses linked to FETO
A total of 1,684 military personnel were dismissed from the Turkish military following the July 15 coup attempt. The Turkish Coast Guard and Gendarmerie General Command were brought under the control of the Interior Ministry in line with a decree imposing a state of emergency.

**PERSONNEL DISCHARGED FROM MILITARY AFTER COUP BID**

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President Erdogan approves Supreme Military Council decisions


Deputy Chief of General Staff Gen. Yasar Guler was appointed the new Gendarmerie Commander, while Guler’s previous post went to former First Army Commander Gen. Umit Dundar. Gen. Musa Avsever was made First Army Commander, while Gen. Ismail Metin Temel was made Second Army Commander. Third Army Commander Gen. Ismail Serdar Savas and Aegean Army Commander Gen. Abdullah Recep also kept their posts.

Gen. Hasan Kucukakyuz was appointed Commander of Combatant Air Force and Air Missile Defense Command and Gen. Tahir Bekiroglu was appointed Commander of Land Forces Training and Doctrine Command. All of the Supreme Military Council’s decisions were approved by President Erdogan on July 28.
Turkey coup attempt: Erdoğan demands US arrest exiled cleric Gülen amid crackdown on army - as it happened.
This book gives a complete account of the events of July 15-16 2016, when the most brutal coup attempt in Turkey’s history was made by the Fethullah Terrorist Organization (FETO), as witnessed by Anadolu Agency’s reporters and photojournalists. Data used in the chronology part of the book is based on the news stories published by AA on July 15 and 16.

Aside from a step-by-step account of events, the book includes striking pictures and Anadolu Agency infographics (updated on August 1) detailing the Turkish nation’s firm resistance against the July 15 coup attempt, a day that will henceforth be remembered in Turkey as "Democracy Day."