

Dear Respected Rector,

Although our countries, our languages and our cultures are different, we are tied by shared values of humanity, and moreover we are scholars. We do not have difficulty in understanding one another. We are one of the universities of the Republic of Turkey. We love our country, our nation and humanity. We want to earn the distinction of adding new value to our country and humanity through the universal scientific method. However, relying on the shared trust of our being stakeholders with you, I want to share, from an objective perspective, the inside story of the coup attempt that our country lived through on 15 July 2016.

The Republic of Turkey was founded on 29 October 1923 under the leadership of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk upon the destruction of the Ottoman State. The basic concepts of the advanced civilized countries, "republicanism, secularism, democracy, rights, law and liberty" are the basic concepts of our constitution. We are governed by the governments that came to the work of the national will on the basis of democratic rules. Our goal is always to "reach the level of contemporary civilization."

However, on 27 May 1960, a military government was established by overthrowing the civilian government in a military coup. The Prime Minister at the time, Adnan Menderes and two ministers were executed. Within a short period, democracy returned, and we were governed by governments founded with the will of the nation.

- ***Ten years later, this time on 12 March 1971, as the result of a military memorandum, there was an intervention in the government. As a country, we overcame the problem.***
- ***Again ten years later on 12 September 1980, this time, too, we came face to face with a military coup. All parties, associations, were shut down. Our people were deprived of democracy.***
- ***While it can be said that our nation once more was successful in passing to a democratic administration, this time in 28 February 1997, our people were again subjected to military intervention. As with every coup, our nation appropriated democracy and did not abandon the road of civilization or their values.***
- ***Finally, on 15 July 2016, our nation and state confronted a coup attempt before the eyes of the world.***

15 July 2016: THE INNER REALITY OF THE LAST COUP

Of course, we do not want to propound on the history of our country. However, while busy with the PKK terror organization founded thirty years ago and in its wake, with the terror of Al-Qaida and The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL)

as well as with the sheltering and security of 3,000,000 people from Syria seeking refuge, our nation and state were again subjected to a military coup on 15 July 2016.

The Components of the Coup

- **In the first moments, although they wanted to seize the State by bombing the front court of the Presidency Tower of the Republic of Turkey, by capturing the Turkish Radio and Television Corporation (TRT), by taking hostage the Chief of the General Staff and the Force Commanders and by firing weapons at the people, they were unable to be successful.**
- **In the evening of Friday, 15 July 2016, upon President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan's calling our nation to public squares to protect democracy, on CNN and other television channels, our nation poured into the streets and public squares, and until morning they showed their courage in clashing with the armed putschists.**
- **In the end, the coup was disposed of by the undertaking of 249 martyrs, 2,196 ghazis and countless citizens. 30% of our martyrs and 24% of our ghazis were educated with bachelor or master's degrees. With respect, we remember them in that in the course of the struggle, the students and academicians from our universities, too, died staying under the tanks and the bombs dropped by planes.**

Those who did this and who had it done, the ones who are now being tried in the courts, are Fethullah Terrorist Organization (FETO) members. Since fifty years ago, Fethullah Gülen, the ringleader of the organization, a so-called clergyman, has gained a reputation with the motto of raising the so-called "golden generation" in social life by exploiting the important values of other religions and the religion of Islam such as love, peace, brotherhood, tolerance, dialogue and service, and he has infiltrated the state system. For this reason, Fethullah Gülen,

- in a process that could not be deciphered by anyone, by opening schools and private universities that teach positive sciences, with the image of education and volunteerism and by obtaining material benefits by exploiting religion and donations from business people under the name of donations,
- by means of their supporters whom they "innocently" placed in the state system, they made thousands more of their supporters civil servants by infiltrating civil service recruitment and then by tithing their salaries,
- by establishing schools in various countries to establish an international organization, by obtaining media and lobbying institutions,
- by establishing a GSM line called ByLock (a cryptographic messaging app) to manage everything on the instructions of the leader and to be used only by the members of the group,

- by committing fraud in entrance examinations to military schools, universities, and the judiciary, Fethullah Gülen, with an infiltration method the equal and like of which has rarely been encountered anywhere else, embedded in the state for his organization, militants of the organization and individuals who would hold the power of state, such as teachers, academicians, officers, police, members of the judiciary, and those who are now known to be putschists and whom he named "imam".

DEMOCRACIES MUST ALL SURVIVE!

Dear Respected Rector

Today, we want that this unprecedented threat carried out against our democracy not be directed against another democracy, for example your country as well. For this reason, we write this letter so that a picture of the true face of this organization will reach you.

It has been a year since the coup attempt. The members of this organization outside our country continue their propaganda against our country by managing perception and distorting the facts.

Our wish and hope is that you who are our colleagues, will be able to give a critical look at the lies and deceptions of this organization. In the administration of the Republic of Turkey, we have a government that came in a democratic election, and a legitimate constitutional order is sovereign.

Our university will strive to continue and strengthen cooperation with you.

With our respects,

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