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**THE SO-CALLED COUP THAT SERVES AS A
JUSTIFICATION FOR THE COMPLETE CONVERSION
OF A COUNTRY'S ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEM AS
WELL AS A JUSTIFICATION FOR THE VICTIMIZATION
OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS**

The date of July 15, 2016 has become, without a doubt, **one of the most significant turning points in the history of the Republic of Turkey** and thus calls for extensive discourse and deliberation. July 15 is truly such a bizarre incident, one that has been **personally described by the alleged July 15 victim (!) President and General Director of the Justice and Development (AK) Party, Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdogan, as being a "blessing from God"** one bizarre incident that has been used as justification—by way of taking advantage of the atmosphere of coup and terror—to **establish a one-man regime** by seizing control of the government, the Turkish Grand National Assembly, and all other democratic institutions, and as justification to build a kind of dynasty through the appointing of family members to administrative positions; one truly bizarre incident of which the clearing of speculations surrounding it have been hindered by its "victim" (!) himself. Despite the fact that **many questions wait to be answered** surrounding this ominous incident that has cost hundreds of thousands of people their homes and their jobs, tens of thousands of people their freedom and hundreds of people their very lives, **an ominous incident that has been used as a justification to completely transform the administrative system of an entire country**, the beginning of a period of oppression and tyranny that has continued for years on end, and the fact that these sought out answers continue to be covered up persistently, this project has been put together and presented for your consideration, bearing the thoughts that finding and **presenting the contradictions and oddities** that have surfaced will be beneficial in both understanding the truth behind July 15 as well as recording it down as history. Hoping that the dark clouds and curtains of fog be lifted as soon as possible, and that the victimizations being carried out under the excuse of July 15 finally come to an end.



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• A Coup With No Plan of Action

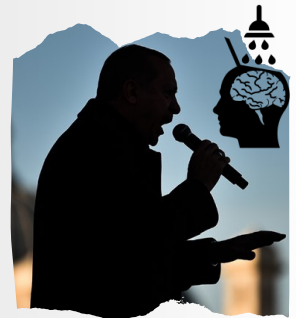
Every coup has a certain plan of action, yet so far no official document has been presented as to the plan of action regarding the July 15 coup attempt or the list of individuals involved with the Yurtta Sulh (Peace in the Fatherland) Council, which has been alleged to have masterminded the coup. In order for a coup to be successful, the following needs to be specified; the plan of action, the team of individuals who will carry out the plan of action, and the chain of command by which the plan will be executed. However, in the case of July 15 none of these are present.

https://stockholmcf.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/15_July_Erdogans_Coup_13.07.2017.pdf (syf. 11)

• "Blessing From God"

On the night of July 15, after the coup attempt had been suppressed, Erdogan described the incident as a "blessing from God". He was implying that he had found the opportunity to carry out the purge which he had been wanting to carry out but was unable to on account of the law. Through a purge operation which was initiated the very next morning, tens of thousands of people were arrested. Over 100,000 civil service employees and public servants were dismissed from their jobs.

http://www.cumhuriyet.com.tr/haber/turkiye/644388/_Allah_in_buyuk_lutfu_.html



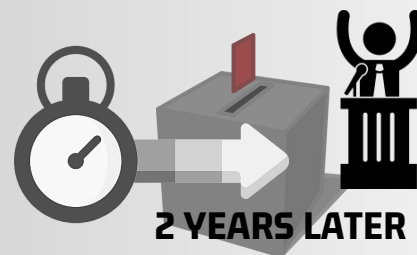
• Step by Step Towards a Presidential Regime

Following July 15, the Turkish-style presidential system was established. While the Turkish people had been in opposition to this system prior to the coup attempt—as indicated by public opinion polls — after July 15, things had turned around completely. Within a time period of less than a year, a referendum for constitutional change was held and the new Turkish-style presidential system was put into effect. And 2 years after the coup attempt, Erdogan became the first president of the new regime through early elections. He now had consolidated all authority at the tip of his very fingers.

<https://www.haberturk.com/gundem/haber/1314879-kilicdaroglu-baskanlik-sistemi-15-temmuz-sehitlerine-ihanettir>



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2 YEARS LATER PRESIDENCY



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• Calling People to the Streets, Instead of Suppressing Coup Attempt

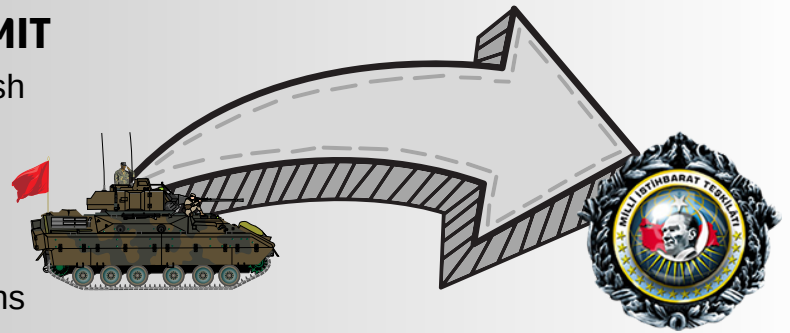


Izmir Chief Public Prosecutor Okan Bato stated that, on the day of July 15 at 3:00pm, he had notified Erdogan of the preparations for the coup. However, Erdogan took no action whatsoever to suppress the coup attempt. If, after being notified beforehand of the planned coup attempt, Erdogan had taken action to prevent the coup instead of calling on the people to go out into the streets, the 250 individuals (killed on that day) would be alive today.

<http://www.tr724.com/maskeli-darbe-249-nsanin-asil-katili-kim-yazi-dizisi-7/>

• Coup Notice from the TSK to the MIT

A major (Osman Karacan) in the TSK [Turkish Armed Forces] went to the MIT [National Intelligence Organization] headquarters on July 15 at 2:20pm to give notice about the planned coup. Yet, from that hour until nighttime around 10:00pm no real precautions were taken to prevent or suppress the coup.



<http://www.tr724.com/kurgu-kontrollu-darbe-ihbarci-binbasi-2-yildir-mite-calisiyormus-ismi-de-farkliyimis/>

• Chief of MIT and Chief of Defense Are Still in Office

Chief of the National Intelligence Organization (MIT) of Turkey Hakan Fidan, Chief of Defense Hulusi Akar and 2nd Chief of Defense Yaşar Güler, held a series of meetings at the Chief of Defense Headquarters following the notice they had received regarding the planned coup. They have stated that around 7:00pm that evening they called Erdogan, could not reach him and thus they notified his Head Bodyguard Muhsin Köse. So far Erdogan has not removed either Hakan Fidan, Hulusi Akar, or Muhsin Köse from their positions.

<http://www.tr724.com/cumhurbaskanligi-koruma-muduru-zan-altinda-sefer-can/>






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• Conflicting Explanations from Erdogan Regarding Time of Coup

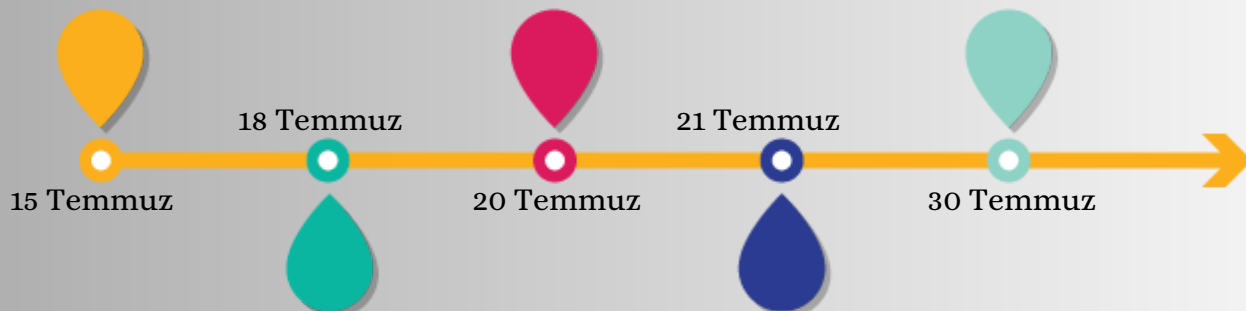
President Erdogan, while speaking of when he first became aware of the coup attempt, continuously made reference to different hours of the day. On the night of July 15 he said, "In the afternoon, unfortunately, there was a certain restlessness present within our armed forces." On July 18, during an interview he gave to CNN International, he said, "I was notified that night around 8:00pm." On July 20, when speaking to Al-Jazeera, he used the expression, "My brother-in-law notified me around 8:00pm." On July 21, to Reuters, he explained, "My brother-in-law called me around 4:00–4:30pm and said to me there's some kind of commotion going on around Beylerbeyi." Whereas, in fact, the starting hours of the commotion in Istanbul Beylerbeyi where the coup attempt first broke out was around 9:30pm. And on July 30, during a joint broadcast between ATV and A Haber, he said, "We heard of something starting up that day around 9:15pm. My brother-in-law called me up at 9:30pm." The fact that Erdogan gave so many conflicting explanations regarding such a specific matter raised a question mark in people's minds.

http://www.cumhuriyet.com.tr/foto/foto_galeri/575077/9/Darbe_girisimini_ne_zaman_ogrendi__Erdogan_in_sozlerindeki_saat_farkliliklari.html

"I learned about it in the afternoon."

"My BROTHER-IN-LAW told me about it around 8:00pm at night."

"We heard of something starting up around 9:15pm. My brother-in-law called me at 9:30pm."



"I was notified around 8:00pm at night."

"My brother-in-law called around 4:00–4:30 and said 'There's some kind of commotion around Beylerbeyi.'"



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• **Controlled Coup**

It was discovered that Erdoğan had been notified of the coup attempt before the actual execution and even though he could have taken action to prevent the coup from happening, he chose not to. In a report put together by Turkey's main opposition party CHP in June 2017, July 15 was described as a "controlled coup". In other words, Erdoğan, rather than preventing the coup—of which he had been aware of beforehand—allowed it to be carried out in a controlled manner and, afterwards, used the aftermath to his advantage.

<https://www.bbc.com/turkce/haberler-turkiye-39478777>



• **Planes on Standby for Escape**

It was discovered that Erdoğan had arranged for 4 different airplanes at 4 different locations near Marmaris to be on standby that night. In addition to the airplane in Dalaman which Erdoğan was using, there were airplanes ready for use in Denizli, Izmir, and Aydin. In order for these airplanes to have been ready for potential flight that night, they would have to have been notified at least by 5:00pm that evening. The fact that Erdoğan had made such arrangements beforehand is another indicator that he had been aware of the planned coup attempt. In that case, again, the question arises of why he did not take action to suppress the uprising within the military.

<http://aktifhaber.com/15-temmuz/15-temmuzda-hazir-bekleyen-dort-ucak-h98846.html>



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• Chief of Defense Hulusi Akar Who Failed to Prevent the Coup Becomes Head of Ministry of Defense, How So?

In a confidential statement given to the Ankara 14th High Criminal Court on March 17, 2017, the Special Forces Commander of the time Zekai Aksakallı said, "Inside the Turkish Armed Forces, when times of crises and states of emergency arise, as soon as any notification is received, the orders that 'personnel cannot leave their post' is given. Commanding officers continue their duties at their given posts. This fundamental and simple principle applied in every instance was, however, not put into practice on July 15, 2016, when the first notification was received. If it had been put into effect, the coup attempt would have come to light from the very beginning." In other words, he advocated that the coup could have been prevented had these orders been delivered. The Chief of Defense of the time, Hulusi Akar, failed to give these orders. Despite this fact, President Erdogan called him a "hero" and had the people applaud him during an AKP rally. Not only did he not dismiss Akar from his position, he appointed Akar to be the Minister of Defense as part of the first presidential cabinet formed after the early elections of June 24, 2018.

<http://www.aljazeera.com.tr/haber/aksakalli-kural-uygulansa-darbe-girisimi-bastan-aciga-cikardi>

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- **Secret Meetings A Day Before the Coup**

It was discovered that Akar, Chief of Defense, and Fidan, Chief of MIT (National Intelligence Organization), held a one-on-one confidential meeting that lasted four hours, a day before the coup. It was also found out that, following this long meeting, Fidan and Special Forces Commander Zekai Aksakallı also held a one-on-one confidential meeting that lasted about an hour. The fact that these three names played the most critical role during the coup that took place the very next day raises quite a bit of suspicion.

https://stockholmcf.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/15-Temmuz-Erdogan%C4%B1n-darbesi_05.07.2017.pdf

- **"I Received the Orders to Reinforce the Chief of Defense Forces From Zekai Aksakallı"**

In the fourth court hearing of the trials held for the cases of the 221 defendants regarding actions taken within the Chief of Defense forces during the course of the July 15 coup attempt, Staff Colonel Fırat Alakuş, in his defense, stated that he had personally received the orders to "reinforce the Chief of Defense forces in case of any potential actions certain terrorist organizations may take" from Special Forces Commander Zekai Aksakallı. Alakuş said, "I was assigned the duty by Special Forces Commander Zekai Aksakallı himself. As for the details of the assignment, I was told that I would be receiving them from Colonel ümit Bak."

<https://www.cnnturk.com/turkiye/genelkurmay-baskaninin-urkutucu-dedigi-darbeci-komutan-konustu>



"Reinforce the Chief of Defense forces in case of any potential actions certain terrorist organizations may take"





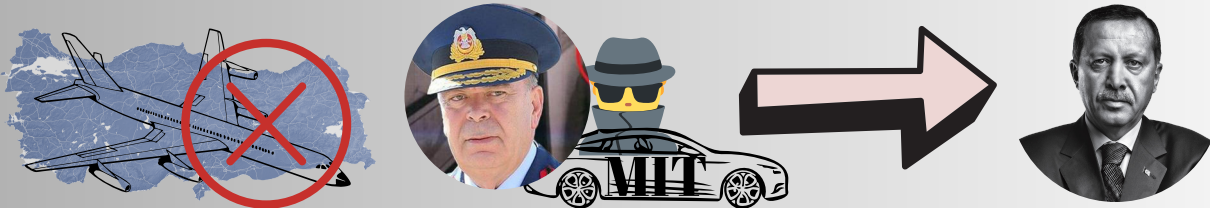
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- **Air Forces Commander not Notified of The Ban on Flights, Could It be Related to the Secret Meeting at the Palace?**

Although Akar, Chief of Defense, put a ban on all military flights/missions throughout the country as of 7:00pm, neither the Air Forces Commander nor the Naval Forces Commander were notified of this ban. It was discovered that the then Air Forces Commander Abidin ünal had been secretly visiting the palace of President Erdoğan using a vehicle belonging to MIT and holding secret meetings there from the month of April prior to the coup onwards. Not only did Abidin ünal fail to take any sort of action to prevent a coup from taking place on the night of July 15, but also he did not allow any preventive measures to be carried out.

<http://www.shaber3.com/abidin-unal-gizlice-erdogan-a-gitti-haberi/1320819/>



- **Erdoğan Did Not Allow an Investigation**

The TBMM (Turkish Grand National Assembly) July 15 Investigation Commission wanted to listen to the testimonies of Chief of Defense Hulusi Akar and MIT Chief Hakan Fidan. However, President Erdoğan did not allow either of the names to appear in front of the commission. Akar and Fidan were not able to stand in front of the commission and answer their questions.

<https://twitter.com/15temmuzgercegi/status/1018414216288407552>





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- **Fethullah Gulen: “Let an international commission investigate the coup and we will accept its findings.”**

In multiple interviews, including the New York Times, Financial Times, Sky News, and The Guardian, Fethullah Gulen said “If there are allegations that I directed this coup attempt, let an international commission investigate it and we will accept its findings.”

<https://t24.com.tr/haber/fethullah-gulen-uluslararasi-bir-komisyon-darbeyi-arastirsin-sonucunu-simdiden-kabul-ediyoruz,350385>



- **Events Not Yet Taken Place Written into the July 15 Official Report, How Did That Happen?**

It was discovered that the official report for July 15 prepared by Serdar Coşkun, the Constitutional Order Attorney General of the time, contained written reports of events that would take place at a later date written as though they had taken place at the time of the written record. The official report had been written up at 01:00am yet it contained the records of events such as the bombing of the TBMM (Turkish Grand National Assembly), the bombing of the Presidential Palace intersection, and the air raid at the Ankara Police Headquarters none of which at that point in time had taken place. Moreover, these incidents had not even taken place in the way in which they were described in the report. What's even more is the fact that events which never even took place were recorded as though they had actually happened.

<http://www.tr724.com/savci-15-temmuzu-sarsacak-belgeyi-dogruladi-o-gece-olaylar-yasanmadan-tutanaklarda-yazilmis/>





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• Purge Lists Prepared Early On

Attorney General Serdar Coşkun admitted that the first cases of individuals being taken into custody and being arrested on July 16 were carried out based on the official report of the events. For instance, he gave orders to have approximately 3,000 judges and prosecutors to be arrested. However, on July 16 there was no evidence to support the allegations that the said 3,000 judges and prosecutors had been involved in the coup. No evidence to that effect was found later on either. The purge lists had been prepared in advance. And they were put into effect right after the coup attempt. In the morning of July 16, at 01:00am, only three hours after the military insurrection had started, 2,745 judges and prosecutors were dismissed from their duties. The official report prepared by Attorney General Serdar Coşkun was also written up at the same time that night, 01:00am.

<https://www.ahmetdonmez.net/iste-serdar-coskunun-skandal-tutanaktan-sonraki-ilk-talimati/>

🕒 01.00 AM ON THE NIGHT OF JULY 15 3,000 JUDGES DISMISSED FROM DUTY



• MIT conspiracy towards Akin Öztürk?

It was discovered that MIT official and retired soldier Sadık Üstün, close friend of MIT Chief Hakan Fidan since the time they met during their time serving in the TSK (Turkish Armed Forces), had called up certain commanders and told them that the number 1 role in the coup would be General Akin Öztürk. It was discovered that at that time Akin Öztürk, who had—as later discovered—been assigned to the Akıncılar Base by Air Force Commander Abidin Ünal, was still in his home. It was discovered that Sadık üstün had been working together with Air Force Commander Abidin Ünal.

<https://www.ahmetdonmez.net/mitci-sadik-ustun-savci-serdar-coskunu-da-aradi-mi/>





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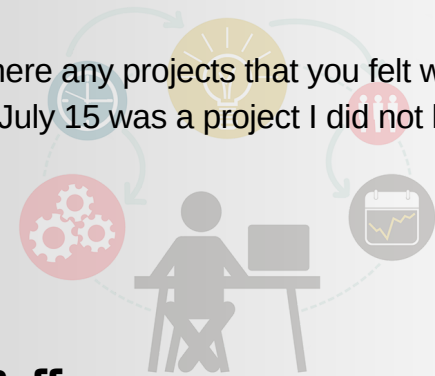
- **Binali Yıldırım: A Project I Disliked, July 15**

When Yıldırım was asked by a group of journalists, "Were there any projects that you felt were a bit too demanding?", his reply, in a sarcastic tone, was, " Well, July 15 was a project I did not like at all."

<https://twitter.com/15temmuzgercegi/status/1018538384736714754>



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- **"So-called Coup" Explanation from Andrew Duff**

Former European Parliament representative and well-known politician Andrew Duff made the following statements regarding the report written by July 15 public prosecutor Serdar Coşkun, "We have finally figured out how Erdoğan was able to exploit this so-called coup in such a quick and relentless manner. This report shows us that certain incidents were prepared beforehand, ERDOĞAN allowed for the insurrection to be carried out in a controlled manner and afterwards put his own version of a constitutional coup into action."

<https://www.ahmetdonmez.net/andrew-duff-savci-coskunun-tutanagi-bazi-seylerin-oncesinden-hazirlendigini-gosteriyor/>



"QUICK AND RELENTLESS SO-CALLED COUP"

- **What Kind of Connection Does the Religious Affairs Council have with MIT?**

It was discovered that on the night of July 15, Moaz al-Khatib, the man Erdoğan wants to see as the leader of Syria, and the President of the Religious Affairs Council, Görmez, were also present at the MIT headquarters.

<https://odatv.com/gormezen-sonra-sira-fidan-ve-akarda-mi-2707171200.html>







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INJUSTICE AND PURGE UNDER THE PRETEXT OF JULY 15 - SO-CALLED COUP ATTEMPT -

-  **249** people lost their lives
-  **612,347** people were investigated
-  **160,000** people were arrested
-  **152,000** state officials were arrested
-  **62,669** political prisoners were charged with terrorist activity
-  **7,907** incidents of human rights violations
-  **3,502** victims were subjected to torture and ill treatment
-  **686** torture incidents occurred during detention
-  **51** prisoners died in suspicious circumstances
-  **69,301** students were incarcerated (highest number of students incarcerated at any given time in the history of the country)
-  **2,767** children, aged 12 - 18, were imprisoned
-  **197** children, aged 12 - 18, were imprisoned with terror charges
-  **102,000** people were jailed due to use of ByLock mobile application
-  **\$11,000,000,000** assets were seized



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130,000 public officers were suspended from work



80,000 citizens were arrested



4,000+ judges or prosecutors were dismissed from work



2,300+ private educational institutions were closed



7,257 academics were dismissed



1,600+ non-profit and non-governmental organizations were closed



1,500+ public associations and foundations were closed



200 public media companies were closed



2,500 journalists and media workers were left unemployed



19 unions were closed



15 private universities were closed



1,539 lawyers were put on trial



580 lawyers were arrested



103 lawyers were sentenced to long terms in prison



5,705 academics were suspended



8,240 armed forces employees were dismissed



1,076 NATO-supporting members of the armed forces were dismissed



28 individuals were abducted



100+ members of the Gulen Movement were abducted and brought back to Turkey from 18 different countries by the National Intelligence Organization







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