

### What happened on 15th July, 2016?

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### 15th July, 2016 in Turkey

On the evening of July 15th, a small fraction within the Turkish Armed Forces **associated with FETÖ** tried to engage in a **junta**, particularly in Ankara and İstanbul.

As DEİK, we perceived this attempts as **a last move by the terror organization** who infiltrated into strategic institutions of the Turkish state with **the objective of seizing control of state institutions**.

For long years the terror organization **successfully hindered its objective** by seemingly functioning as a school, education/culture center, professional business organization or NGOs.

This functioning of FETÖ was used as **the 'soft' power** of the terror organization and the organization **gained the sympathy and support of the Turkish people in Turkey, as well as abroad**.

Particularly **in the last 10 years, their judges, prosecutors and security officers serving a hidden objective** have sentenced countless soldiers, police, bureaucrats, journalists, academicians and authors to penalize servitude with the objective of seizing control of all state authorities. FETÖ who wishes to establish a military dictatorship based on a deviant religious ideology accepts **no limits, no principles or no rules**. Therefore **it has no difference than ISIS, Al Qaeda, Boko Haram or any other terror organization**. Though its not only a threat to Turkey but the World.

**The attempt, failed thanks to the exemplary and self-motivated resistance of Turkish nation with all state institutions**. Throughout the process **all political parties and the Members of the Turkish Grand National Assembly, Turkish business community, Turkish civil society, media and the people of Turkey** stood firmly behind the Turkish democracy, the Constitution, Turkey's democratic politics and her democratic institutions.

**The simple and clear conclusion drawn from this attempt is, there is no power over the will of the people.**

As DEİK;

- **We have no doubt that Turkey and Turkish democracy will emerge reinforced by this incident.**
- **We are convinced that the rule of law and democracy will be respected during the detention and judicial process.**
- **We are sure that Turkish economy will remain to be strong.**

### How the Turkish Economy reacted?

Immediately after the failed attempt from the junta, **Turkish Government and relevant authorities (including the Turkish Central Bank) have announced a raft of measures to ensure financial stability and to minimize the adverse effects of the failed attempt**, on whatever it tooks.

Today, **Turkish economy still remains to be strong and resilient; ready to withstand any challenges.**

By now, everything is under control:

- **Regular functioning of the financial system was achieved effectively;**
- **Banking sector is strong;**
- **All economic indicators are stable;**
- **The reform agenda is still viable;**
- **The Central Bank of Turkey closely follows the developments.**
- **Deputy Minister in charge of Economy regularly meet with foreign investors and informs Turkish and foreign economic actors.**
- **Minister of Economy closely work with all business interest groups to inform them.**

Possible negative reactions were also influenced by some domestic and international concerns over the **“state of emergency”** declared in the country.

Turkey is also well recognized with its fiscal discipline and resilient banking sector with steady capital adequacy ratios. While the current account deficit has always been a structural problem in the economy, it has gradually decreased and hit rock bottom recently.

### What about the State of Emergency?

The three-month state of emergency declared in the country aims **to complete cleaning of FETÖ elements from the Army and the bureaucracy** in an efficient and expeditious way in order to eliminate any relevant future risks.

**The process will have no implications on economic activity**, as guaranteed and soundly emphasized by the government. Turkish officials have clearly expressed that the **State of Emergency will be demolished/will not be extended when the needed operations are completed/when all the terrorist elements are cleaned from the Turkish army and bureaucracy.**

**Therefore the State of Emergency is a temporary procedure; not stable.**

### What about the Operations?

**Ongoing ooperations are conducted against the terrorist organization with the aim of a stronger-than-ever stability in Turkey, supporting the fundamentals of the economy in the medium and long term.** Turkish officials clearly expressed that the operations will focus primarily on terrorists; not the opponents of the Government. **Rights of suspects are under protection within the limits of the State of Emergency.**

### What about operations on journalists?

**Turkish media played a vital role in the prevention of the coup attempt as a deterrent force against the plotters.** The Public Prosecutors are investigating these severe crimes committed by the coup plotters as well as those who are linked to FETO. Closure of certain media outlets needs to be within this perspective.

### On torture and violation of human rights allegations

We strongly reject groundless allegations that question our commitment to eliminate all acts of torture or inhuman treatment. Turkey is part of international legal system and has a constructive cooperation with their respective international monitoring organs. **Plus; it is important to remind the decision of the Turkish government on “zero tolerance policy against torture” back in 2003.**

### What we have done so far?

**As DEİK we have taken a swift and immediate action towards the attempt from the junta.**

July 15, 2016 (the day of failed attempt), DEİK published a press release emphasizing the exemplary resistance of Turkish nation together with other state institutions. The next day, DEİK published a second press release condemning the the junta in Turkey. On the first working day of the attempted military coup DEİK has prepared a letter to be send to counterpart organizations, Embassies and Consulates in Turkey and to all relevant authorities explaining the situation in Turkey; giving the message that everything is under control and DEİK continues on his business as usual. DEİK specifically asked to its 133-Business Councils' Presidents to disseminate the letter to all their counterparts abroad.

The same day DEİK also puts its signature to a common declaration prepared by 12 civil society organizations in Turkey, voicing the common stance against any military intervention to democracy.

DEİK's intensive efforts on the first week of the attempted military coup has continued with a consultation meeting hosting around 120 businessman forming DEİK's Business Councils body. With more than 80 different recommendations developed to the question of 'what should be done now?', the list of recommendations has been consolidated, prioritized and presented to DEİK's Board of Executives to form an 'Urgent Action Plan', that is summarized on 11 steps.

The 11 Steps includes: **Declaration of a mobilization; a Committee of Communication to be established; Regular meetings and get-togethers with Members of the Turkish Cabinet, especially the Minister of Economics, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of EU Affairs and Chief Negotiator; speeding up contacts with Ambassadors, Business Counsels and partner organizations abroad; that includes a working lunch in Ankara or Istanbul with your participation and most importantly visits from the Presidents of DEİK's Business Councils to their respective responsibility area in the next 30 days for face-to-face communication on the realities of Turkey with their counterpart organizations, relevant authorities, think-tanks, opinion leaders and media representatives.**

### DEİK's Communication Committee

**The main objective of the Communication Committee** will be to fight against the misinformation on the failed attempt all around the world. On that perspective; we will cooperate with the ongoing work coordinated by the Ministry of Economics; we will also focus on **think-tanks, counterpart organizations, foreign press**. Because these are the sources where the misleading information disseminate.