
July 2016 Military Coup Attempt in Turkey: Reason and Consequences

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Introduction

On the midnight of 15 July 2016, Turkey witnessed the bloodiest coup attempt because a section of the Turkish military wanted to remove the government and unseat the president Recep Tayyip Erdogan. The Turkish Military deployed their troops in the major cities of Turkey like Ankara and Istanbul. A large number of tanks bring on the road by the military to capture the government. The military started bombarding on the parliament by the fighter jets.¹ Before it, in the evening of 15 July 2016, the military blocked the bridge of Bosphorus stairs of the Istanbul. The fighter jets and helicopters of the military were flying over Ankara. In this sequence, the Chief of Staff Hulusi Akar kidnapped by his security guards. All the TV station raided by the military and all the social media were restricted at the time of attempted coup. The Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yildirim announced that a military coup is underway to overthrow the government.² According to Turkish armed forces, there were 24 fighter jets, 37 helicopters, 37 tanks and 246 armored vehicles used in the coup attempt.³

The Turkish Prime Minister told in his nation address that - “some people illegally undertook an illegal action outside of the chain of command. The government elected by the people remains in charge. This government will only go when the

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