

**An Advocates of Silenced  
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**REPORT:  
TURKISH GOVERNMENT'S NEW  
STRATEGY: REQUEST EXTRADITION  
OF HIZMET SYMPATHIZERS USING  
FABRICATED DOCUMENTS AND  
FALSE CLAIMS**

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Since the corruption allegations in 2013, the existence of Mr. Erdogan's government is maintained by means of polarization and controlled political crises<sup>1</sup>. By those crises Mr. Erdogan opens way to himself and, planning to create the new Turkey he incubated, is moving the game a step forward by doing this; otherwise there'd be a huge probability of someone stepping forward and saying "The king is naked!".

But what is the problem; in this process, lasting for years and including the illegal executions by the authority, there must be a critical point in terms of law and democracy – no matter how flexible they would be. And right at that point the attempted coup of June 15, 2016, qualified by Mr. Erdogan as the blessing of Allah, took place, resembling the planned game ever since<sup>2</sup>. In this way Mr. Erdogan, by declaring the State of Emergency ("OHAL" in Turkish), got himself a chance to change everything in the country and re-build it according to his own models<sup>3</sup>.

And the impact was so that, Turkey, being ruled by means of OHAL for nearly 2 years, tends to become a country where not law but "the crushing power of state", limitlessly controlled by the authority, rules<sup>4</sup>. In Turkey, where half of the judicial organizations were demoted and thousands of judges and prosecutors were put behind bars, it is impossible to take a single decision, which is not what the authority wants<sup>5</sup>. Even if any judge would show courage and take a decision that is not on benefit of the authority, he can find himself under investigation almost the same day, or, at best, at another position overnight<sup>6</sup>. At this point, the state at its notion has become such a huge monster, that even basic human rights, for an instance, right of seeking justice in case of illegal executions or right to a fair trail, are made lost their meanings.

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<sup>1</sup> Washington Post, [https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/gold-dealer-implicates-turkeys-president-in-corruption-scheme/2017/11/30/fd4e8a50-d614-11e7-95bfd7c19270879\\_story.html?utm\\_term=.3e53e2de6398](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/gold-dealer-implicates-turkeys-president-in-corruption-scheme/2017/11/30/fd4e8a50-d614-11e7-95bfd7c19270879_story.html?utm_term=.3e53e2de6398)  
Courthouse News, <https://www.courthousenews.com/turkeys-erdogan-was-no-1-in-corruption-probe-witnesssays/>  
Foreign Policy, <http://foreignpolicy.com/2015/01/06/why-turkeys-mother-of-all-corruption-scandals-refuses-to-go-away/>

<sup>2</sup> American Enterprise Institute, <http://www.aei.org/publication/more-evidence-erdogan-behind-coup/>  
Independent, <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/turkey-coup-conspiracy-theory-erdogan-military-gift-from-god-soldiers-istanbul-a7140516.html>

<sup>3</sup> EU Observer, <https://euobserver.com/opinion/138537>

<sup>4</sup> Washington Post, [https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/worldviews/wp/2017/07/17/turkeys-erdogan-turned-a-failed-coup-into-his-path-to-greater-power/?utm\\_term=.47c95f893c5b](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/worldviews/wp/2017/07/17/turkeys-erdogan-turned-a-failed-coup-into-his-path-to-greater-power/?utm_term=.47c95f893c5b)

<sup>5</sup> The Guardian, <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/jul/07/march-for-turkeys-jailed-judges-highlights-purge-on-dissidents>. Financial Times, <https://www.ft.com/content/0af6ebc0-421d-11e7-82b6-896b95f30f58>. The Economist, <https://www.economist.com/news/europe/21722200-president-erdogans-drive-power-includes-putting-judges-under-his-thumb-turkeys-purges-are>

<sup>6</sup> Turkish Minute, <https://www.turkishminute.com/2018/03/19/new-judges-prosecutors-give-erdogan-standing-ovation-at-palace-ceremony/>

Human Rights Watch, <https://www.hrw.org/news/2015/05/28/judges-who-defy-turkeys-leaders-short-road-jail>

One of the last examples of the situation are arrests of hundreds of people for the posts in social media stating their position against the military operation held by Turkey on the Syrian territory<sup>7</sup>. The issue progressed to the point where 11 members of the Turkish Medical Association were sentenced to jail for re-posting the anti-military announce concerning the Afrin Operation saying, "War is the problem of people"<sup>8</sup>. Moreover, taking advantage of weakness of the opposition for reinforcing his own absolute authority, Mr. Erdogan decided to remove the word "Turkish" from the names of some of the professional associations, such as Lawyers Association. By taking those decisions, Erdogan in his own way is trying to show that the ideas of those professional groups and their members do not represent Turkey.

Mr. Erdogan does not hesitate to declare anyone that is in his opposition an enemy<sup>9</sup>. The process of attacking the person demonized for that reason had started and knows no end, being kept up at full speed<sup>10</sup>. Currently the persons, which had lost their motherland, families and all earnings being forced to run from the injustice of Mr. Erdogan, like in the case with the members of service operators, are requested to be extradited due to fake documents and false claims<sup>11</sup>. A closer look at the logic and settling behind those requests needs to be taken, due to the miserable position of Turkey's judicial body.

As explained above, the limits of law and democracy violations in Turkey had been crossed long time ago and for that reason none of the decisions, made by the Government or the courts hooked by it can be questioned. The integrity of the legal concept in the country is broken. **The opportunity of "Applying to Constitution Court"**, which existed just 5 years ago as a part of adjustment laws of the EU and, in accordance with the European Court of Human Rights, had

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<sup>7</sup> BBC, <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-42863531>

<sup>8</sup> DW, <http://www.dw.com/en/turkey-detains-top-medics-for-anti-war-statement/a-42363252>

Hurriyet Daily News, <http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/11-members-of-turkish-medical-associations-centralcouncil-detained-over-afrin-operation-remarks-126483>

Financial Times, <https://www.ft.com/content/4029f562-059a-11e8-9650-9c0ad2d7c5b5>

<sup>9</sup> Economist, <https://www.economist.com/news/europe/21601042-prime-minister-lashes-out-his-opponentserdogan-v-judges-again>

<sup>10</sup> Times of Israel, <https://www.timesofisrael.com/turkish-journalist-arrested-for-tweets-criticizing-erdogan/>

<sup>11</sup> Economist, <https://www.economist.com/news/europe/21726993-arresting-turkish-german-writer-spain-risksdoing-receptayyip-erdogans-dirty-work-turkey>

been used in order to reduce the number of lawsuits on abuse of the right, **currently had failed be the active way of application and is totally ruined**<sup>12</sup>.

**The Constitution Court, Turkey's last remaining institution to address in search for justice, the decisions of those are of absolute quality, upon application of the journalists Sahin Alpay and Mehmet Altan which were given an arrest warrant and serving in jail for almost 2 years for writing 3 articles and attending a television program, concluded that the arrest that took place without law is "abuse of the right"**<sup>13</sup>. **But Court of First Instance had refused this decision and blocked the releasing, acting absolutely against the actual law system of Turkey**<sup>14</sup>. Eventually, the Istanbul Criminal Court for Major Cases No. 26 had **sentenced Ahmet Altan, Mehmet Altan and other journalists to "aggravated life" for "attempted breakage of constitutional order"**<sup>15</sup>.

The applications by Mehmet Altan (of February 12, 2017) and Sahin Alpay (of February 28, 2017) to the European Court of Human Rights are based on the decision of the Chamber 2 of the ECHR. In the Paragraph 181 of the decision issued on March 20, 2018, such statements as "Taking any legal due to criticism of the authorities and spreading the information which is considered to be against the national security, being a member of or supporting a terrorist organization, attempting to destroy the authority or the constitutional order, or propagandizing terror not required" took their place. In response to the Mr. Altan and Mr. Alpay's claim concerning the rights granted by European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights (AIHR), the ECHR concluded the breach of "the right to liberty and security" and "the right to freedom of expression"<sup>16</sup>.

It is clearly seen that in the new Turkey the understanding of rule of law had been totally laid aside by Mr. Erdogan<sup>17</sup>. As to the objection institutions that could oppose to adjudications, they

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<sup>12</sup> The Nation, <https://www.thenation.com/article/turkeys-new-constitutional-crisis-could-end-the-rule-of-law/>

<sup>13</sup> Economist, <https://www.economist.com/news/europe/21737059-lower-court-ignores-higher-one-ordered-journalist-freed-and-president-erdogan>

<sup>14</sup> Reuters, <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-turkey-security-journalists/turkey-says-local-court-to-evaluate-ruling-on-jailed-journalists-idUSKBN1F10F0>

<sup>15</sup> Middle East Eye, <http://www.middleeasteye.net/news/politicisation-turkey-s-legal-process-imperils-state-lawsay-jurists-739668730>

<sup>16</sup> Ahval News, <https://ahvalnews.com/turkey/echr-turkish-government-explicitly-violated-journalists-rights>

<sup>17</sup> The Guardian, <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/nov/03/turkey-arrests-35-people-with-links-to-erdogan-critic>

are very ineffective. That is why it is not really possible to even speak about the existing and operative judicial system<sup>18</sup>. The problem behind all the above mentioned is that the law had been made an instrument of the authority<sup>19</sup>. A huge number of international human rights being the subject of the report, the actions such as false imprisonment, kidnapping, torture and maltreatment, deprive thousands of people of basic human rights<sup>20</sup>. All of those prove that not only the law is violated in Turkey but seriously a loophole in the law had come into existence<sup>21</sup>.

Unfortunately, the vacuum, that took place after the legal system had been laid aside, in Turkey is being filled up by the political powers for their own benefits and political interests. The most obvious illustrations of the situation are the cases of Mr. Taner Kilic, the Amnesty International Executive Board Chairman, and Mr. Deniz Yucel, the German journalist, that are kept under arrest for the unproven allegations for months. The eviction decision had been taken concerning the objection of Taner Kilic which had been under arrest for 8 months for the false allegations, but for someone's mood the execution of the taken decision has been delayed until the midnight<sup>22</sup>. And the next day, upon objection of the prosecutor, another decision to arrest Mr. Kilic had been taken. Another example, the case of the German journalist Mr. Deniz Yucel, which had been illegally kept under arrest for months, got released and sentenced to the continuation of the arrest the same day in the same court, in a sad manner, illustrates how the judicial decisions are taken. Apparently, in the case of Mr. Deniz Yucel the decision to continue the arrest up until the approval of the political will have been taken. But the same day, after the meeting between the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Turkey and Germany, Mr. Deniz Yucel was released within the terms of the new decision taken upon receiving a political directive<sup>23</sup>.

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<sup>18</sup> Purged Nato, <https://purgednato.wordpress.com/2017/10/11/the-collapse-of-rule-of-law-in-turkey/>

<sup>19</sup> The Guardian, <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/feb/11/turkish-courts-being-turned-into-revengeinstruments-says-outgoing-top-judge>

<sup>20</sup> Amnesty, <https://www.amnesty.org/en/countries/europe-and-central-asia/turkey/report-turkey/>  
<https://www.amnesty.org/download/Documents/POL1067002018ENGLISH.PDF>

<sup>21</sup> Human Rights Watch, <https://www.hrw.org/world-report/2018/country-chapters/turkey>

Human Rights First, <https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/blog/six-ways-human-rights-are-risk-turkey-after-coupattempt>

<sup>22</sup> Amnesty, <https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/campaigns/2017/07/free-rights-defenders-in-turkey/>

Front Line Defenders, <https://www.frontlinedefenders.org/en/case/taner-k%C4%B1%C4%B1c-re-arrested>

BBC, <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-42892643>

<sup>23</sup> Daily Sabah, <https://www.dailysabah.com/investigations/2018/02/16/turkish-court-rules-for-deniz-yucelsrelease-as-it-accepts-terror-indictment>

It's sad to realize that the release statement of Mr. Deniz Yucel was not the manifestation of the law but, on contrary, the illustration of how rancid the judicial system has become<sup>24</sup>. Likewise, the day Mr. Deniz Yucel had been released, the 6 journalists (among them Ahmet Altan, Mehmet Altan and Nazli Ilıcak) had been thrown into prison for “the accused pointless propaganda of terror” to serve life sentences<sup>25</sup>.

The legal crisis that takes place in Turkey is reflected in the reports of the various international evaluation boards. According to the 2017-2018 index data of the World Justice Project, Turkey takes 111st place among 113 countries of the World as to the free press and the state control<sup>26</sup>. The same way, in the 2018 World Freedom Report by the research organization Freedom House (with the headquarters in Washington) Turkey was for the first time shown in the category of the countries which are “not free”<sup>27</sup>. Accordingly, corresponding with the year Turkey was in the list of Freedom House for the last time, it regressed for 6 points. Having regressed for 34 points in the last 34 years, Turkey had become the country that lost the largest number of points for that time and fallen from the “partially free” category to the “not free” one.

Unfortunately the main problem here is, in addition the broken judicial system of Turkey, the growing power and gradual brutalizing of the authority of Mr. Erdogan which are achieved by crossing the borders of democracy and judicial system and taking advantage of the OHAL regime<sup>28</sup>. For that reason, any laws and regulations the authority comes across are being violated according to the political interests<sup>29</sup>. Before the year 2013, as a result of the investigation of the agent activity of Iranian Revolutionary Guards<sup>30</sup>, that are recognized by the USA as terror forces, the information regarding the illegal connections between the IRG Turkey Representative Sayed Ali Akbar Mir Vekili and Hakan Fidan, the alleged Iranian agent and head of the Turkey's

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<sup>24</sup> The Region, <http://theregion.org/article/12845-on-the-same-day-deniz-yucel-was-freed-six-journalists-inturkey-received-life-imprisonment>

<sup>25</sup> Global Voices, <https://advox.globalvoices.org/2018/02/16/they-fear-pens-not-guns-turkish-journalists-sentenced-to-life-in-prison/>

Freedom House, <https://freedomhouse.org/article/turkey-life-sentences-journalists-ignore-justice>

<sup>26</sup> World Justice Project, <http://data.worldjusticeproject.org/#/groups/TUR>

<sup>27</sup> Freedom House, <https://freedomhouse.org/report/freedom-world/2018/turkey>

<sup>28</sup> Economist, <https://www.economist.com/news/leaders/21720590-recep-tayyip-erdogan-carrying-out-harsh-crackdown-decades-west-must-not-abandon>

<sup>29</sup> Jacobin, <https://www.jacobinmag.com/2018/01/turkey-erdogan-akp-chp-kurds>

<sup>30</sup> The Hill, <http://thehill.com/opinion/national-security/357325-terror-designation-for-irans-revolutionary-guards-a-necessary-first>

National Intelligent Organization (“MIT” in Turkish), that conducts the dirty business of the brutalized authority of Mr. Erdogan<sup>31</sup>.

So that, the suggestions are that the MIT, under the leadership of Hakan Fidan, had established the agency aiming at kidnapping and execution of the people stateside and abroad<sup>32</sup>. Accordingly, it signifies there are huge payment options presented in order to use the contractors for kidnapping and execution abroad<sup>33</sup>. Since the declaration of OHAL lots of kidnapping cases took place, thus verifying the data presented in media<sup>34</sup>. In case the relatives of a person, which is kidnapped or disappeared address the police or public prosecution, no actions are being taken, and even if a request is accepted, it does not get processed<sup>35</sup>.

For example, in some of the cases, despite the victims’ families dispose the video gotten by themselves, that demonstrates the kidnapping by the resembling transportation units and the same methods in broad daylight not any suspect can be found for about 2 years<sup>36</sup>. Moreover, such cases of kidnapping are not limited by the lands of Turkey. The cases of kidnapping by means of the MIT take place stateside, and also abroad<sup>37</sup>. The MIT itself qualifies those cases of kidnapping “acquisition by its own methods”, that nearly means openly confessing the crimes.

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<sup>31</sup> Turk Solu, <http://www.turksolu.com.tr/selam-tevhid-cumhuriyet-tarihinin-en-onemli-sorusturmasi/>  
Free Turkish News, <http://www.freeturkishnews.com/iran-backed-terrorist-cell-infiltrated-turkish-govt-athighest-level-leaks-2/>

Clarion Project <https://clarionproject.org/formal-police-intel-chief-turkey-collusion-iran/>

<sup>32</sup> DW, <http://www.dw.com/tr/ko%C3%A7-mit-infaz-i%C3%A7in-adam-g%C3%B6nderdi/a-38188797>

Ahval News, <https://ahvalnews.com/terrorism/abducted-turkish-intelligence-agents-shared-classifiedinformation-pkk-report>

<sup>33</sup> Express, <https://www.express.co.uk/news/world/855952/Turkey-disappearance-kidnapping-President-Recep-Erdogan-Human-Rights-Watch>

<sup>34</sup> Human Rights Watch, <https://www.hrw.org/news/2017/08/03/turkey-investigate-ankara-abductionsdisappearances>

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2017/10/12/turkey-renewed-torture-police-custody-abductions>

TR7/24, <http://www.tr724.com/adam-kacirma-faili-mechul-cetesi-erdoganin-kirli-turkiyesi-1/>

<sup>35</sup> Oda TV, <https://odatv.com/7-kisi-kacirildi-2504171200.html>

<sup>36</sup> TR7/24, <http://www.tr724.com/baskentteki-kacirilma-olaylarinin-goruntuleri-ortaya-cikti/>

Shaber, <http://www.shaber3.com/mit-yurtdisinda-kacirma-ve-infaz-etme-birimi-kurdu-haberi/1286950/>

Step Haber, <http://stephaber.com/dunya/dikkat-mit-yurtdisinda-kacirma-infaz-etme-birimi-kurdu-buro-ilketapta-hangi-ulkelerde-faaliyet-gosterecek/>

<sup>37</sup> Stockholm Center for Freedom, <https://stockholmcf.org/commentary-turkeys-intel-agency-mit-helpedjihadists-kidnap-foreigners-in-syria/>

Washington Post, [https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia\\_pacific/a-turkish-family-has-disappeared-inpakistan-and-suspicion-turns-to-intelligence-agencies/2017/10/11/aa8c0d80-a480-11e7-b573-8ec86cdfel1ed\\_story.html?utm\\_term=.4269ee55fad7](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia_pacific/a-turkish-family-has-disappeared-inpakistan-and-suspicion-turns-to-intelligence-agencies/2017/10/11/aa8c0d80-a480-11e7-b573-8ec86cdfel1ed_story.html?utm_term=.4269ee55fad7)

Romanya Haber, <http://romanyahaber.com/2017/05/02/haydut-erdogan-rejiminin-uzun-kollari-malez-yada-ikiturk-vatandasini-daha-kacirdi/>

Romanya Haber, <http://romanyahaber.com/2017/05/02/haydut-erdogan-rejiminin-uzun-kollari-malez-yada-ikiturk-vatandasini-daha-kacirdi/>



There is such information on the media, among them, the attempted kidnapping attempts of the former Head of CIA James Woolsey by the Mr. Erdogan's government that appeared in a message by Wall Street Journal<sup>38</sup>. Accordingly, the founder of one of the service movements that was not let to live his life under the authority of Mr. Erdogan, Fethullah

Gulen, living in the USA for years, had been the object of the desired kidnapping, for the purposes of which the bribery bargain via the authorized persons. Allegedly the 15 million dollar plans of kidnapping Fethullah Gulen, by invading the place he stayed at some day in the midnight, and transferring him to Turkey, were negotiated at the meeting featuring Minister of Energetics Mr. Berat Albayrak being Mr. Tayyip Erdogan's son-in-law, Foreign Minister Mevlut Çavuşoğlu, the former National Security Advisor of the White House Mike Flynn and his son<sup>39</sup>.

The last illustration of the kidnapping by Mr. Erdogan's administration took place in Switzerland. In this case, which was also the subject of the investigation in the Swiss State, the 2 Turkish diplomats planned to kidnap a service volunteer using the anaesthetic gas, and the related negotiations were recorded by the Swiss police. After the case was heard, one of the Turkish diplomats hurriedly left the country and returned to Turkey<sup>40</sup>.

The same way, more than 100 thousand of people in the "list of users of the Bylock application", that is prepared by the MIT in a way no one knows about, were incriminated by the courts serving the political ambitions of Mr. Erdogan, also 70 thousand of people were taken into custody and 40 thousand of people were arrested under the same suspicion<sup>41</sup>. Another object of

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<sup>38</sup> Wallstreet Journal, <https://www.wsj.com/articles/mueller-probes-flynns-role-in-alleged-plan-to-deliver-clericto-turkey-1510309982>

<sup>39</sup> Bloomberg, <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-11-10/mueller-is-said-to-probe-flynn-over-plotto-grab-gulen-wsj-says>  
Wallstreet Journal, <https://www.wsj.com/articles/ex-cia-director-mike-flynn-and-turkish-officials-discussedremoval-of-erdogan-foe-from-u-s-1490380426>

The Guardian, <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2017/nov/10/michael-flynn-trump-turkish-dissident-clericplot>  
New York Post, <https://nypost.com/2017/11/10/mueller-probing-alleged-flynn-plot-to-extradite-turkish-cleric/>

<sup>40</sup> Reuters, <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-swiss-turkey/swiss-investigate-alleged-turkish-attempt-to-kidnapbusinessman-idUSKCN1GQ2UD>

Swiss Info, [https://www.swissinfo.ch/eng/undiplomatic\\_swiss-eye-alleged-turkish-kidnapping-attempt/43973170](https://www.swissinfo.ch/eng/undiplomatic_swiss-eye-alleged-turkish-kidnapping-attempt/43973170)

Ahval News, <https://ahvalnews.com/switzerland-turkey/swiss-investigate-turkish-move-kidnap-businessman>

<sup>41</sup> The Times, <https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/hundreds-were-wrongly-accused-over-turkish-coup-attemptqhn8c2hz>

Turkish Minute, <https://www.turkishminute.com/2017/03/02/turkish-intelligence-submits-names-122000-bylock-users-prosecution/>

The Guardian, <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/sep/11/turks-detained-encrypted-bylock-messagingapp-human-rights-breached>

Arrested Lawyers, <https://arrestedlawyers.org/2018/01/21/ever-changing-evidence-bylock/>



the same shady handling was the American religious man Andrew Craig that had led the so-called successful life in Turkey for more than 20 years. According to the intelligence report of the MIT Directorate in Ankara, Andrew Craig Brunson and his wife, Norine Lyn Brunson, allegedly joined an Islamic organization and were arrested for “joining the FETO terror organization”<sup>42</sup>.

During the following procedure, Norine Lyn Brunson was released, but Andrew Craig Brunson was imprisoned<sup>43</sup>.

The similar situation occurred to the NASA worker Serkan Golge, imprisoned after his relative’s allegation of being the CIA agent. The Nasa worker Mr. Golge that finished the Doctorate in Physics and took part in numerous successful projects, got arrested and imprisoned in Turkey where he came on a vacation under the allegation coming from a villager, which he personally had met only a number of times, impressed by the statements of the Erdogan authorities in the news. Mr. Golge, who is at the same time a citizen of the USA, is being held in a one-person cubicle for more than 10 months and is not allowed to even see the rest of the prisoners<sup>44</sup>.

Those people are persons who lived their normal lives apart from crime. For the purposes of the Erdogan authority, one by one they were made a blackmailing instrument in the hands of the politicized judicial system and foreign policy. Mr. Erdogan is taking advantage of those people, along with the above mentioned ones, in order to demonstrate the agenda of Turkey to the whole world, and using them as a blackmailing instrument in order to destroy anything meaning the economic oppression towards him, whether these are human rights or military forces<sup>45</sup>. The

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<sup>42</sup> Yeni Asir, <https://www.yeniasir.com.tr/surmanset/2017/05/20/papazi-mit-raporu-tutuklatmis>

<sup>43</sup> European Center for Law and Justice, <https://eclj.org/religious-freedom/un/the-case-of-pastor-andrew-brunson>  
Ahval News, <https://ahvalnews.com/andrew-brunson/us-pastor-charged-dividing-turkey-gulen-pkk>  
Huffington Post, [https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/what-the-andrew-brunson-jailing-tells-us-aboutturkey\\_us\\_5928295ce4b065b396c06c1e](https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/what-the-andrew-brunson-jailing-tells-us-aboutturkey_us_5928295ce4b065b396c06c1e)

<sup>44</sup> Turkey Purge, <https://turkeypurge.com/us-deeply-concerned-conviction-nasa-scientist-serkan-golge>

Washington Examiner, <https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/the-heartbreaking-story-of-turkey-sentencing-an-american-nasa-scientist-to-75-years-in-prison>

Science Mag, <http://www.sciencemag.org/news/2018/02/turkish-american-nasa-scientist-sentenced-75-years-prison>

Physics Today, <https://physicstoday.scitation.org/doi/10.1063/PT.6.2.20180208a/full/>

<sup>45</sup> Al Monitor, <https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2018/02/turkey-erdogan-jailing-journalists-policy-lucrative-results.html>

politics is being moving by means of those people, among them Mr. Brunson, Mr. Golge, Mr. Yucel, and many other names we were unable to include in this report<sup>46</sup>.

As it is seen, in the order that is unfamiliar with justice, created by Mr. Erdogan's government, all sorts of actions are taken stateside and abroad, limited by no other but Mr. Erdogan's political interests<sup>47</sup>. One of the most devastating examples of this is that the governmental bodies of Turkey comply with Mr. Erdogan's illegal demands. For example, the Directorate General of Security is not allowed to start any procedure regarding a person, based on nothing more than his presence on the unofficial list of people under suspicion,

prepared solely by the MIT<sup>48</sup>. Nevertheless, in recent times the Directorate General of Security that is responsible for issuing passports is preventing thousands of people, even subject to not any court decision, from getting a passport<sup>49</sup>. Moreover, as it is seen in many cases, the official applications are on contrary being declined just verbally in order to avoid the records. Just like that, again there are dozens of thousands of passport applications regarding the fake, lost or missing passports, without the owner's knowledge<sup>50</sup>. Therefore, there are fake applications, looking like the passport's owner had lost, destroyed or seriously damaged his passport and applied to the Directorate General of Security<sup>51</sup>. These are attempts to prevent dozens of thousands of people from their freedom to travel abroad or staying there in case of managing to get abroad.

The given examples, such as illegal requisition of passports and forcedly creating the loss records, are widespread, but, due to lack of the official records, no related procedures are taken into effect. A situation, which is most recent example of that, took place in Austria. A Turkish citizen, who addressed to the Turkish Consulate in Austria in order to open a procedure for his

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<sup>46</sup> CBC, <http://www.cbc.ca/news/world/erdogan-turkey-us-gulen-1.4482450>

<sup>47</sup> Bloomberg, <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-12-25/erdogan-decree-stokes-fears-of-legalized-extra-judicial-violence>

<sup>48</sup> Huffington Post, [https://www.huffingtonpost.com/mahir-zeynalov/turkish-police-say-nobas\\_b\\_13319222.html](https://www.huffingtonpost.com/mahir-zeynalov/turkish-police-say-nobas_b_13319222.html)

NBC News, <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/d-c-police-say-2-arrests-made-turkish-embassy-meleen772541>

<sup>49</sup> Gazete Duvar, <https://www.gazeteduvar.com.tr/gundem/2016/11/02/ihrac-edilen-akademisyenlerin-pasaportbasvurusu-kabul-edilmiyor/>

Siyasi Haber, <http://siyasihaber3.org/emniyet-akademisyenlerin-pasaport-basvurusunu-dahi-kabul-etmiyor>

<sup>50</sup> Tribune, <https://tribune.com.pk/story/1415507/turkish-nba-players-passport-cancelled-calling-erdogan-hitlercentury/>

<sup>51</sup> Huffington Post, [https://www.huffingtonpost.com/aydoaeen-vatanda/how-the-turkish-government-b\\_10336952.html](https://www.huffingtonpost.com/aydoaeen-vatanda/how-the-turkish-government-b_10336952.html)

New York Times, <https://www.nytimes.com/2016/09/15/opinion/turkeys-intelligentsia-kneels-to-erdogan.html>

children, got his passport expropriated against his will and never given back. The Consulate employees took no legal action, due to the current investigation regarding the Gulen Operation, and expropriated the passport. The citizen, kept from his freedom of travel, addressed the Consulate 2 days later and requested a written statement regarding the requisition of the passport. Having found out that the passport was not cancelled, he took it from the employee hosting it and rapidly went to the police in order to give information. Though the case might seem a small matter, it shows a huge importance of understanding the mentality of the Turkish authorities and the employers acting on their behalf<sup>52</sup>.

After July 15, Mr. Erdogan's government attempted to illegally create records in the Interpol Database of the lost/stolen passports and Travel Documents Database for more than 60 thousands of passports<sup>53</sup>. Not contented with that, the AKP authority, without even a court decision, attempted to apply to the Red Notice concerning the same persons in order to obtain the international search decision. But the request, considered to be violation of the Interpol rules and to be serving the political purposes, had been declined by Secretariate General of the Interpol<sup>54</sup>.

As a continuation of the numerous steps taken by Mr. Erdogan's government stateside and abroad, knowing no law, the last movement was the extradition request concerning lots of innocent people that had been forced to run away from the AKP authority and to start living abroad, back in Turkey. For the people that, due to the illegal trials and the unfounded decisions of the AKP, were stated as guilty, the procedure of annulation of the invitations to the foreign countries had started<sup>55</sup>. As an example of such unfounded decisions, the depositors of Bank Asya, that operated legally for years and later become a victim of the unjustified actions of the state, can be given<sup>56</sup>. According to the Supreme Court decision, a person's depositing this bank can be a sufficient reason for him to be recognized as a terrorist<sup>57</sup>. Bilateral agreements or

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<sup>52</sup> Turkish Minute, <https://www.turkishminute.com/2018/03/15/man-asks-austrian-police-for-help-after-turkishconsulate-tries-to-seize-passport/>

Turkey Purge, <https://turkeypurge.com/businessman-takes-refuge-austrian-police-turkish-consulate-tried-seizepassport>

<sup>53</sup> Turkish Minute, <https://www.turkishminute.com/2016/04/23/turkish-government-unlawfully-cancelspassports-critics-columnist-says/>

<sup>54</sup> Turkey Purge, <https://turkeypurge.com/report-turkey-abusing-interpol-system-to-persecute-critics>

<sup>55</sup> DW, <http://www.dw.com/en/greece-rejects-new-extradition-request-for-turkish-soldiers/a-38685651>

Vanguard News, <https://www.vanguardngr.com/2017/10/terrorism-concern-1000-turks-face-extradition/>

<sup>56</sup> Stockholm Center for Freedom, <https://stockholmcf.org/75-academics-face-15-years-in-jail-each-fordepositing-money-into-bank-asya/>

<sup>57</sup> New York Times, <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/04/13/magazine/inside-turkeys-purge.html>

Turkey Purge, <https://turkeypurge.com/turkeys-top-appeal-court-says-bank-asya-depositors-terrorist>

charters regarding the extradition of the Turkish lawbreakers had been signed by Turkey. At the head of the charters regarding the lawbreakers “The European Agreement on the Prisoners Extradition”, prepared by European Council and effective in more than 50 countries, takes place. In the same way Turkey had signed the extradition charters, at the head – with the USA. One of the most important common clauses of the agreements is the recognition of the laid crime in the 2 of the countries that signed them. In this way, it will be impossible for the person to apply for the extradition to be recognized as illegal.

But the important issue here, that needs to be paid attention to, is that an extradition requests made by Mr. Erdogan’s government, which recognizes neither legal nor diplomatic rules in order to get to its aims, are being issued by the politicized courts that are ready to subscribe to any irregularity in favor of the AKP policy. As a matter of fact, Mr. Erdogan will not be going to keep himself from any manipulative action so that to provide the actions of the Foreign Ministry or the Department of Justice.

The most recent illustration of that is the case in the USA, closely watched by Mr. Erdogan’s government, regarding the breach of the sanctions imposed to Iran, against the former Co-CEO of Halk Bankası Hakan Atilla and Reza Zarrab<sup>58</sup>. Mr. Erdogan’s government attached so much importance to the case, that the memorandum to the US concerning the fate of one of the most important witnesses of the case, Reza Zarrab, the Turkish citizen of the Iranian origin, had been sent twice. Clearly not only the Turkish citizenship of Mr. Zarrab was the reason behind the apprehension leading to sending the memorandum to the USA. Mr. Erdogan’s government was concerned about the revelation of the dirty relations between the confessor Zarrab and Mr. Erdogan’s family and the AKP authority. Thus, after Zarrab’s confession concerning the ways of breaking the sanctions imposed to Iran by means of operating the ventures through Turkey with the help of bribery to the important governmental officials and Mr. Erdogan’s family, Mr. Zarrab like many others was declared the traitor and all of his assets in Turkey were expropriated.

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Ahval News, <https://ahvalnews.com/rule-law/money-bank-asya-classed-supporting-terrorism>

<sup>58</sup> Washington Post, [https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/gold-dealer-implicates-turkeys-president-in-corruption-scheme/2017/11/30/fd4e8a50-d614-11e7-95bfd7c19270879\\_story.html?utm\\_term=.007e92aa5759](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/gold-dealer-implicates-turkeys-president-in-corruption-scheme/2017/11/30/fd4e8a50-d614-11e7-95bfd7c19270879_story.html?utm_term=.007e92aa5759)

Court House News, <https://www.courthousenews.com/turkeys-erdogan-was-no-1-in-corruption-probe-witnesssays/>

A person of the Iranian origin Mr. Reza Zarrab was arrested in March 2016 in Miami for the illegal violation of the sanctions imposed to Iran. One of the most notable characteristics of Mr. Zarrab was him taking the leading actor's part in the corruption and bribery investigation that was held against Mr. Erdogan's family and the AKP government in the year 2013. In the process, the former Co-CEO of Halk Bankası Mr. Hakan Atilla was also arrested for the similar accusations. During the trial, Mr. Zarrab witnessed against Mr. Atilla and shared the information and the documents he possessed with the court, thus revealing the dirty relations with Mr. Erdogan's government in Turkey<sup>59</sup>. In this manner the ways in which the governmental institutions can be used for bad purposes were set out. Another important point was reached when, in order to disprove the accusations against the Chief Public Prosecutor of Istanbul Mr. Irfan Fidan, the document fabricated by the AKP media on a computer by means of combining images was demonstrated during the press conference along with the statement of it as "the asset bearing the biggest importance as of today as evidence", as part of the political propaganda<sup>60</sup>.

After the show held by the AKP prosecutors in front of the media, the mentioned false document was attached by Hakan Atilla and his lawyers to the court file as the instrument of defense. But the judge Mr. Berman holding the case had rejected the fake letter from Mr. Gulen, that was fabricated by means of the computer demonstrated by Mr. Atilla's lawyer in the court, and gave the defence a very strict notice of the document "being in no way credible and prepared unprofessionally"<sup>61</sup>.

It can be seen that Mr. Erdogan's government, acting without any consideration of rules, the Turkish judiciary and other executive organs which do not raise against any of Mr. Erdogan's political claims are ready to take any action in order to somehow extradict the people from abroad. For this reason, any future requests to be made through the Turkish government, especially regarding extraditions of lawbreakers and limitations of traveling abroad, are subject to be investigated to the maximum extent so that to prevent abuses. As final, Mr. Erdogan's

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<sup>59</sup> The American Interest, <https://www.the-american-interest.com/2017/12/04/corruption-recep-tayyip-erdogan/>

<sup>60</sup> S Haber, <http://www.shaber3.com/hukukun-bittiginin-resmi-koskoca-bassavci-utanmadan-sahte-belgeacikladi-haberi/1296189/>

<sup>61</sup> New York Times, <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/12/15/world/europe/turkey-trial-zarrab-iran-gulen.html>

government rules Turkey like the repressive regime and all of the related initiatives had been taken over<sup>62</sup>.

Due to the fact that the extradition requests are also subject to investigation within the law of the recipient country, those requests will not contain any claims regarding the so-called membership in the terror organizations, or similar. Therefore, fabricating the attention-grabbing accusations by Mr. Erdogan's government will probably take place, in order to mislead the addressee, aiming to fulfill its own objectives. Otherwise nothing more can be done than controverting their own assertions. In this context the unfilled accusations, such as the so-called membership in and leading the terror organizations, along with money laundering and tax evasion, can be discussed. In the same way, the delusions provided as result of the numbers play, will very easily demonstrate the significant extension in correspondence with the international law, where the limits are strictly regulated. In this way the instruments of the inner and outer propaganda will be obtained, which will help successfully implement the perception management<sup>63</sup>.

About 4400 of judges and prosecutors positions that were illegally emptied by the AKP government after the 26th of July, are being filled by mostly the people that are close to their own ideology<sup>64</sup>. In this context only recently 113 judge and prosecutors being members of AKP have been appointed<sup>65</sup>. Due to failing of the most of those persons to pass the given exams on at least 70%, during this process the limits had been canceled. Moreover, interviewing the most of the candidates took less than one minute to execute. In the Erdogan's Turkey, the justice unfortunately is prisoned under the rule of the people being judges and prosecutors. In the present situation, in the environment where judicial and police authorities are full of militants and sympathizers of the ruling party, the fabricated evidences, like it's seen in the example with the prosecutor Mr. Fidan, will not be surprising in any way<sup>66</sup>.

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<sup>62</sup> Financial Times, <https://ig.ft.com/vj/turkey-purge-victims-voices/>

<sup>63</sup> Economist, <https://www.economist.com/news/europe/21611105-erdogan-era-about-enter-its-next-stage-tyrantor-steadying-hand?fsrc=scn/tw/te/pe/tyrantorsteadyinghand>

<sup>64</sup> Turkey Purge, <https://turkeypurge.com/imprisoned-turkish-judge-awarded-human-rights-prize-by-council-ofeurope>  
Turkey Purge, <https://turkeypurge.com/turkey-jails-2431-judges-prosecutors-dismisses-4424-to-date-top-court>

<sup>65</sup> Turkish Minute, <https://www.turkishminute.com/2018/03/22/chp-deputy-turkish-govt-selecting-akp-partisans-as-judges-prosecutors/>

Stockholm Center for Freedom, <https://stockholmcf.org/turkish-opposition-deputy-new-judges-and-prosecutorsselected-from-among-akp-partisans/>

<sup>66</sup> TR724, <http://www.tr724.com/hukuksuz-atilan-hakim-ve-savcilarin-yerine-yargida-kadrolasma-2-bin-750->

Thus, the report issued on March 20, 2018, by the UN High Commissioner for human rights revealed law slaughter in Turkey after the attempted coup on June 15, 2016. The report also unfolds the torture such as beatings, electroshock, immersion in water, sexual harassment, that is applied systematically by the security forces such as police, constabulary and militants. According to the report, during the last 1,5 years in Turkey 160 thousand of people have been arrested, 152 thousand of public servants have been removed, and all of those have been done just in a random manner. The High Commissioner that issued the report also dragged attention to the women in Turkey which had been taken to jail while pregnant or right after delivery. The records state that the Turkish authorities had taken 100 women, which were pregnant or right after delivery, to jail mostly for being “contributors” to their husbands allegedly connected to the terror organizations, partially together with the children and partially after brutally taking the children away<sup>67</sup>.

Those executions are not just beyond measure, they are all tyrannous and are definitely not going to put the country in a better position. It can be seen that in Turkey almost every governmental institution, within its scope, is acting at the cost of violation of all national and international human rights of the people that do not obey Mr. Tayyip Erdogan himself<sup>68</sup>. Consequently, it’s necessary to prevent the actions of Mr. Erdogan’s government, brutalized and ignoring the legal boundaries, only motivated to destroy the others, and, trying to assume the role of Trojan horse, in the law and democracy system founded by the Western civilization, and sabotage the system<sup>69</sup>. Just like that is in the Interpol example, unless someone stops the dirty sabotage plans of Mr. Erdogan’s government that are being implemented according to its own agenda, unless someone raises against the extradition claims based on fake documents and false accusations and serving

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Gazete Link, <http://gazetelink.com/akpli-800-avukat-hakim-olarak-atandi-yargida-kadrolasma-hizla-artiyor/>

<sup>67</sup> Relief web, [https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/2018-03-](https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/2018-03-19_Second_OHCHR_Turkey_Report.pdf)

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BBC, <http://www.bbc.com/turkce/haberler-turkiye-43471508>

<sup>68</sup> Financial Times, <https://ig.ft.com/vj/turkey-purge-victims-voices/>

<sup>69</sup> DW, [http://www.dw.com/tr/abden-interpole-k%C4%B1rm%C4%B1z%C4%B1-b%C3%BCltenuyar%](http://www.dw.com/tr/abden-interpole-k%C4%B1rm%C4%B1z%C4%B1-b%C3%BCltenuyar%C4%B1s%C4%B1/a-40809670)

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News Week, <http://www.newsweek.com/china-and-turkey-are-using-interpol-crack-down-dissent-826563>

Aktif Haber, <http://aktifhaber.com/m/gundem/newsweek-turkiye-ve-cin-muhafilferi-bastirmak-icin-interpolukullaniyor-h113190.html>



as a cradle to the human rights violation, the civilized World will become the implementer of the dirty plans of the AKP government<sup>70</sup>.

We are appealing to all the organizations authorized In the scope of the above mentioned issues to generate awareness of the subject and to take all the necessary measures.

With our best regards.

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<sup>70</sup> Washington Post, [https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/global-opinions/wp/2017/03/13/how-europe-canstop-turkeys-neurosis-from-spreading/?utm\\_term=.3a76ad704630](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/global-opinions/wp/2017/03/13/how-europe-canstop-turkeys-neurosis-from-spreading/?utm_term=.3a76ad704630)  
The Daily Beast, <https://www.thedailybeast.com/the-madness-of-turkeys-sultan-erdogan>  
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