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## EDITOR'S NOTE

1. Turkish people witness to a historical day on 15 July 2016. Country had a serious threat of going through a civil war and then divided into several parts. The only thing saved the country was that vast majority of the public regardless their political views they moved together and resisted against the military coup and chaos.

Now, it is time for Turkish Government and decision makers to take this advantage and clear all religionist groups from Government mechanisms and bring the ones who believes in democracy, secularism, transparency and global values. It is time for Turkey to analyze what went wrong in recent years and how such these things can be fixed by using only democratic reactions.

2. Why Mosul and Raqqa are still in hands of terrorists ? It is difficult to believe that international troops are still getting prepared? It is difficult to believe that Islamic countries are still waiting for non-Muslim countries to save Muslims from terrorist groups. If the oil-rich Islamic countries cant save their own people and Islam now , what is meaning of their richness ?

“The greatest way to live with honor in this world is to be what we pretend to be “

*Socrates*

# Post Military Coup in Turkey

A group of staff of Turkish Army attempt a coup in Turkey on 15 July 2016. It was luckily a failed attempt. There are several reasons behind why it was failed but the most important was the reaction of the public. Vast majority of the people in Turkey, regardless their political view or feelings towards AKP Government or President Erdogan, they didnt support the coup. We believe this was the most critical highlight of that day. Therefore, we strongly believe that future of Turkey should be based on that reaction. Because Turkish people proved that if country is under threat they can act as single body like they did in Gallipoli or during the independence war given against occupation nations in the country after the first world war.

The time for Turkish people is unifying and protecting their country. Otherwise, the threat is not yet over. The main threat for the country is chaos situation. There are some regional actors which obviously look forward a civil war or chaos in Turkey like what happened in Syria or Iraq. Because in those two countries one of the main similarity is that Kurds got their autonomous region without having any fight. They just took the advantage of the chaos in those countries. Same scenario was on podium on 15 July 2016. The bigger picture of that day suggests that main purpose was to create war between pro-Erdogan and anti-Erdogan groups in the country. If this happened, today Turkey would have a kind of situation like in Syria in the country.

However, the threat is not yet over. There are critical lessons to be taken from this incident. One of them is that it is essential to minimize the tension between AKP and other parties. Secondly, it is well proven that if a religionist group is supported by Government then this group may take over the control in the future again. Therefore, AKP Government should clear not only the Gulenist persons from Government but other religionist ones as well. The appointments for the Government positions in the country should be based on knowledge but not religionist ties.

Turkey should get back to normal as soon as possible. For that purpose, State of Emergency situation should not be extended beyond 3 months. Otherwise, this can damage Turkish Economy and its strong linkages with EU and the rest of the world. The only way to save the country is that establishing a government model based on equality, democracy, secularism , transparency and trust between the public. If this is re-established than in long term none of the religionist or any other groups can try again to take over the Government.

Another critical observation after the post coup was the reactions of the EU and USA. It is very obvious that none of these countries supported the military coup but at the same time, they made it clear that they are not happy with president Erdogan. Therefore, it is time for Erdogan and its close advisors to analyze why EU and USA are against him. It is not a solution to explain this sit

uation in terms nationalist reactions. It would president Erdogan to replace some his advisors with the ones who has international diplomacy experience. Actually, given that both of the domestic and international policies applies in recent years failed, it might a chance for president Erdogan to replace all his advisors with the ones with different political views and backgrounds. Because it is clear that if Government employers with single and same way of thinking people, then creativity can be lost.

Overall, Turkish both domestic and international politics needed to turn back to its original factory settings which is “ peace at home , peace in world (Mustafa Kemal Atatürk) “. If this is enabled, future of Turkey is more brighter than ever.

# Why ISIS is still holding Mosul and Raqqa

Everyday people of Mosul and Raqqa are waiting international forces to clear ISIS from their towns. Every night they wait to be saved from the torture of ISIS. Why EU or USA or Russia or Iraq are waiting ? Isn't it enough millions of people suffered from those terrorists ? How many more persons should be beheaded or killed or tortured ? How many more women should be raped ? How many more persons commits suicide ? How many more ..?

We all need to know that our security is linked to each other's one now. Such as developed countries can't be safe while terrorists are ruling the countries or regions in Middle East. ISIS is in middle almost for 5 years and international troops are still getting prepared to attack against ISIS. It is hard to believe this can take such a long time. After 9/11, US army in two months time got ready to attack Taliban and removed them from Afghanistan very quickly. That shows that this can be done. Therefore, why international forces are still waiting ? Do they really want Middle East to get more chaotic ? If so, it can't be more chaotic.

Can't EU politicians see that the more Syria crises is lasting the more it is creating problems for their people ? If so, they should really analyze why a German person killed 8 innocent foreigners in a shopping mall in Munich on 22 July 2016. It is time for EU and Germany really think about their policies about refugees and Syria Crises once again.

Can't US politicians see that there is no moderate terrorism but terrorism. Can't they see that their citizens are not safe unless Middle is gets back to normal.

Can't Islamic countries see that millions of Muslim in Mosul and Raqqa are waiting for a help to remove IS from their homes. How come Islamic world is waiting for non-Muslims to save Mosul and Raqqa from terrorists ? How come they can't get together ? If they can't save their regions from terrorists what is the meaning or value of being an oil-rich country ?

A child is still waiting in Mosul and a young girl is still waiting for the sun-shine to raise again at their home without any fear... Will the world help or continue to wait ?



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