

## Erdogan's Transparent Coup Designed to Remove HIS Political Opponents

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*For those that have short memories it was megalomaniac 'Sultan' Erdogan that was willing to risk WWII by shooting down a Russian bomber over Syria -- an attempt to force NATO's hand -- in order to further his insane political ambitions. Paranoid and extremely unstable nut-case is not too harsh a description. Now consider the almost schoolboy planning of the so-called coup. No attempt to (easily) capture Erdogan in a hotel or any of his most important political allies, and that's not a fraction of it! No proper military planning whatsoever, and yet it was supposed to be a military coup -- my arse! Cadets could have planned it better.*



**'Sultan' Erdogan**

by [Moon of Alabama](#)

Yesterday's short coup attempt (real time MoA) by parts of the military against the wannabe-Sultan of Turkey failed. Some 200 people on both sides were killed, some 1,200 wounded.

The plotters' major mistakes were:

- \* to not capture Erdogan and the leaders of his political and security organizations,
- \* to not shut down all means of mass communication, especially the Internet, except those under their strict control,
- \* to not put out a trusted public face to represent the coup.

Erdogan escaped and could orchestrate the counter to the coup. He could continue to communicate with his security management, foreign politicians and his supporters. Without any well known alternative leader the public had only Erdogan to follow.

The amateurish behavior of the coup plotter opens the question of who ran this show. Was this, as some asserted early on, an Erdogan plot to seize more power?

There are three possible motives/perpetrators behind this coup:

- the Islamic movement following the preacher Fetullah Gülen, a former Erdogan ally and now arch-enemy who lives in the U.S. and has CIA relations;
- the old Kemalist secularist movement in the military and deep state;
- the Erdogan AKP movement in a false flag operation to seize more power;

There is no evidence for any of these theses and none of them clearly fits the observed pattern.

The response will be harsh. Erdogan will crack down on ANYONE he politically or personally dislikes - completely independent of their involvement in the coup. All political parties, even the mostly Kurdish HDP, spoke out against the coup while it was ongoing. The religious Gülen movement also opposed it. Most of the involved soldiers were told that they were part of an exercise. It will not save any of them from Erdogan's and his supporters' wrath.

The somewhat coup-supportive early statements from Lavrov ("avoid bloodshed") and Kerry ("stability!") will increase Erdogan's mistrust of any foreign official.

Erdogan will now become even more paranoid and unpredictable than he was before. The domestic atmosphere in Turkey will become extremely strained.

A few relevant recent tweets (see last post for many earlier ones):

5:36 PM - 15 Jul 2016 chinahand @chinahand

I'll put on my tinfoil hat re TK. What kind of coup waits til bossman's out of town & doesn't try to detain him? & AKP has plenty of

@chinahand diehard para-fash assets that wud hit streets immediately on its behalf. No plan to counter that? #WorstCoupEver I suspect

@chinahand TRE knew about the plot, made sure it would fail w/ help of loyal officers pretending to be part of it, & let it go ahead.

@chinahand now time to clean up the (extremely messy) mess & take out the trash, methinks

6:24 PM - 15 Jul 2016 ilhan tanir @WashingtonPoint

Pres Erdoğan says this is an opportunity presented by God to clean up Turkish Military . #live press conference

9:12 PM - 15 Jul 2016 (((Garrett Khoury))) @KhouryGarrett

Turkey: Erdogan confirms coup forces surrounded his hotel in Marmaris...4 hours after he had left. That's a special sort of ineptitude.

10:13 PM - 15 Jul 2016 ilhan tanir @WashingtonPoint

Turkish Army Forces published its last memo at 6.50 am local (90 mins ago) saying "movement continues"

9:45 PM - 15 Jul 2016 i24NEWS English @i24NEWS\_EN

#BREAKING 754 members of Turkish armed forces arrested across Turkey: state news agency

11:17 PM - 15 Jul 2016 Mustafa Akyol @AkyolinEnglish

This #turkeycoupattempt had not much to do with "Islamist-vs-secularists." Secular opposition sided with the govt against the putschists.

11:39 PM - 15 Jul 2016 Nasser Atta @nasseratta5

Number of detained military personnel after #Turkish coup attempt rises to 1,563 across country: official

11:48 PM - 15 Jul 2016 Alev Scott @AlevScott

Erdogan denouncing "traitors" on state TV channel, which a few hours ago was hijacked by the military denouncing him [pic.twitter.com/j30UiQ3jau](https://pic.twitter.com/j30UiQ3jau)

11:53 PM - 15 Jul 2016 Gregory Djerejian @GregDjerejian

If you thought Erdoğan was becoming overly authoritarian bordering on some neo-Sultan or such oh boy just you wait now post-aborted putsch.

1:05 AM - 16 Jul 2016 Asaf Ronel @AsafRonel

Turkey's acting army chief of staff: Coup attempt was rejected by chain of command immediately.

General Dunder: We'll continue to serve the people. I would like to thank all political parties and the media for their support for democracy

More: "The armed forces is determined to remove members of the Gulen movement from its ranks"

1:32 AM - 16 Jul 2016 Frank Nordhausen @NordhausenFrank

#Turkey This was a weird coup. I was on Taksim square 3 hours, my impression was: that's not real. I saw military in Cairo - no comparison.

1:38 AM - 16 Jul 2016 Elijah J. Magnier @EjmAlrai

Despite results in #Turkey, Erdogan will be very busy internally, reforming, reshuffling, turning the army upside-down. His throne has shaken.

1:42 AM - 16 Jul 2016 Elijah J. Magnier @EjmAlrai

When the coup was taking over, the #USA embassy called the coup "Turkish uprising". #Turkey. [pic.twitter.com/dEcWvXsLYd](https://pic.twitter.com/dEcWvXsLYd)

2:43 AM - 16 Jul 2016 Elijah J. Magnier @EjmAlrai

Jabhat al-Nusra #AQ spiritual scholar al-Maqdisi attacked the Turkish Army responsible of the coup

as "anti-Islamic" [pic.twitter.com/UlKrbX5gaS](https://pic.twitter.com/UlKrbX5gaS)

3:03 AM - 16 Jul 2016 @dr\_davidson

After digesting #TurkeyCoups news, my view is Erdogan's agents in military forewarned him, & there were considerable benefits allowing it 1/3

Erdogan has big opportunities to purge military (think Sadat's 'corrective revolution') & claim supra-electoral nation-saviour status. 2/3

The question is which allies Erdogan decided to keep in loop. If none, then Qatar, MB & fellow travellers will have had disturbed night 3/3

3:35 AM - 16 Jul 2016 Ayline Kılıç @AylineKilic

Ahrar al-Sham publishes support message for Turkish government for coup attempt in #Turkey, citing "democracy first"

4:46 AM - 16 Jul 2016 DAILY SABAH @DailySabah

BREAKING - Turkey's top judicial body HSYK lays off 2,745 judges after extraordinary meeting [sabahdai.ly/GSnzF0](http://sabahdai.ly/GSnzF0)

Interesting how fast they drew up that list. This move was long planned and may have been a reason for the coup. See below.

5:27 AM - 16 Jul 2016 archicivilians @archicivilians

Free Syrian Army (#Syria Opposition ) released a statement congratulating the fail of #TurkeyCoupsAttempt. [pic.twitter.com/8S](https://pic.twitter.com/8S)

5:28 AM - 16 Jul 2016 Hussain AbdulHussain @hahussain

In 24 hours of news coverage of #Turkey, in all the military and the civilians who took to streets to restore democracy, not a single woman

5:35 AM - 16 Jul 2016 Reuters World @ReutersWorld

Turkish PM: Any country that stands by cleric Gulen will be at war with Turkey [reut.rs/29KtlNW](http://reut.rs/29KtlNW) [pic.twitter.com/VJcTrtVi6M](https://pic.twitter.com/VJcTrtVi6M)

That is a direct Erdogan threat to the U.S. where Gülen lives.

5:48 AM - 16 Jul 2016 Émad @EMostaque

Noted yesterday imminent big changes in judiciary by HSYK may have been key catalyst for coup, now accelerated

2:54 PM - 15 Jul 2016 Émad @EMostaque

Proximate causes for #TurkeyCoups may have been recent reorganisation of judiciary as well as

Ataturk attack

5:50 AM - 16 Jul 2016 Kayode Odeyemi @kayodeyemi

Power to Turkey's Incirlik Air Base, which is used by U.S. to launch airstrikes against #ISIS, has been cut, U.S. consulate in #Turkey says

earlier

3:41 AM - 16 Jul 2016 Putintintin @putintintin1

Turkey jets which bombed #Ankara refilled from fuel tankers took off from Incirlik airbase!!

Consider: Erdogan demands that U.S. delivers Gülen to him (without evidence of coup relations). Erdogan isolates major U.S. base (with nukes) in Turkey. This could get VERY interesting ...

5:57 AM - 16 Jul 2016 ilhan tanir @WashingtonPoint

10 State Council, top court members are detained allegedly for having ties to failed coup attempt.

6:32 AM - 16 Jul 2016 Ragıp Soylu @ragipsoylu

Journalist @sahmetsahmet says police was to arrest coup leaders yesterday before they mobilise, that led the coup [pic.twitter.com/UdXViNUf1V](https://pic.twitter.com/UdXViNUf1V)

7:16 AM - 16 Jul 2016 Liam Stack @liamstack

John Kerry on the Turkey coup: "I must say it does not appear to be a very brilliantly planned or executed event." [nytimes.com/live/turkey-co...](https://nytimes.com/live/turkey-co...)

7:18 AM - 16 Jul 2016 Ellie Geranmayeh @EllieGeranmayeh Speculations flowing in #Istanbul re #TurkeyCoup linked to annual military meeting in Aug where gov plan to purge Gulenist soldiers (leaked)

7:19 AM - 16 Jul 2016 Elijah J. Magnier @EjmAlrai

Elijah J. Magnier Retweeted Marianne

Imposing Sharia punishment on soldiers in #Turkey for their failed coup  
[pic showing bearded Erdoganists whipping soldiers in the street after they surrendered]

8:24 AM - 16 Jul 2016 Jim Colella @Jim\_Colella

Reports today of 2745 judges removed after last night's #TurkeyCoupAttempt. Wtf? How's that related? Watch all that happens next.

+ 5 judges frm top judicial appointment body (HSYK) dismissed. 48 Council of State judges detained. 140 arrest warrants 4 Supreme Ct Appeal

9:15 AM - 16 Jul 2016 Asaf Ronel @AsafRonel

there's a report saying a anti-Gulen operation was in final stages & ignited the coup attempt - the lists were ready

9:15 AM - 16 Jul 2016 ilhan tanir @WashingtonPoint

Constitutional Court (US-Supreme Court) member Alparslan Altan, VP at highest court appointed by A.Gul, is detained.

9:46 AM - 16 Jul 2016 Mete Sohtaoglu @metesohtaoglu

Four #Turkish parties make rare joint statement against coup attempt  
#TurkeyCoupAttempt #AKP #CHP #MHP #HDP pic.twitter.com/UOBTU339uT

10:08pm · 16 Jul 2016 Gissur Simonarson CN @GissiSim

"Pro-Democracy" protesters who lynched soldiers to death display "Grey Wolves" hand signals over dead bodies #Turkey

10:10pm · 16 Jul 2016 Turkey Untold @TurkeyUntold

BREAKING: Secretary of Labor Süleyman Soylu live on news channel Haberturk: "The US is behind this coup" pic.twitter.com/khqdbUw7re

10:12 AM - 16 Jul 2016 Asaf Ronel @AsafRonel

Turkish official confirms authorities found coup-plan lists saying which officers will be governors, heads of government agencies etc

Lists included more than 100 names with matching would-be posts. Not all of them arrested yet  
#TurkeyCoupAttempt

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*[Now consider the outcome: Erdogan now has cart blanc to purge his nation of all his political and military opponents under the guise of restoring and safeguarding his nation -- who would question the validity of the soon to come arrests?*

*But this tactic is not new, create a false flag incident -- Reichstag fire or Twin Towers 'terrorist' attack -- and run with a diabolical agenda without opposition or questioning; indeed, Hitler used it first then the 'shadow government' of the USA. So it all becomes plain. However, these tactics are widely known today and it may come to pass that Erdogan will soon face a REAL coup d'etat if executed quickly -- time, in these circumstances, is of the essence! If ever an unstable, dangerous, psychopathic leader required removal, it's Erdogan. We shall see!]*

<http://www.informationclearinghouse.info/article45117.htm>

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Jungle Drum Prose/Poetry. <http://jungledrum.lingama.net/news/story-2297.html>