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July 15 2016: One of the Most Significant Turning Points of the History of The Republic of Turkey.

By the end of the (so-called) attempted coup President Erdogan described it as “A Blessing from God” and in a few hours, more than 2000 judges and public prosecutors have been dismissed and after that, “state of emergency” has been declared and Turkish democracy became “one man regime”.

There are lots of very suspicious and unclear points about July 15 (so-called) coup attempt. Here are the things that happened afterward.

Interestingly the chief of intelligence of the Republic of Turkey is still in the office and chief of army promoted by Erdogan as Minister of Defence.

Erdogan established “Turkey Wealth Fund” and transferred all assets, investments and big companies of the Republic of Turkey to this fund and appointed himself as the CEO of this multi-billion dollar worth fund and he also appointed his son-in-law –who was previously appointed by Erdogan as Minister of Finance and Treasury- as the deputy board manager the same fund.

The president of opposition party -who is still in jail- got arrested right before the referendum which opened the way for Erdogan to change the system of the state and became a “Turkish Type of President”.

To do all these things and more unfortunately, hundreds of thousands had to suffer. Here is what happened after 15 July 2016 in Turkey.

\$11,000,000,000 assets were seized

612,347 people were investigated

152,000 state officials were arrested

62,669 political prisoners charged with terrorist activity

7,907 incidents of human rights violations

743 babies, aged 0-6 years are in prison

197 children, aged 12 - 18 were imprisoned with terror charges

4,000+ judges or prosecutors were dismissed

1,600+ NGO and NPO were closed

2,500 journalists and media workers left unemployed

1,539 lawyers were put on trial and

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249 people lost their lives

160,000 people were arrested

3,502 victims were subjected to torture

2,767 children, aged 12 - 18 were imprisoned

7,257 academics were dismissed

200 public media companies were closed

19 unions were closed

580 were arrested

We as URA, suspect that Erdogan took advantage of this (so-called) coup attempt and re-design the system of Turkey for his benefit. Therefore, we call upon all democratic entities and individuals to recognize these points as well as heavy human rights abuses and anti-democratic activities and make efforts in a democratic way to stop this tragedy.

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