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15 July 2016, 23:16

*Democratic legitimacy means "honour".
We will defend it to the end.*

Ömer Çelik



Ömer Çelik @omerrcelik • 15 July 2016 • 23:16

Democratic legitimacy means "honour". We will defend it to the end.



Ömer Çelik @omerrcelik • 15 July 2016 • 23:26

The national will has been entrusted to us by our great nation. It is our obligation and honour to embrace this.



Ömer Çelik @omerrcelik • 15 July 2016 • 23:57

Those who attack our democracy also attack what the nation has entrusted to us. Embracing this entrustment means EMBRACING THE NATION.



Ömer Çelik @omerrcelik • 16 July 2016 • 00:00

WE ARE AT THE SERVICE OF OUR PEOPLE UNTIL THE LAST BREATH. National will is the entrustment of the nation.



Ömer Çelik @omerrcelik • 16 July 2016 • 00:28

Nobody can subordinate the will of this HONOURABLE NATION. Our nation is sovereign over this country. Attempting a coup means enmity towards the nation!



Ömer Çelik @omerrcelik • 16 July 2016 • 00:30

Today is the DAY OF OUR NATION'S DIGNITY. We're defending democracy with all our power. We're coming out to the squares!!!

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Now they have announced an illegal statement, that they will judge the government. We are all on duty, we are all in the streets and squares. I would like to underline that we are going to defend the national will and democracy to our last breath.

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Telephone conversation with NTV

Date: 16/07/2016, 00:51



What the nation has entrusted to us is our obligation and honour. They cannot seize what has been entrusted without taking our lives. We are all in the streets. The President of Turkey is the Commander-in-Chief of the Turkish Republic. The President has called on everyone to take to the streets, to go to the squares.

Telephone conversation with NTV
Date: 16/07/2016, 00:51



I would like to say, as a member of the government, the government is on duty. The government continues to govern Turkey. What we are facing is a coup attempt by a parallel state structure against the legitimate government and democratic system of the Turkish Republic. This coup attempt is pointing a gun at the nation with the resources that belong to it. Attempting a coup is enmity towards the nation. “Mehmetçik” (term of endearment for soldiers) who hold these tanks, cannons and weapons must not obey these orders. Those who have given these orders are the enemies of this nation. The honourable commanders of the Turkish Army and “Mehmetçik” will defeat the coup attempt in collaboration with the security forces.

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We will defend the national will, we will defend democracy to the very end. We are the elected government and we are on duty under the authority entrusted to us by our citizens. We will defend this country in company, first and foremost, with the members of the AK Party, our own party and with our colleagues in the opposition parties. We are in the squares! The government is in the squares. The government is on duty. Our people will take to the streets. Those tanks will go back to their barracks, “Mehmetçik” will go back to their barracks.

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Our nation is sovereign over this country. This army belongs to the Turkish Grand National Assembly (TGNA), not to a group of coup plotters. They all must return to their barracks and go against the officers who gave this order, because the Commander-in-Chief has declared that these orders are illegal. Those who have been involved in an attempt against their own commanders and those who have ordered to attempt against their own legitimate government are simply a group of people who will be accountable before the courts. They cannot represent the Turkish Armed Forces.

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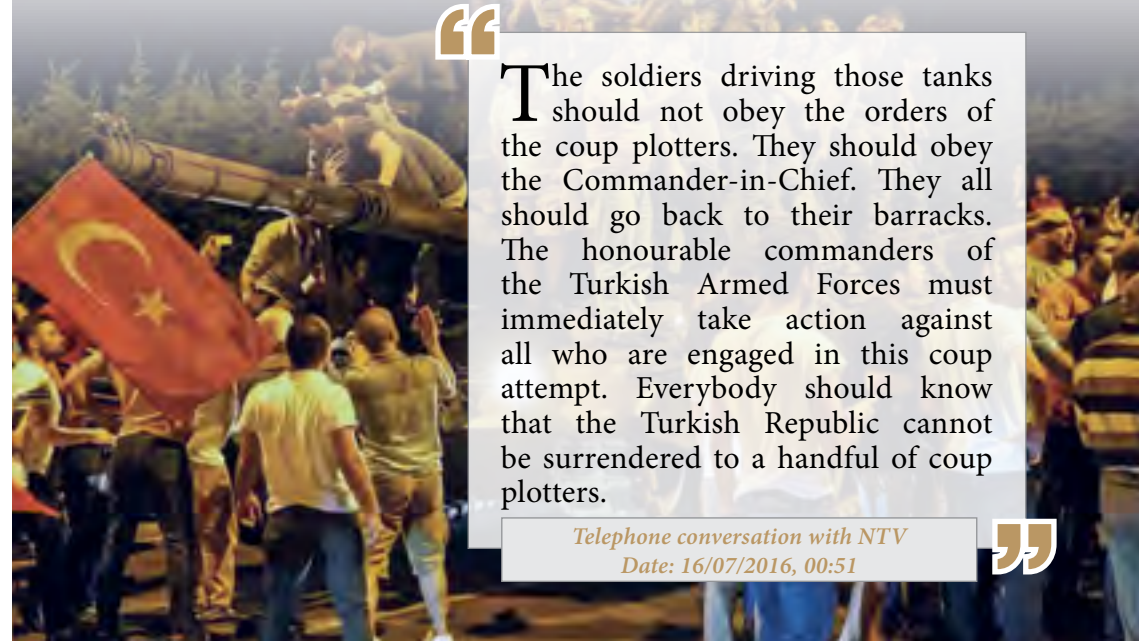
Anyone who has engaged in this coup attempt will be tried in court. We will not surrender Turkey to a chaotic group. We are strongly committed and we will defend and protect democracy to our last breath.

Telephone conversation with NTV
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The soldiers driving those tanks should not obey the orders of the coup plotters. They should obey the Commander-in-Chief. They all should go back to their barracks. The honourable commanders of the Turkish Armed Forces must immediately take action against all who are engaged in this coup attempt. Everybody should know that the Turkish Republic cannot be surrendered to a handful of coup plotters.

Telephone conversation with NTV
Date: 16/07/2016, 00:51





“Let us go out to streets all together, and stand up and defend democracy. We will repulse and defeat this coup attempt all together. We will counterbalance the harm to Turkey. We will try them all in court. We will defend democracy to our last breath.”

*Telephone conversation with NTV
Date: 16/07/2016, 00:51*

“The order of our President and Commander-in-Chief is clear and explicit: The coup attempt shall be defeated. They pointed firearms at our people. Those who point firearms at our people cannot represent our nation. They are the enemies of this nation as well as of the Turkish Armed Forces. We consider this as an enemy attack, and we are saying this explicitly and clearly at any cost.”

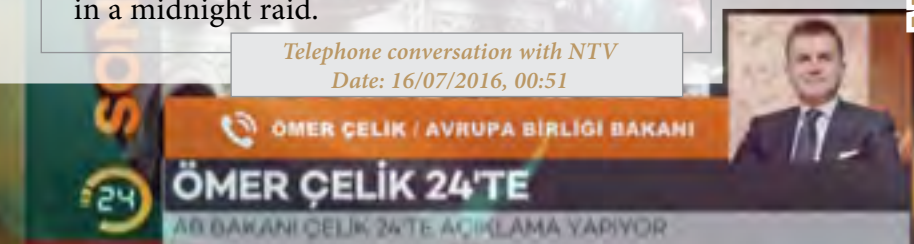
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“The Turkish Armed Forces will remain steadfast in support of democracy while the government is on duty and will protect what the nation has entrusted to us to the end. The people are in the streets. So are we. Since you have delegated this authority to us, it is our duty to defend democracy.”

*Telephone conversation with NTV
Date: 16/07/2016, 00:51*

“It is clearly the raid of an outfit of bandits. We are facing a non-national power trying to take over Turkey in the middle of the night. It is the peak of efforts of a force, whose will, faith and wisdom is bound abroad, seeking to take over power in Turkey in a midnight raid.”

*Telephone conversation with NTV
Date: 16/07/2016, 00:51*



“The Turkish Armed Forces is the army of the TGNA. The army of the TGNA cannot point a gun at the TGNA, its government or the Turkish nation.”

*Telephone conversation with Kanal 24
Date: 16/07/2016, 01:16*

“They say: ‘We are going to try the government.’ Look, we are all in the squares, strongly committed to democracy. We will defend the national will and democracy to our last breath. We call their bluff! We are with our nation; we stand by democracy.”

*Telephone conversation with CNN Türk
Date: 16/07/2016, 01:30*

“Being engaged in a coup attempt against the government means being engaged in a coup attempt against the national will. It is illegitimate, a crime and a hostile action. To put it explicitly, it is a hostile action. Ironically, they have caused great damage to Turkey’s fight against terrorism by attacking the security forces and attempting to seize the power in such a critical period when the Turkish army and security forces are fighting against both the PKK and Daesh. That is to say what they have done is against Turkey’s national security.”

*Telephone conversation with CNN Türk
Date: 16/07/2016, 01:30*

“At a time when Turkey’s foreign policy is so complicated, such actions of stirring up the country and trying to damage its image can only be committed by an enemy.”

*Telephone conversation with CNN Türk
Date: 16/07/2016, 01:30*





Ömer Çelik @omerrcelik • 16 July 2016 • 01:45

We are in the streets till dawn. We will welcome the sunlight having defeated the coup attempt. No sleep! No fear! The squares belong to us.



Ömer Çelik @omerrcelik • 16 July 2016 • 01:48

All municipalities must call the people out. They must resist the coup. It is time for the municipalities of the people who defend democracy to perform their duties.



Ömer Çelik @omerrcelik • 16 July 2016 • 01:53

We will defend democracy to our last breath. We will not hand over the national will to this treacherous gang.



Ömer Çelik @omerrcelik • 16 July 2016 • 01:54

We are going to defend the national will with our lives. We will not give Turkey over to this treacherous gang.



Ömer Çelik @omerrcelik • 16 July 2016 • 02:16

This treacherous gang shooting bullets at soldiers and police and firing at the public will be defeated.



Ömer Çelik @omerrcelik • 16 July 2016 • 02:24

This treacherous gang pointed firearms at its people. They are the enemies. They will be defeated!



Ömer Çelik @omerrcelik • 16 July 2016 • 02:28

This great nation has showed once again how great it is. They defeated the coup in the squares.



Ömer Çelik @omerrcelik • 16 July 2016 • 02:37

This nefarious and treacherous gang will be defeated. Turkey will move on its path to a bright future.



Ömer Çelik @omerrcelik • 16 July 2016 • 02:54

We are facing an "ENEMY". They bombed the TGNA. They martyred soldiers and police. They fired at our citizens. The enemy will be defeated!



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We, members of the Government of Turkey, first and foremost our President and Prime Minister, are all strongly committed. The Turkish Grand National Assembly is strongly committed, we are all out in the streets. We are defending the national will

Telephone Conversation with ATV

Date: 16/07/2016, 03:16

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While “*Mehmetçik*” was fighting against terrorism in order to protect Turkey, they were betrayed by them. They bombed the Turkish Grand National Assembly. They engaged in a coup attempt against the elected government of Turkey. This is a treacherous gang and the enemy. It will definitely be defeated.

Telephone Conversation with ATV

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Ömer Çelik @omerrcelik • 16 July 2016 • 03:39

Now the veteran Turkish Parliament is being bombarded by those traitors who betrayed their uniforms. It will never surrender. It will not give up its sovereignty to the traitors.



Ömer Çelik @omerrcelik • 16 July 2016 • 03:42

The treacherous gang is trying to silence the TV channels. Let us protect the TV channels.



Ömer Çelik @omerrcelik • 16 July 2016 • 04:02

The President of the nation, Commander in Chief of our armies, our President is with our people in Istanbul. He is with millions of people.



Ömer Çelik @omerrcelik • 16 July 2016 • 04:05

Those who bomb their own Parliament are not the army of the nation.



Ömer Çelik @omerrcelik • 16 July 2016 • 04:08

Those who shoot at their own soldiers and police cannot be soldiers of this nation.



Ömer Çelik @omerrcelik • 16 July 2016 • 04:10

Those who open fire from helicopters on their citizens can neither be the children of these lands nor the soldiers of this country.



Ömer Çelik @omerrcelik • 16 July 2016 • 04:15

Anyone who attacked the Grand National Assembly is not a 'Mehmetçik'. He is a degenerate!



Ömer Çelik @omerrcelik • 16 July 2016 • 04:49

Our President is the symbol of unity of the state and nation. Those who target him are targeting the state and the nation at the same time.



Ömer Çelik @omerrcelik • 16 July 2016 • 04:50

We should unite around our President. This is a duty for our country. This is what patriotism requires. For the state and the nation...



Ömer Çelik @omerrcelik • 16 July 2016 • 04:57

Enemies of the state and the nation target our President. In opposition to that, the STATE and the NATION will unite around our President.



Ömer Çelik @omerrcelik • 16 July 2016 • 05:20

Today is the DAY OF THE NATION'S DIGNITY...



Ömer Çelik @omerrcelik • 16 July 2016 • 05:24

Today is the day for teaching a lesson to the traitors who attacked our GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.



Ömer Çelik @omerrcelik • 16 July 2016 • 05:39

Turkey was attacked by nefarious enemies who betrayed their nation, honour and uniforms. The enemy was, and is being, responded to as necessary.



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Turkey was subject to an attack of a treacherous gang, a crowd of killers, an enemy element. A group of degenerates betraying their uniforms sought to seize national power.

Telephone Conversation with NTV
Date: 16/07/2016, 11:49

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We will not surrender the national will which has been entrusted to us to a treacherous gang until our last breath.

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Turkey has never faced such a degenerate structure so hostile towards the values of its own people, which betrays its own national honour and behaves like an enemy.

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Those who dared to bomb the TGNA using the arms provided by public money and resources in order for them to fight against terrorism and maintain national security, deserve to be described, maybe just for that reason, as the most treacherous gang in our history. They betrayed both the uniform of Turkish Armed Forces and the “*Mehmetçik*” title.

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Giving a message of glory and honour to the world, the Turkish people have filled the squares demonstrating their commitment to democracy, with the highest standard of democratic consciousness in the world.

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The adherence of Turkey’s institutions to democratic values is so strong that even though many officers and army personnel were killed, they defended democracy and the national will.

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We have all witnessed that future of Turkey will be bright as long as the people have such an awareness of democracy.

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This incident will be recorded in the history of democracy as an important milestone. A nation has defended its own democracy and national will and has shaped its faith.

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It has been a night of pride in terms of witnessing the democratic capacity of Turkish institutions and their adherence to democracy.

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Ömer Çelik @omerrcelik • 17 July 2016 • 00:18

It's a matter of dignity. A life without dignity is naught. We sentence the coup plotters for our dignity!



Ömer Çelik @omerrcelik • 17 July 2016 • 00:21

We are in the squares until dawn! We are going to end the coup! We are going to sentence the coup plotters! Turkey will win! The victory is democracy's!



Ömer Çelik @omerrcelik • 17 July 2016 • 00:37

The honourable commanders of our army adhere to democracy and are loyal to their oaths. Terrorists in uniforms are the enemies of our army!



Ömer Çelik @omerrcelik • 17 July 2016 • 01:55

We will be awake till dawn! We are awake against anyone who might seek to continue the coup attempt. Keep up the watch for democracy! Keep up defending our land!



Ömer Çelik @omerrcelik • 17 July 2016 • 11:12

This gang of degenerates and traitors who betrayed our great people and bombed our Grand National Assembly have attacked our national sovereignty.



Ömer Çelik @omerrcelik • 17 July 2016 • 11:18

Those who stayed in the squares all night are the 'unnamed heroes' of our democracy.



Ömer Çelik @omerrcelik • 17 July 2016 • 11:34

We are taking to the streets once again with more strength. We are defending our country. We will NEVER surrender this country to traitors! We are in the squares!



Ömer Çelik @omerrcelik • 17 July 2016 • 13:09

From now on, the upcoming hours are much more important. We will never leave the squares. We are in the squares now. We will pack the squares in the evening!



Ömer Çelik @omerrcelik • 17 July 2016 • 18:41

We will always keep the suffering of our precious martyrs in our hearts! We will never forget the killers in uniforms who caused this suffering!



Ömer Çelik @omerrcelik • 17 July 2016 • 21:30

We are in the squares. We will make the voice of our democracy heard by the world until dawn!



Ömer Çelik @omerrcelik • 17 July 2016 • 21:31

We are not leaving the squares till dawn. We are protecting the memory of our martyrs.



Ömer Çelik @omerrcelik • 17 July 2016 • 21:32

We are filling all the squares. We are cursing the coup-plotting traitors.



Ömer Çelik @omerrcelik • 17 July 2016 • 21:35

The squares belong to the people, not to coup plotters.

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Turkish democracy has faced the most serious threat in its history. There has not been such a brutal attack against the will of people and national power in the history of democracy.

*Press Meeting on the Agenda at the Ministry for EU Affairs
Date: 23/07/2016, 14:16*

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July 15 will be an eternal source of inspiration for all peoples who resist military coups, dictatorships and custodies, and demand democracy and ballots.

*Press Meeting on the Agenda at the Ministry for EU Affairs
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Eagerness to establish a military dictatorship based on a deviant religious understanding has culminated in a terrorist attack on Turkish democracy. This deviant religious understanding is a focal point committing hostile attacks against our democracy to turn Turkey into a military dictatorship. It considers itself a decision-making authority in any matter while putting itself in the centre of truth and drawing a theological framework for itself.

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Fethullah Gülen, the leader of this terrorist organization, is someone more dangerous than Osama Bin Laden. Osama Bin Laden conducted terrorist attacks while openly speaking of the terrorism threat. However, Fethullah Gülen, constantly hiding behind soft concepts such as tolerance and dialogue, leads an extremely dangerous terrorist organization.

*Press Conference on the Agenda at the Ministry for EU Affairs
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We are confronted with an organization which is more dangerous and more brutal than Daesh. Daesh directly targets the structures of state via terrorism. However, Fethullah Gülen's terrorist organization has tried to destroy the infrastructure, democratic order and democratic institutions of the state and eliminate the people's will and national will by infiltrating and capturing the state internally.

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I strongly reject the approach of criticizing the coup attempt with just one sentence, while questioning the commitment of the President of the Republic of Turkey, the Government and our Prime Minister to democratic values in long paragraphs.

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It is observed that the primary aim of this attempt was to end the democratic structure of the Turkish Republic, and to overthrow the President and the legitimate government of the Turkish Republic. But when we take a look at the big picture, we see that the situation is even worse. It is quite clear that the aim was to make Turkey a part of the instability in Iraq and Syria, transform Turkey into a country that is incapable of fighting against terrorist organizations such as Daesh, the PKK and the DHKP/C, and push Turkey into a state of chaos that would last for years.

*Press Conference on the Agenda at the Ministry for EU Affairs
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Following the attack against the democratic values of Turkey, I would have very much appreciated our allies to visit Ankara to address the Turkish people, at the level of heads of the state or the government, presidents of the parliaments or other officials.

*Press Conference on the Agenda at the Ministry for EU Affairs
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Today, by standing up to tanks, bullets and F16 jet fighters, Turkey has demonstrated that it is at the forefront of protecting democratic values in the world, which are also represented in the European Union. Adhering so strongly to the democratic values is actually an honourable stance and source of pride for everyone who believes in democratic values.

*Press Conference on the Agenda at the Ministry for EU Affairs
Date: 23/07/2016, 14:16*

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A whole nation risked death in order to protect their national will, to protect legitimacy and national sovereignty and defeated the plotters.

*Press Conference on the Agenda
at the Ministry for EU Affairs
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Defending democracy is not recommending that the ‘parties’ avoid violence on such an occasion. This is to put the democratic government and the coup attempt on equal terms. Here, it is the actions of the plotters, the serial killers, that have to be condemned and rejected.

*Press Conference on the Agenda
at the Ministry for EU Affairs
Date: 23/07/2016, 14:16*

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Our people’s reaction to this brutal attack rewrites the world history of democracy. Our people’s reaction to this brutal attack has shown to the whole world who the owners of Turkey are. Our people’s reaction to this brutal attack rewrites the will of Turkish citizens in the streets and imprints it on the minds.

*Press Conference on the Agenda
at the Ministry for EU Affairs
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The person we are talking about has plotted a coup attempt and a terrorist attack against the rule of law in Turkey. He tried to eliminate the secular democracy in Turkey in order to establish the dominance of a deviant religious understanding. He targeted Turkey's democratic regime by attempting to establish a military dictatorship. Moreover, he targeted the rule of law by attempting to replace the constitutional regime in Turkey with his own deviant understanding.

*Exclusive Interview with NTV
Date: 29/07/2016, 18:02*



Here we are facing an integrated structure that aims to establish a military dictatorship based on a deviant religious understanding, to overthrow the legitimate government in Turkey at all costs. The non-governmental, media and the intelligence component of this structure all work similarly.

*Exclusive Interview with NTV
Date: 29/07/2016, 18:02*



For the first time in the history of our Republic of hundred years, a government did not abandon the front line in the face of an armed coup attempt. Our government did not abandon the national will. And the national will did not lay down our flag. Turkey is no longer a country in which leaders run away from confronting coup attempts.

*Speech at the "Democracy Watch" in Adana,
Uğur Mumcu Square Date: 31/07/2016*



These people are killers wearing military uniforms. These people are not "Mehmetçik", these people are not Turkish soldiers. "Mehmetçik" would never kill his own people. "Mehmetçik" would never drive tanks at civilians.

*Speech at the "Democracy Watch" in Adana,
Uğur Mumcu Square Date: 31/07/2016*



We never bow before guns, we never take a step back from tanks or run from F16 jet fighters. We only bow respectfully before God in our prayers and only pay heed to the orders of our nation.

*Speech at the "Democracy Watch" in Adana,
Uğur Mumcu Square Date: 31/07/2016*



The TGNA differs from other assemblies in a way. All the parliaments in the world were established following an independence war, however, only the Turkish Parliament was established prior to an independence war, and the war was commanded by the veteran Parliament.

*Speech at the "Democracy Watch" in Adana,
Uğur Mumcu Square Date: 31/07/2016*





The way our people stood up against the coup attempt and protected the democratic regime is a heroic development that rewrites the world history of democracy.

Reception of the Presidents of European Regional Business Council Date: 03/08/2016, 16:06



This recent coup attempt has demonstrated that the Turkish people have a high level of democratic consciousness which protects all the values and institutions of democracy. This consciousness deserves to be acclaimed and appreciated.

Meeting with Thorbjorn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe Date: 04/08/2016, 12:01



I should say that following this coup attempt, we as the European democracies and European states must establish a stronger cooperation between Turkey and Europe; we must turn new pages.

Meeting with Thorbjorn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe Date: 04/08/2016, 12:01



Either rich or poor, famous or not famous, whoever you are, we should all be aware of this fact: Turkey belongs only to our beloved nation.

Speech at the Democracy and Martyrs Meeting in Adana Date: 07/08/2016



It was quite irrational for those people who claim to be paying special attention to enhancing the quality of democracy just to make a statement that condemns the terrorist attacks and the coup attempt which endangered the existence of democracy in Turkey, instead of coming to Ankara and showing physical solidarity with Turkish people. This attitude bereft of vision will certainly mark Turkey-European Union relations and Turkey's bilateral relations with various countries in the European Union.

Exclusive Interview with Habertürk Date: 09/08/2016, 14:16



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With regard to its own values, I do not think that the European Union gave the proper response to this coup attempt. It rather revealed weakness on issues such as democratic values, human rights, and rule of law.

*Exclusive Interview with the Anadolu Agency
Date:24/08/2016*

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What most shocked and irritated me was when the EU called on the “parties” to show restraint within 24 hours after the coup attempt. I feel the EU is not on our side when such a call is made on me regarding those who wish to kill me. Here we are right and legitimate, because the other side is trying to carry out a massacre.

*Anadolu Agency Editorial Desk
Date:31/08/2016, 10:13*

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All European Union leaders should have been in solidarity with Turkey on the basis of democracy, human rights and the rule of law.

*Anadolu Agency Editorial Desk
Date: 31/08/2016, 10:13*

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The Turkish people gave this message to the world: “I have the power to protect my democracy. Those who try to give me lessons in democracy should come here and see how democracy is protected.”

*Anadolu Agency Editorial Desk
Date: 31/08/2016, 10:13*

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This nation has rewritten the history of democracy. Nobody is entitled to give democracy lessons to this nation. Those who want to take a lesson in democracy should come here to Turkey.

*Anadolu Agency Editorial Desk
Date: 31/08/2016, 10:13*

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This coup attempt did not occur within only the Turkish Republic's territory. The coup attempt was conducted within European territory. It was plotted against a European country and a European democracy. Thus our common values were under a terrorist attack. Therefore, the coup attempt in Turkey does not just target our country, but also the common values we share with the European Union.

*Joint Press Conference with the Portuguese Minister of Foreign Affairs,
Augusto Santos Date:06/09/2016, 17:25*

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The common values we share with the European Union; democracy, human rights, and rule of law have been assaulted within European territory.

Joint Press Conference after the Turkey-EU High-level Political Dialogue Meeting Date: 09/09/2016, 12:14

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Dictators hide behind tanks. Our President took the risk of dying and stood in front of the tanks with his people that night. He took his power to resist solely from God and his nation. This also shows the courage of Turkish leaders and the democratic consciousness of the Turkish people. There is a first-class democratic consciousness in Turkey.

Joint Press Conference after the Turkey-EU High-level Political Dialogue Meeting Date: 09/09/2016, 12:14

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We will never allow anyone to establish an illegal state structure under the roof of this state. We will never allow anyone to establish a parallel state structure.

Press Statement in Pozanti, Adana Date:14/09/2016

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National sovereignty cannot be questioned or restricted. No condition can be laid down for national sovereignty, no additional remark can be made on national sovereignty, and national sovereignty cannot be divided, nor transferred, partially or fully, to any other entity.

Press Statement in Pozanti, Adana Date:14/09/2016

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This country belongs to its people. You are the owners of this country. You are the leaders of this country.

Press Statement in Pozanti, Adana Date:14/09/2016

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During the July 15 coup attempt, we once again saw that it is a great honour to be a member of and belong to this nation. It is a great honour to serve this nation.

Press Statement in Pozanti, Adana Date:14/09/2016

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Those who stood up to that coup attempt on July 15 have in fact stood up to the occupation of this country. They have defended the motherland.

Press Statement in Pozanti, Adana Date:14/09/2016

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If we are talking about democracy, if anyone wants to take lessons in democracy, then we invite them to Turkey.

Press Statement in Pozantı, Adana Date:14/09/2016

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Our people are the owners of this country; our people have the final say. Nobody is entitled to claim any right in any way regarding the will and sovereignty of the public.

*Speech at the Inauguration of Enerjisa Call Center in Adana
Date: 06/10/2016*

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July 15 was the day when our consciousness of being a nation was boosted with the resistance against the coup attempt. It was the day when our consciousness of being a nation was rewritten, renewed and enhanced. We are obliged to carry this as a flag.

*Speech at the Inauguration of Enerjisa Call Center in Adana
Date: 06/10/2016*

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We heard irrational statements such as calling the “parties” to show restraint. You cannot equate coup plotters with a democratic government, and call both parties to show restraint. The coup plotters should be condemned and cursed, and it should also be emphasized that the legitimate party is the one that is exposed to the coup attempt. Of course, this is a totally irrational statement and will certainly be a black mark in the history of democracy.

*Joint Press Conference with the British Minister of State
for Europe and the Americas Alan Duncan Date: 19/10/2016, 14:37*

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In the resistance against the July 15 coup attempt, Turkish people have shown that they have a high level of awareness about democracy and democratic freedoms.

*Press Statement on Turkey's Progress Report published by
the European Commission Date: 09/11/2016, 16:09*

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It is clear that the history of Turkish democracy, history of European democracy and history of world democracy were rewritten by our nation on July 15.

Press Statement on Turkey's Progress Report published by the European Commission Date: 09/11/2016, 16:09

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We have always said and will continue to say that dictators hide behind tanks; but our President stood in front of tanks and F16 jet fighters with his people. Europe must appreciate this type of leadership.

Press Conference at the Brussels Visit Date: 15/11/2016, 17:31

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No nation in history has shown resistance to modern weapons as the Turkish people did. The Turkish people rewrote the history of democracy and renewed the record of democracy.

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As Thorbjørn Jagland and Carl Bildt point out, the coup attempt we faced occurred within European territory and was against European democracy.

Speech at the TGNA Plenary Meeting on the 2017 Budget of the Ministry for EU Affairs Date:13/12/2016

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The coup attempt occurred in a European country and a European democracy. Rewriting the history of democracy, the Turkish people protected their democracy as they took to the streets that night. I think what we have witnessed is a great resistance in the name of democracy, and such resistance has not been seen in this century or in the previous one.

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Democracy is not something you can protect and foster in a laboratory. On the contrary, democracy is a regime, an administrative model and a set of values that should be established and protected against all challenges to be faced and prices to be paid. Today, in the most recent period of modern history, the Turkish people have demonstrated the greatest sacrifice to protect this set of values.

*Joint Press Conference with the Foreign Minister of Finland, Timo Soini
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