



**IT WAS A STRUGGLE OF DEMOCRACY AND HONOR  
TO STAND AGAINST THE FAILED COUP ATTACK ON 15 JULY 2016**

Turkish Republic and community has always been the voice of democracy, rule of law and diversity both at home and in the world. However, our country has always faced critical interventions of some unconstitutional bodies ruling out of this order at certain intervals.

On 15 July 2016, it was the first time for our people to utter that our constitutional order cannot be disgraced. On the night of July 15<sup>th</sup> 2016, civil people were exposed to violent conflicts and 249 patriots were martyred and thousands of them were injured. The elected president of Turkish Republic was attempted to assassinate, Turkish National Grand Assembly was bombed, The Chief of Staff in Turkish Armed Forces was held hostage. No matter how this situation is perceived, it will not change this reality on Turkish people's and those democracy martyrs' behalf.

Another reality was the group that tried to ruin the people's will was Fetullahist Terrorist Organization (FETO) and their military based junta which never hesitated to kill innocent people striving for their freewill and right to speak. It became clear that it was an attempt by a network that is organized illegally as if they were a state in a state and sneak into state institutions.

Fortunately, all citizens, political parties, media, NGOs and armed forces stood firmly by democracy, legitimate organizations and the constitution. Turkey is also supported by many world countries, international companies and organizations and their representatives in person as seen in their words below.

With the efforts of this terrorist organization, FETO, it is tried to put into practice the campaign to discredit Turkish Republic government by servicing the world public opinion the idea that Turkey is a untrusted and unsafe country; however, we all know that the people in our country continue to live in peace even from the following day of failed attempt of coup attack on. We also would like you to know that all the aspects of life, activities and scientific research studies and lectures continue as they are supposed to be.

Although it is hard to convert the negative impression of this situation on the countries and their people looking from the outside, we, as Bartın University, kindly expect all our partners and international education community to know that we are still continuing to host and hope to welcome more international students and academic or administrative staff from all over the world. In this respect, we believe that all our students and staff from any backgrounds, identities, nationalities or any walks of life, should be treated like our sons, daughters or siblings, and the education should be provided with everybody based on the ground of universal norms and values of education.

As the administratives, faculty members and personnel of Bartın University, we condemn this murderous attempt which was conducted against the national will and democratic system of Turkey together with all the members of supreme institutions and universities in Turkish Higher Education system.

We also hope that our partnership continue as always and offer more to our partners more than the agreements themselves.

Thank you for your partnership and collaboration.



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