

Press Release

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Dialogue Platform’s Statement on Developments in Turkey

Our honorary president Mr. Fethullah Gülen who has been accused of engineering the failed coup attempt has called for an impartial, independent international investigation on Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan’s allegations that his followers have been involved in the failed coup. He declared he is ready for any independent investigation if he or his followers have any link with the coup attempt in Turkey. You can watch the full statement at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=acYkhO5RKAw>.

Mr. Gulen condemned the coup attempt on the same day and said in a personal statement “as someone who suffered under multiple military coups during the past five decades, it is especially insulting to be accused of having any link to such an attempt. I categorically deny such accusations.”

Furthermore, Hizmet affiliated individuals and institutions in several European countries are facing threats, hatred messages and attacks for the last two days. Dialogue Platform is deeply concerned that irresponsible messages and baseless accusations against the Hizmet Movement will cause more polarisation and hatred in Europe which may lead to further unrest.

About Dialogue Platform

Dialogue Platform is a non-profit organisation in Brussels which serves as a voice for dialogue organizations affiliated with Hizmet in Europe. (also known as Gulen movement). The Platform also serves as a central source of information on Hizmet and Fethullah Gulen who holds the honorary presidency of the platform. For more information, please visit www.dialogueplatform.eu

About Fethullah Gülen

Fethullah Gulen is an Islamic scholar, preacher and social advocate, whose decades-long commitment to interfaith tolerance and altruism has inspired millions in Turkey and around the world. Gulen is the honorary president of the Intercultural Dialogue Platform, Brussels; the Rumi Forum, Washington, DC; and the Foundation of Journalists and Writers, Istanbul.