



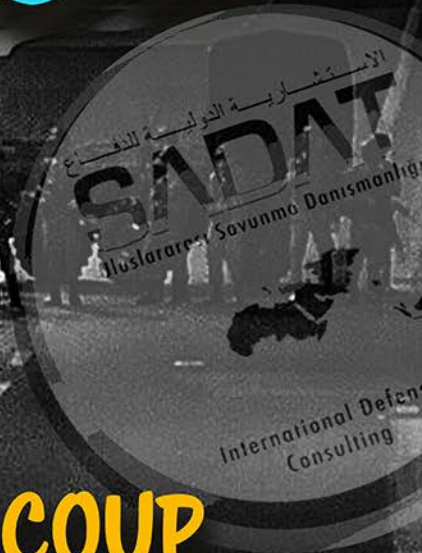
# COUP FOR DUMMIES

HOW TO STAGE A FAKE COUP

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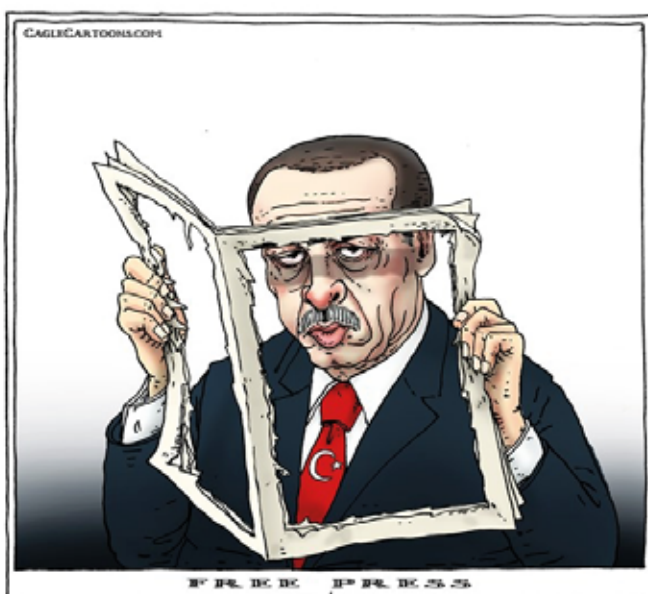
## FOREWORD

*This factsheet provides very important elements on how to conduct an unsuccessful coup attempt. The points made below may seem to be illogical at first but in fact they are proven recently. Indeed, the facts are from the lessons learned on 15th July 2016, so called coup attempt in Turkey. There might be very surprising points, but it really worked well so far.*

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### RECIPE: Think, plan strategically, and act quickly

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**1** There must be full control of media before you take any action and it should be well before the coup attempt. **You must be controlling the media and influencing public opinion for a long time as the government.** No matter what happens, there must be a single voice in media to influence the public opinion for the upcoming coup attempt. By media, I mean all sorts of media including internet, social media and etc. You have to make sure that the truth should not appear on a public place, in order not to affect public opinion in an adverse way.

**2** You have to be aware of the fact that ‘the truth has a bad habit of coming out eventually’. In that respect, **you have to act quickly. You have to have your various lists ready, to be detained, jailed, purged and etc.** You have to act right off the bat and establish autocratic regime and state of fear so that no one would dare to speak up or challenge regime.

**3** It is very simple. **The basic rule is; there must be a plethora of “unknowns” regarding the coup attempt.** The less public knows, better it is. An air of mystery should remain over the coup attempt. What little information released should be tightly controlled. Unknowns should overwhelm the “knowns”. The culprit must be by default the President’s scapegoat.

“A faux or ‘fake’ coup is one staged by the incumbent government with the objective of discrediting the legitimate opposition. It has all the packages of a real coup and may even be violent, but basically it is a frame-up. **Bombs may be heard going off at night and troops may drive through the main square at dawn, but the faux coup will only last as long as it will take to arrest the opposition politicians and their supporters and to plant ‘evidence’ of a conspiracy in their homes and offices.**”

- David Hebditch and Ken Connor, “How to Stage a Military Coup”, p.36



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**4** A failed attempt must be initiated at a rush hour (at a time people populate streets, restaurants, pubs etc.), unlike all previous coups in the country's history, which had been initiated early in the morning (03.00, 04.00)

**5** The coup plotters must **seize only a limited number of news outlet** and let the remaining majority media organize public to rally on the streets.

**6** The head of government must not be informed about the failed coup attempt. No need to worry the future president of the country with such trivial things. The Chief of Military and the Chief of Intelligence may have a coffee time instead of informing the saint President. **It is much better for a President to learn it later from his brother in law instead.** President should have an inconsistent narrative on when he learned about the coup attempt.

## WHEN & HOW DID ERDOGAN LEARN OF THE "COUP"?



"There has been a movement within the armed forces starting this afternoon"

15 July, Ataturk Airport



"I got a news that night at around 8PM"

18 July, CNN International



"I got a call from my brother in law at around 4-4.30PM"

21 July, Reuters



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"When I looked outside, I noticed some tanks"

**7** The use of military must be limited to a very small number of soldiers, vehicles, and weapons and in very limited locations just to persuade public opinion that it really happened. In that respect, a **salient picture like a tank in a very famous bridge blocking only one way in a most populated city of the country would be perfect memory for dummies believing in failed coup attempt.** Do it on Friday high time, so everyone sees it.



**8 Service Chiefs of Military must be comfortable enough to attend wedding ceremonies and ignore coup attempt since it would fail anyway.** They should enjoy the moment and continue party. They must be ensured that they would continue to hold office after the staged coup. Just stick with the plan. It doesn't necessarily need to be same wedding, or at the same city. Get yourself caught under surveillance cams or fool around. Don't worry, no one will question why you all attended weddings without your spouses at ultra-high alert levels.

**9** A few hours after staged coup started, **president must appear on a TV channel and make a public call to fight against the coup.** Later, the president would call the staged coup as a “gift from heaven”.



**10** Chief of Religious Affairs must make a call to all imams to announce prayer calls in order to save country from coup plotters by arousing religious feeling. **Take hasty initiative to show religion (faith) is on your side.**

**11** **Meanwhile a few aircraft must fly low level in order to provoke public feeling about staged coup.** Aircraft must carry out meaningless bombings against symbolic structures such as the Parliament, Road in front of President's Palace, Police Spec. Ops. Hq. in order to fuel rage amongst people. Tightly controlling the media will ensure no one would dare to ask questions like “Why would coup plotters want to bomb an empty parliament building? Why weren't the targets more associated with party in power, such as party building? Why were the experienced pilots not able to hit the gigantic Palace etc.?” It might seem impossible for people not to notice these. But trust me, it has been tested and worked well.

**12** **The coup plotters should go to holiday resort of the president couple hours after he leaves the holiday resort.** The coup plotters should be so stupid to the degree that they would have no intelligence, not even by listening to public TVs about the President's departure.

**13** By the way, **the staged coup must be directed to the public and not to the government.** In doing so, all parties would unite and condemn the staged coup in unison, without questioning anything.

**14** **Generals and officers to be arrested (Assure lists are prepared in advance), must be called back to HQs/units/bases under the pretence of imminent terrorist attack by the Deputy Commander of Armed Forces.** And then they should be arrested by police at the gate of the Headquarters/Units/Bases and etc.

**15** The most critical element of the staged coup is to act quickly. **A massive crackdown must be unleashed.** All the opponents and non-loyalists (military, judiciary personnel and etc.) of the current government must be swept away in no time. People on the list must be either arrested or dismissed/purged immediately to establish fear on everyone.



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**16** **It might seem nonsense but the military personnel with western mind-set working in NATO posts must be purged as well.** There might be no explanation for that. However, you might claim that they contributed the planning phase of the stage coup. Don't worry, this is no more stretch than, presenting possession of one dollar bills as evidence of belonging to a terrorist organization.

**17** It might be hard to build up evidence. But remember, **you can always extort confessions by torture.** You can even present handwritten confession of a primary suspect who cannot move his injured hands.

## INVESTIGATION BOARD'S "SELECTIVE" LISTEN LIST



ISIK KOSANER  
He was CHOD  
6 years before the "coup".



ILKER BASBUG  
He was CHOD  
8 years before the "coup".



HILMI OZKOK  
He was CHOD  
14 years before the "coup".



HULUSI AKAR  
CHOD during the "coup".

**18** A state of emergency must be declared and prolonged as necessary in order to consolidate the current government's authority, to exercise far-reaching, unlimited discretionary power and pave the way for dictatorship and tyranny.

**19** A Parliamentary Coup Investigation Board must be set up to give impression of investigating the coup plotters. But **the Investigation Board should not listen to primary actors of the coup attempt, not even the Chief of Turkish Military and Chief of Turkish Intelligence. Letting them talk would be too risky.** One of the members of the Investigation Board from other parties may ask a question unfolding all conspiracy.

**20** Even after several months, there must be no name for the leader of the staged coup. The Investigation Board must not be able to find out the leaders or the objective of the coup and must be disbanded after successfully finding nothing.

**21** Few weeks after the failed coup attempt, **you have to open a new front to distract the public attention.** You have make people believe that the Armed Forces is stronger than before despite losing all the planners/pilots .... For instance, you might enter Syria and declare a media victory by taking a small evacuated village.

**22** Never give up utilizing lies, slanders, exaggerations and counterfeit allegations to mobilize and convince people against the purged or imprisoned government officials. **Frequently accuse NATO countries or United States for planning, conducting and supporting the coup attempt.**

**23** And don't forget - **the public should deliberately be kept in coma.** If anyone wants to wake up by investigating the truth, he should be declared as a coupist, too. This way, no one would dare to handle the hot potato.

*After all, these are the basic rules to bring an end to democracy. But, we would not recommend exercising such a staged coup attempt. It is highly problematic. It will eventually result in jail or hell. You might win in the short run by managing media control within the country, but **truth has a bad habit of coming out eventually.** You will be either remembered as a dictator in history books or prosecuted depending on span of your life and tyranny. But, be assured that your name will be remembered. **History is full of tyrants.***



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