

INFORMATION NOTE REGARDING THE DECREE LAW NO. 701

OF 8 JULY 2018

ON CERTAIN MEASURES TO BE TAKEN UNDER THE STATE OF EMERGENCY

Measures taken in respect of public officials:

A number of public officials who have membership, affiliation or connection to terrorist organizations were dismissed from their duties and a number of retired military staff were deprived of their ranks.

Public officials who were reinstated to their profession:

Upon the re-examination of their files, the rights of the 129 public officials who had been dismissed from profession, 19 military staff who had been deprived of their ranks under previous decree-laws, have been reinstated as they were deemed to have no affiliation or connection to terrorist organisations. The measures taken with respect to these persons shall be deemed to have ceased along with all provisions and consequences thereof, applicable from the date of publication of the relevant decree-law. In order to prevent any unjust treatment, review requests are being investigated in detail and those whose objections are accepted are reinstated to their profession.

Measures in respect of institutions and organisations

A television channel, 12 associations and three newspapers which had connection to terrorist organisations and had operational activities of financing these organisations have been closed down.

Assessment and conclusion:

Measures taken with the decree-laws are intended for the continuity of the State and the restoration of the public order.

Furthermore, to avoid grievances, including the ones caused by FETÖ/PDY set-ups, arrangements such as the reinstatement of a number of public officials and the reopening of a number of institutions have also been made a following re-examination along with restoring their all rights.

Accordingly, Turkey as a state governed by the rule of law showed its commitment on the avoidance of grievances as soon as possible. The Government continues to take measures to the extent required by the state of emergency for ensuring the establishment of public order on the basis of human rights.