

INFORMATION NOTE REGARDING THE DECREE LAW NO. 697

OF 12 JANUARY 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 organisations 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:

Rights of the 1823 public officials who had been dismissed from profession, two students who had been discharged from studentship and 54 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 according to the re-examinations made. 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 radio station and a television channel which had connection to terrorist organisations and had a special importance in funding them have been closed down.

Assessment and conclusion:

As understood from the measures briefly explained above, 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 led by FETÖ/PDY conspiracy, arrangements such as the reinstatement of a number of public officials have also been made following a reexamination in respect of them, with all their rights restored.

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.