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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The Association of Judges in BiH would like to inform the public about the events happening in Turkey and the position of our colleagues-judges.

The Association of Judges as non-governmental organization, carefully follows the events in Turkey.

The Association has a clear attitude that all the issues must be resolved peacefully respecting the highest democratic principles and human rights.

Thus, the Association considers that the military coup is not an acceptable way of replacing legitimately elected government.

Due to the world press information, it might be noted that about 3.000 judges has been suspended immediately after the military coup, with no evidence of involvement. According to the universal and agreed common standards, the suspension of judges presents an important violation of their constitutionally guaranteed independence, except in cases where it is stipulated that the suspension might be imposed due to the reasonable doubt related to the serious violation of conduct rules during the performance of judicial functions.

Particularly, due to the objective reasons, we express the doubt regarding the pressure on the judiciary and judges, considering the fact that at the same time a great number of judges have been suspended with no evidence that might prove their involvement in the military coup.

The Association of judges in BiH hopes the military coup will not be used as the reason to remove all the judges and prosecutors from their position and being replaced by loyal followers, so the independence of judges and judiciary is at stake.

The Association of Judges in BiH invites the Turkish government to limit the application of suspension, and only for those cases where a reasonable doubt of involvement in the military coup exists respecting the democratic principles and the independence of judges.

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