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EDITOR'S NOTE

The establishment of national sovereignty in Turkey is the achievement of a long and arduous process. The Turkish War of Independence and the proclamation of the Republic under the leadership of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, secured "national sovereignty" as one of the fundamental principles of the newly found Turkish state. After the multi-party period of the Republic of Turkey, however, the military coup d'états and other attempts hindered the idea of a sovereign nation from being fully implemented. Finally, the coup d'état attempt happened on July 15, 2016 has revealed that the attempts against the will of the nation did not come to an end.

In this special issue of the Journal of Modern Turkish History Studies, we have attempted to find out the reasons for military coups in Turkey and their effects on Turkish democracy. We aim to raise public awareness of the attacks against national sovereignty and the importance of democracy. Our writers from various disciplines and various fields of expertise, came together to tackle the issue of military coups in Turkey from various perspectives, putting the coup attempt of July 15, 2016 on the center. We would like to express our gratitude to our writers, journal referee, and particularly to our rector Prof. Dr. Nükhet Hotar, and we wish to make a contribution to the scientific community with this special issue of our journal.

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