

# Press Releases: On the Occasion of the One-Year Anniversary of the Attempted Coup in Turkey

Press Statement  
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One year ago, Turkey's brave and dedicated citizens of all backgrounds and political views defended their democracy against an attempted coup. We reaffirm the United States' steadfast support for Turkey's democracy and democratic institutions. We offer our condolences to the friends and loved ones of those injured or killed during the coup attempt.

Today, the United States commends the bravery of all of those who have taken to the streets to preserve the rights and freedoms of their democratic society. Their actions continue to remind us that the preservation of democracy requires perseverance, tolerance, dissent, and safeguards for fundamental freedoms. Persistent curbs on those fundamental freedoms erode the foundations of democratic society. More voices, not fewer, are necessary in challenging times.

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