

**INFORMATION NOTE ON THE DECREE-LAW NO. 672 OF 1 SEPTEMBER 2016
ON THE MEASURES CONCERNING PUBLIC OFFICIALS TAKEN UNDER THE
STATE OF EMERGENCY**

Aim

The Decree-Law no. 672 has been enacted under the state of emergency declared on 20 July 2016 with a view to taking the necessary measures concerning public officials.

Measures concerning the public officials

By the decree-law, the public officials who are the members of the armed forces having membership, affiliation or connection to FETÖ, which has been established to pose a threat to national security, have been dismissed from the public duties.

Assessment and Conclusion

It is clearly inferred from the above-mentioned measures that by the Decree-law No. 672 issued following the declaration of state of emergency, the measures have been taken for effective fight against FETÖ terrorist organization which infiltrated into institutions of the State. The declaration of state of emergency and the decree-law issued during this period aim at eliminating the members of FETÖ terrorist organization from the institutions of the State and protecting the rule of law, democracy and human rights. In addition, no restriction has been imposed on rights and freedoms of the public.

The rule of law, democracy and human rights are the fundamental principles of the Republic of Turkey. The Turkish Government upholds the rule of law even in the fights against the terrorist coup attempt.