

A group of plotters from the failed Turkish coup on the night of 15 July 2016 used a WhatsApp group to communicate with each other. This transcript is part of a Bellingcat.com open source analysis of the group conversation, which includes information of the persons and military units involved. All times mentioned are GMT plus 3hrs.

Maj. Çelebioğlu created the group "Yurtta sulh".

Maj. Çelebioğlu added you.

Maj. Çelebioğlu added Col. Kaya to the group.

Maj. Çelebioğlu 21:15
I'm Maj. Çelebioğlu. I'll be making public announcements from here.
[phone number] 21:16
All right.
Maj. Akkaya 21:17
Ok.
Maj. Çelebioğlu 21:17
You can provide important updates here. I'll pass them on to Ankara.
Lt. Özgenç 21:17
Ok.
[phone number] 21:18
Ok.

Maj. Çelebioğlu added Col. Şahin.

Maj. Çelebioğlu added Murat Karakaş.

Maj. Özleblebici 21:18
Do not respond to every message, just listen... it is causing too much of a distraction.

Maj. Çelebioğlu added Maj. Yanık.

[phone number] 21:18
Ok.
Maj. Çelebioğlu 21:26
Brig. Özkan Aydoğdu [phone number]
The traffic on the E5 and TEM [Trans European Motorway] outside of Istanbul will be left as it is. Traffic trying to enter Istanbul will be halted and turned back.
Col. Gerehan 21:28
That which needs to be taken must be taken immediately...
Col. Kaya 21:29
6th started
Maj. Çelebioğlu 21:29
Col. Zeki [Gerehan], are you at the academy? Fatih Irmak needs support.

Maj. Çelebioğlu 21:30
He cannot convince his unit. Zafer Özleblebici are you at the academy?
Col. Gerehan 21:31
Ok, we are on our way to help.
[phone number] 21:32
Does the same apply to the bridges Murat Entry—exit?
Col. Gerehan 21:32
Fatih, come to the stop at the main entrance of the barracks.
Maj. Yanık 21:32
Fatih and his team are onboard. There's no problem.
Col. Gerehan 21:33
Ok we continue as normal.
Maj. Çelebioğlu 21:33
Commander, it is my personal opinion that they should go to their homes.
[phone number] 21:33
Ok.
Maj. Çelebioğlu 21:34
Are 2nd and 66th having difficulties due to traffic congestion on the roads?
Maj. Akkaya 21:34
We have not left yet.
Maj. Çelebioğlu 21:35
Colonel Muammer [Aygar], 2nd and 66th, location?
Col. Kaya 21:35
6th Regiment has left and is about to reach AKOM.
Maj. Çelebioğlu 21:35
...we had thought they'd be sent back home after having taking up positions.

Maj. Çelebioğlu added Lt.-Col. Düzenli.

Maj. Çelebioğlu added phone number.

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Maj. Yanık 21:43
Fatih situation: positive? negative?
Col. Kaya 21:45
Intervention at AKOM. It is being interned. Personnel are following our orders. Shortly the situation will be under control.
Maj. Aygar 21:45
Access to the First Bridge from the European side has been halted. 1. Bridge direction to Europe has been halted. The police point on the 2nd bridge has been reached. No problems.
Col. Gerehan 21:50
Who should the Hadimköy reinforcements contact, the contact that has agreed upon is not there. They are waiting at the the entrance.
Col. Kaya 21:53
TRT Radio on the road.

Maj. Çelebioğlu 21:54
We are calling Eyüp Pasha Who has Mehmet Erol's phone number?
Maj. Yanık 21:55
Eyüp has been contacted. He will get the gates open and is speaking to Mehmet Erol.
Col. Cebeci 21:55
[mobile phone number]
Maj. Yanık 21:56
HAK K [Harp Akademisi Komutanlığı] has been taken. Follow Hadimköy units.
Col. Kaya 21:56
AKOM has been seized. They are urgently requesting help from the technical team of the Air Force to cut off broadcasting. They are trying themselves but are unable to do it.
Maj. Aygar 21:57
Police are following orders at the 2nd Bridge, no problems.
Col. Kaya 21:57
(Mustafa Kubilay's contact details shared.) Please share, call for support from the technical team to cut off broadcasting.
Lt.-Col. Çoşkun 21:58
[Unknown]
Col. Kaya 22:02
TRT TV is on its way.
Lt. Özgenç 22:04
Bayrampaşa is on its way. Airport is on its way.
Maj. Çelebioğlu 22:06
The deputies of the Istanbul police chief have been called, informed, and the vast majority have complied.
Col. Şahin 22:06
The deputies of Istanbul police have complied. Tell our police friends: I kiss their eyes.
Col. Kaya 22:06
LDÜ is on its way.
Col. Cebeci 22:09
The job of apprehending the 1st Army Commander immediately.

Maj. Çelebioğlu added Lt.-Col. (Air) Erol.

Maj. Çelebioğlu 22:11
Is Hadimköy ready, they are asking from Ankara.
Col. Cebeci
Please take the army commander. For what is happening
Col. Gerehan 22:12
Academy reinforcement unit is at Hadimköy.
Lt.-Col. Çoşkun 22:12
Hadimköy is ready.
Maj. Çelebioğlu 22:16
Murat Çoban's phone number?

Maj. Çelebioğlu added phone number.

Col. Cebeci 22:16
Destination is General Kani
Akman 1. Garrison in Hadimköy.
Maj. Aygar 22:17
For info. 1st Army Commander keeps
calling Kulekli Commander.
Col. Gerehan 22:18
Hadimköy was going to send location?
Col. Şahin
Mürsel, don't answer the phones.
Col. Cebeci 22:19
Two locations have been sent,
in the morning.
Maj. Aygar 22:19
Commander is calling me.
(Muammar) Not answering.
Col. Gürler 22:19
Kemal Başak is calling non-stop.
I'm not answering.
Maj. Çelebioğlu 22:19
[XXXX]
35 TPF 84098
32413
[XXXXXX]
N 40° 55' 19. [XX]"
E 29° 11' 10. [XX]"
[phone number] 22:20
66? Location?
Brig. Yiğit 22:21
66 is on its way.
Col. Kaya 22:23
Mr. Mehmet Tunç, high ranking
official from the municipality is
complying. He says he'll sort out
the İBB. Don't hurt/harm me, he
says. [Mehmet Tunç's phone number]
Col. Gürler 22:23
Within 10 minutes a unit will
go to the governorship.
Lt. Özgenc 22:23
Nothing is being reported on
Habertürk beyond the bridge
being closed.
Col. Korkut 22:24
212 has been passed.

Maj. Çelebioğlu added phone number.

Col. Cebeci 22:26
I sent 4 academy students to
Ümit Pasha but they need help
to intern him.
Capt. Yıldız 22:26
Main entrance of Bayrampaşa.
Conversations are continuing,
no problems.
Maj. Çelebioğlu 22:26
Capt. Kadir, when Bayrampaşa
is sorted let me know. Ankara
is waiting for information.

Maj. Çelebioğlu added phone number.

Capt. Yıldız 22:29
Bayrampaşa is pretty much ok.
They cannot exit.

Col. Kaya 22:29
Broadcasting has been totally cut off
at AKOM. It is under control.
Maj. Çelebioğlu 22:32
Istanbul police chief is coming to
the Bosphorus Bridge. He must be
arrested urgently.
Col. Aygar 22:32
The order has been issued.
They are waiting.
Col. Kaya 22:36
The Logistic Support Base (LDÜ)
is under control. Planning is
underway for meals to all our troops
on the European and Asian sides
for tomorrow morning onwards.
As I do not know the overall picture,
someone who does know needs to go
to LDÜ. The LDÜ says it can provide
3 meals per day to our soldiers.
Maj. Çelebioğlu 22:39
Let's open the bridges both ways,
and tell everyone to go home.
Col. Gürler 22:39
A unit to the governorship in on
the way.
Col. Gürler 22:40
Istanbul Greater City Municipality
on the way.
Maj. Çelebioğlu 22:41
Can we get information on 66?
There are precautions placed at
TEM and the E5i exit from Istanbul,
but are there measures in place
at the entrance.
Maj. Akkaya 22:41
Provincial police HQ is on the way
Col. Kaya 22:41
AFAD provincial directorate said
that there won't be a problem at
the Governorship. He wants to
return from Edremit to Istanbul.
He supports the action. He is asking
if permission can be granted.
Col. Aygar 22:42
1st Army Command has arrived
at the bridge and ran away to
the Asian side after having come
600-700m to the bridge.
Brig. Yiğit 22:42
NTV is reporting that the bridges have
been closed by the Gendarmerie...
Lt.-Col. Düzenli 22:42
The bridges should be re-opened.
Police should be barred from crossing.
Col. Korkut 22:44
Airport main entrance and B entrance
are ok. They have complied.
Lt.-Col. Düzenli 22:44
Take the 1st Army Commander
Col. Kol 22:44
We are at the entrance Atatürk
Airport.
Lt.-Col. Düzenli 22:44
There is a guest going to Maltepe
prison, someone should greet him.

Maj. Çelebioğlu 22:44
The bridges will be opened but police
will not be allowed to cross. **Col.**
Kaya 22:44
TRT Radio is under control.
Col. Kol 22:44
The police here are cooperating.
Col. Şahin 22:44
Mürsel, open the bridge and put
a couple of armoured vehicles
in the middle of the bridge to
prevent police from crossing.
Col. Aygar 22:45
Received.
Col. Kol 22:45
Their superiors are coming too,
we are waiting.

No further timestamp available.

Lt.-Col. Düzenli
Are there armoured vehicles at
Atatürk airport? If not, urgently
send some.
Maj. Yanık
Hadimköy should hurry up. HAK K
[Harp Akademisi Komutanlığı] has
been reached. They have complied,
they are sitting inside.
Maj. Çelebioğlu
1st Army Commander will be taken
from Kuleli [Kuleli Askeri Lisesi].
Col. Gürler
Has Army Commander been taken?
Col. Kaya
There is an intervention going on
at TRT TV.
Capt. Yıldız
Tanks are at Bayrampaşa.
Maj. Aygar
Is the Commander of the 1st Army
coming to Kuleli himself? Has anyone
interned him?
Col. Gürler
He's still free.
Maj. Aygar
Ok.
Col. Kaya
Logistic Support Base is asking for
the settings. It would be good if the
1st Army prepared a report.
Maj. Kol
Atatürk Airport is done.
Entrances have been halted.
Exits are being allowed.
Col. Şahin
Our numbers are 20,000, including
units from Trakya.
Col. Korkut
Have 3 tanks and 4 ZMAs
[Zırhlı Muharebe Aracı].
Col. Cebeci
AKP provincial office is on its way.
Maj. Akkaya
They want to send police from
Bayrampaşa, prevent it.

Capt. Yıldız

Done.

Maj. Çelebioğlu

Not a single police officer is to leave Bayrampaşa.

Capt. Yıldız

Ok.

Lt.-Col. Düzenli

Police are not to leave Bayrampaşa. Stop AKP offices, do whatever it takes.

Capt. Yıldız

Ok. A tank has closed. They are waiting for the orders of the Police Chief.

Lt.-Col. Düzenli

All armoured vehicles should be deployed.

Capt. Yıldız

Ok. 3 GZPTs have been sent to police HQ. Bora, first lieutenant.

Brig. Yiğit 23:01

Prime Minister is making a statement.

Capt. Yıldız

No problems at Bayrampaşa.

Maj. Akkaya

Traffic at Vatan Caddesi has grinded to a halt, we can't move forward.

Col. Kaya

Taksim Square is on its way.

Col. Gürler

Has the Army Commander Abidin been taken?

Maj. Aygar

He's not arrived yet at Kuleli. I've invited him by saying that I could not control Mürsel.

Col. Gürler

Is it possible for [someone to] come to military HQ? Make sure he doesn't come.

Col. Cebeci

İBB [Istanbul Greater City Municipality] is under control, there are no problems.

Col. Gürler

Message has been sent to Trakya units.

Col. Özköse

The directive for martial law has arrived.

Col. Cebeci

Istanbul Governorship is about to be taken under control. Police at the governorship has given up resisting.

Lt.-Col. Düzenli

On the roads only stop opposition elements. And the police.

Lt. Özgenç

Commander, if we do not enable exits from the bridge, reinforcements will not be able to arrive. Need controlled exits.

Maj. Aygar

Taken.

Lt. Özgenç

Otherwise the traffic will not ease. E5 Ankara-Istanbul needs to be open, police have created gridlock.

Lt.-Col. Düzenli

Need to intervene at the Istanbul Moda Sea Club. There are many Generals there that need to be brought in.

Col. Kol

Landings are permitted at Atatürk, military aircraft is taking off.

Maj. Çelebioğlu

Ozkan [Özgenç], where is the gridlock? We're about to reach Sabiha Gökçen.

Col. Gerehan

5th Corps and 2nd Corps have been assigned with providing reinforcements to Istanbul.

Col. Cebeci

Muzaffer [Düzenli], we're about to take the Istanbul Provincial Party Chair from AKP office. I'm postponing. It's crowded outside. What can we do after [we have taken him]?

Lt. Özgenç

From Yenibosna in the direction of Ankara.

Col. Şahin

The military aircraft should take off.

Lt.-Col. Düzenli

Guys, Air Force Commander Abidin Ünal is at the Moda Deniz Club. Intervention need to be done there.

Lt. Özgenç

Edirne-Istanbul is clear.

Capt. Türk

Reinforcements for Vatan [Caddesi] comprising of 7 Military Academy cadets and 15 Petty Officers are in the helicopter. The engine has started, we're about to take off.

Maj. Çelebioğlu

Osman [Akkaya], what is the situation at Vatan [Caddesi]? Mehmet Türk, can you take Air Force Commander is there space nearby?

Capt. Türk

If we hurry we can make it to the empty space in the middle of the crowd. If need be the helicopter will open fire.

Nebi Gazneli

We want reinforcements to Taksim, crowd is gathering.

Capt. Türk

Taksim, we're in the air.

Col. Cebeci

Need urgent reinforcements to AKP provincial offices. Helicopters would work. Crowds keep gathering.

Capt. Türk

Vatan için.

For Vatan [Caddesi].

Col. Kaya

Under martial law, what will be done to the ones said to be from the Turkish Land Forces?

Col. Korkut

Shooting into the sky above the crowd at Gate B of the [Atatürk] airport.

Maj. Çelebioğlu

There are reports that they have armed the public, commander. If the crowds move towards you, we will first shoot warning shots into the air and ground and then on to them.

Celik

IMKB [Istanbul Stock Exchange] ok, interned ok, full control.

Lt.-Col. Çoşkun

We have entered governorship. It's under control, we're talking to the police to get them to agree.

Col. Şahin

In the area of the AKP provincial offices, shoot the ones that are leading [the crowds].

Lt.-Col. Çoşkun

Could have possibly gone to the governor's home. I'm waiting for the tanks, when they come we will try to take precautions. The Gendarmerie is dragging its feet and claiming they have no personnel. We may need a warning from centre. 4 tanks and 1 GZPT [Geliştirilmiş Zırhlı Personel Taşıyıcı] have arrived. They've been sent towards governorship now.

Col. Korkut

There is resistance at Atatürk, reinforcements needed.

Maj. Karabekir shared two photos.

Maj. Karabekir

Acıbadem is done, about to hit the road.

Maj. Çelebioğlu

Mehmet, let's not share nonessential photos.

Col. Kaya

Haber7 is unnecessarily broadcasting.

Maj. Karabekir

Ok [emoji].

Lt.-Col. Düzenli

Civil disobedience to military forces will be harshly dealt with. Media organs not on side will be silenced.

Col. Şahin

Such broadcasting organs should be attacked by air force, give the order.

Maj. Aygar

Our guys at 1. Bridge have a police radio, and are saying that the police have made an announcement for buses and trucks to create gridlock. Unit of reinforcements will be blocked.

Col. Gerehan

Info: 20 police vehicles are headed towards Kozyatağı.

Col. Şahin

Air Force must immediately step in.

Col. Korkut

Need reinforcements of foot soldiers at Atatürk Airport.

Maj. Çelebioğlu

Col. Uğur [Çoşkun], did you get the traffic under control?

Lt.-Col. Çoşkun

Sakarya Provincial Police Chief has been informed but he said refused to acknowledge and said that he was going to inform the governor. I will confirm that orders have been issued to the Gendarmerie.

Maj. Çelebioğlu

Commander, the Gendarmerie should take him. Stop traffic from coming to Istanbul.

Lt.-Col. Çoşkun

The governor is attending a wedding at Hendek and could not be interned. Ok.

Maj. Akkaya

We cannot access Vatan [Caddesi] and need air support.

Col. Cebeci

The governorship is trying to resist. The meeting is continuing.

Lt.-Col. Çoşkun

It has been requested that we show resistance to Police Chief. This could turn ugly.

Maj. Aygar

We've stopped one bus full of riot police. They submit. We took their TFs, we're doing road checks together.

Col. Korkut

We're about to reach the control towers of Atatürk Airport. Aircraft will only be permitted to land.

Col. Atmaca

Is there anything to be done on the Küçükçekmece side? 1 motorised team is ready.

Maj. Aygar

Is there any news on the Commander of the 1st Army? He hasn't arrived at Kuleli. The helicopter has arrived, they are ready and waiting.

Lt.-Col. Çoşkun

The governor and police chief are probably together. The order has been given for the necessary measures to be taken when they are seen.

Col. Şahin

We can't get news from the Commander of the 1st Army.

Maj. Çelebioğlu

Col. Zeki [Atmaca], don't bring vehicles into Istanbul. Col. Uğur [Çoşkun], has the traffic been halted where you are?

Col. Cebeci

AKP Istanbul provincial office is under control. People are being interned.

Maj. Akkaya

I'm planning to open fire on provincial police HQ. There's no other choice.

Maj. Aygar

The police are preparing to intervene on the 1st Bridge. Armoured police vehicle is drawing close. Need armoured vehicle support. Or helicopter.

Col. Gerehan

Calling Army Commander, he's not picking up. Can his location not be found out?

Lt.-Col. Özgenç

We've opened up the E5 now, it's going to clear up.

Col. Cebeci

There are around 3,000-4,000 people at the AKP Provincial Office. Need back up.

Maj. Aygar

2 tanks and 2 armoured personnel carriers (APC) have reached the 2nd bridge. No problems reported.

Maj. Yanık

Colonel [Ahmet] Gümüş from the Air Force said that the unit for media is on its way.

Lt.-Col. Düzenli

Response to crowds and any police who resist will be harsh, and dealt with by use of firepower and tanks. Colonel Sadık [Cebeci], what is your location?

Col. Cebeci

The AKP provincial office.

Lt.-Col. Düzenli

I'm asking about the AKP provincial office, where is it?

Maj. Yanık

4 armoured personnel carriers [APCs] have entered Selimiye.

Lt.-Col. Düzenli

Let's use the troops actively. Locations that are awaiting reinforcements must be bolstered.

Col. Cebeci

[Gives directions to the AKP provincial office].

Col. Gerehan

66th Mechanised Infantry Brigade is withdrawing from Istanbul Police HQ??? Orders were given to the battalion commander and he stopped. Selim's [Cebeci] informed me.

Lt.-Col. Düzenli

Apparently the governor, Army Commander and 23rd Motorized Infantry Tactical Division are at AKOM.

Capt. Türk

We've arrived at Vatan, we're trying to find the group.

Lt.-Col. Çoşkun

News is circulating on the internet that the Chief of the General Staff has been arrested. Trying to affect our troops morale. Can precautions be taken?

Capt. Çınar

It's not possible to reach the entrance of Sabiha Gökçen Airport because of civilian traffic. Also PÖH [Police Special Operations Department] have informed the Gendarmerie that they will fight. As soon as we get through this civilian traffic, we'll fight.

Lt.-Col. Çoşkun

The police are using the civilian crowds against us, there is resistance. Is air support possible?

Col. Şahin

Guys, everything is progressing as planned. These TV channels need to be silenced.

Lt.-Col. Çoşkun

In Sakarya they're using the mosques to call people out on to the streets. They are also making the same call in districts. Support is needed. The Chief of Staff of the Sakarya Gendarmerie has instructed the Gendarmerie to ignore our orders. The crowds are marching on the units. Urgent support is needed.

Col. Kaya

The crowd at Taksim is cheering, chanting "the greatest soldiers are our soldiers".

Col. Gerehan

Commander of 66th has apparently told his units to withdraw. Precautionary measures??

Maj. Aygar

They are whipping up fury among the public. Is there no way to stop it?

Lt.-Col. Düzenli

UNITS WILL CONTINUE AND RESPOND IN THE HARSH MANNER.

Col. Gerehan

A team has been sent to NTV. Is an airborne vehicle is available.

Lt.-Col. Düzenli

IT IS GOING WELL.
MAY GOD HELP YOU.

Col. Kaya

They've turned Taksim. Our guys are shooting.

Col. Baykal

We're in a bad way at the Istanbul Stock Exchange.

Maj. Çelebioğlu

The messages written in capslock above are from Lt.-Col. Muzaffer Düzenli in Ankara .

Col. Gerehan

The blockade on the bridges is creating traffic problems. Reinforcements cannot get through?

Lt.-Col. Coşkun

Aegean Army Commander has called by phone. Is there any need to answer the call?

Capt. Yanık

No there is not, Commander.

Maj. Ozleblebici

From 65th, 2 mechanised and 1 motorized infantry brigade is about to hit the road.

Lt.-Col. Coşkun

Ok.

Maj. Çelebioğlu

Col. Mustafa Kol has lost his mobile.

Col. Kaya

Crowd has come to the Logistic Support Base. We're going to shoot.

Col. Şahin

Reinforcements on the way.

Col. Kaya

Crowds are growing at the LDU. Our guys have temporarily emptied it. The other side is spreading false news.

Maj. Aygar

The situation at the 2. Bridge is bad. Urgent helicopter support needed.

Col. Şahin

Request sent.

Maj. Aygar

The broadcasting from the mosques must be stopped.

Col. Gürler

Army Commander is near the bridge.

Maj. Karabekir

They stopped me on the way, I opened fire. There are injuries. It's opened, I'm continuing. I'm by Optimum.

Maj. Çelebioğlu

Continue Mehmet [Karabekir].

Maj. Karabekir

No compromise, no hesitation.

Col. Cebeci

Crowd is growing in front of the the AKP provincial offices. We're firing. Need ZPT or a tank.

Maj. Çelebioğlu

What is needed will be done Osman [Akkaya].

Col. Kol

We're at the control tower at Atatürk Airport. We are giving permission for landings, take offs are cancelled.

Maj. Çelebioğlu

Are there any armoured units close to Maj. Muammer [Aygar]?

Lt.-Col. Coşkun

Go to Istanbul, under control.

Maj. Aygar

Need armoured vehicles for First Bridge.

Maj. Çelebioğlu

Col. Sadık [Cebeci], let's shoot into the air first.

Maj. Aygar

Same for Second Bridge.

Maj. Karabekir

Don't dare hesitate, hit them.

Col. Cebeci

Ok.

Col. Kol

I'm allowing for flights to land. Can you confirm?

Lt.-Col. Coşkun

Except, there are families with children trying to get to Sakarya and are stuck in traffic. Trying to help.

Maj. Aygar

I need [Tuğgeneral Mehmet] Partigöç Pasha's mobile number.

Col. Kol

Doğan, 4.4 military aircraft is ready for take off at Atatürk. Shall I give the go ahead?

Maj. Çelebioğlu

Commander, keep the military plane where it is. Permit landings.

Maj. Yanık

[phone number provided for Partigöç Paşa].

Maj. Çelebioğlu

Announcements should be made to tell people to go home.

Col. Şahin

Don't lose your cool and put down your weapons.

Col. Cebeci

Privately owned TV stations must be silenced.

Lt.-Col. Düzenli

Friends, thankfully we have captured several targets in Ankara and in Istanbul. The statement has been read on TRT. We continue as is.

Anyone who opposes our act will be dealt with harshly. This is the order.

Capt. Türk

We can't unite, where is the Vatan [Caddesi] group? We are in front of the Bezmialem University.

Col. Şahin

Irfan, if you are able to go to Taksim, then go.

Maj. Çelebioğlu

Osman Akkaya 0(506) 501 50 96.

Capt. Türk

A really large crowd is drawing near.

Lt.-Col. Coşkun

At the governor's office the police and the crowd have joined forces. They are telling our troops to surrender. Reinforcements are needed. We are out numbered.

Maj. Çelebioğlu

Mehmet Türk call Osman Akkaya.

Col. Kaya

Reinforcements are needed at Taksim. Can armoured vehicles be sent?

Lt.-Col. Düzenli

Units must maintain control at airports and public squares. These locations must be kept under control. Units will not withdraw.

Col. Kaya

We are sending one column to Taksim.

Col. Şahin

Public squares will, under no condition, be emptied.

Lt.-Col. Coşkun

Urgent support needed at Sakarya. Crowds are trying to stop the tanks.

Maj. Karabekir

Sabiha Gökçen shoot straight, right, left. There are problems there.

Maj. Aygar

We have shot 4 people who were resisting at Çengelköy. Everything's fine.

Lt.-Col. Coşkun

Need urgent air support for Sakarya.

Col. Şahin

Irfan, send troops to Taksim in a secure manner. Correction: to Üsküdar.

Col. Yusuf [?]

I've taken over command of 66th Mechanised Infantry Brigade, we are not withdrawing. May God help us.

Col. Şahin

May God help us.

Col. Kaya

Commander, pro-government media is continuing.

Col. Gürler

2nd Corps Commander says he will not deploy his units. We said it was an order issued by General Staff. He says he won't give green light.

Col. Kaya

We're sending reinforcements from TRT TV to Taksim Square.

Capt. Türk

Phone number for Osman Akkaya?

Maj. Çelebioğlu

Osman Akkaya mobile (number provided).

Lt.-Col. Coşkun

HQ of the Aegean Army [Fourth Army] has been communicating that no actions are to be taken without orders issued from them.

Maj. Çelebioğlu

Fatih Sönmez is there (number provided).

Col. Atmaca

The satellites at Çamlıca immediately need to be taken under control.

Lt.-Col. Çoşkun

We're not listening [to the directive issued by the Fourth Army].

However units are in a precarious situation. Citizens have entered the governorship.

Col. Şahin

Units should stay where they are.

Col. Kaya

Yeni Şafak has published the Commander of the 1st Army's statement.

Capt. Türk

We are not able to contact the unit at Vatan [Caddesi]. We communicated when we initially arrived. They had said it was impossible for us to meet.

Col. Kaya

Osman [Akkaya] we need armoured vehicles at Taksim.

Lt.-Col. Çoşkun

Urgent support needed for Sakarya.

Lt.-Col. Düzenli

Uğur [Çoşkun] if you are not able to exert control, then fall back.

Col. Kaya

Fighting at TRT Radio. They are returning fire. Need armoured unit reinforcements.

Lt.-Col. Çoşkun

Roads are blocked, withdrawing is also hard, but we will try.

Col. Şahin

If needed shoot into the crowd gathered at Vatan Caddesi.

Lt.-Col. Düzenli

Withdrawal is only for units in Sakarya. Other units are continuing as planned.

Maj. Aygar

There's a problem at 2. Bridge.

Need urgent helicopter support.

Col. Kaya

Need armoured vehicle support at [TRT] Radio. Osman [Akkaya] can you send any? Armoured vehicles to Taksim.

Lt.-Col. Düzenli

There must be a response from the airport.

Col. Kaya

Media is continuing.

Maj. Çelebioğlu

Need to get armoured vehicles shooting at Police HQ on Vatan immediately. I can't reach Osman Akkaya and Fatih Sönmez. Mehmet Türk, where are you?

Col. Şahin

The tanks that have Çamlıca hill in range should attack the antennas. İrfan can you go to Çamlıca and carry out attack?

Col. Kaya

There's a protest at TRT TV.

Situation is normal.

Col. Atmaca

We should go to the centre that controls the lines to the antennas and cut the lines.

Col. Kaya

At TRT TV, our guys are firing.

Situation is normal.

Col. Şahin

Friends, we are steadfast and waiting for reinforcement patiently.

Col. Kaya

The crowd at Taksim is large.

Col. Cebeci

The reinforcements from Trakya must come.

Col. Gerehan

If we are able to send aircraft to First Army base, we can get troops to CNN and places.

Maj. Aygar

Need a helicopter for 1st and 2nd Bridge. We have shot 20-30 people. But our guys at the 2nd bridge are struggling. Need helicopter.

Lt.-Gen. Düzenli

Passing on an order: CROWDS THAT HAVE GATHERED WILL BE FIRED ON. CROWDS THAT ARE COMING UNDER FIRE ARE DISPERSING.

Maj. Aygar

They are broadcasting using the central system of the mosques.

Maj. Aygar

Could an air assault on the 2. Bridge be considered?

Col. Kaya

Taksim are saying they cannot take anymore.

Col. Şahin

For as long as our strength holds out, friends

Maj. Aygar

Plane for 2. Bridge?

Col. Şahin

Muzafer [Düzenli]?

Col. Kaya

Soldier has been wounded in front of TRT Radio. We're calling for an ambulance but 112 is not responding. He's been shot in his leg. Apparently it's bad.

Lt.-Col. Çoşkun

They are trying to enter the main garrison with bulldozers in Sakarya, the situation is critical.

Col. Kaya

There is a battery problem with communication to Taksim. The planes shot three times just now. To where, we don't know.

Col. Gerehan

Like the Asian side.

Col. Kaya

The planes worked for Taksim. It's calm now.

Maj. Aygar

Can we do the same for the 2. Bridge?

Col. Kaya

The planes are important for morale. When it gets light can we increase air support?

Maj. Karabekir

A Kobra has arrived to where I am. Help.

Col. Kaya

The Taksim team has been caught? So it is being said. We are trying to confirm. Taksim team has been caught. The remainder are falling back to the radio building.

Col. Şahin

Reinforcements are on their way.

Lt.-Col. Çoşkun

The crowd are asking the police to hand me over. Shall we open fire? The crowd is large.

Capt. Türk

We're 17 person reinforcements about to lift off in the helicopter headed to CNN.

Lt.-Col. Çoşkun 01.26

Our men at the governorship have been overrun by the crowd, they are handing them over to the police. The police are trying to prevent the crowd, but it is hard.

Maj. Karabekir

Crush them, burn them, no compromise.

Col. Gerehan

C'mon Mehmet.

Lt.-Col. Çoşkun

If we open fire we'll hit 3 or 5 but we won't be able to stop them from entering.

Col. Baykal

İMKB [Istanbul Stock Exchange] is about to fall. They've broken the doors.

Col. Kaya

We must stop the broadcasting.

Col. Baykal

Need help.

Lt.-Col. Düzenli

FRIENDS, RESPOND WITHOUT HESITATION.

Col. Şahin

Units from Trakya are on their way.

Col. Kaya

Send support to Taksim. Can the broadcasting not be cut?

Col. Şahin

We're trying to cut it off.

Col. Kaya

The threat at AKOM has been squashed.

Col. Doğan

What is Erdal Pasha saying?

Col. Kaya

We are silencing the Arıcalar Mosque.

Lt.-Col. Çoşkun

The police have taken 15 of our personnel to the police station at the governorship and called in a prosecutor. They are trying to take their guns. Communication has been cut off from other personnel at the governorship. The situation is critical here.

Col. Şahin

Col. Yusuf what was the situation?

Col. Kaya

Arıcalar mosque has been silenced.

Maj. Aygar

We're about to lose the Second Bridge.

Col. Kaya

They are continuing with fake news.

Col. Gerehan

But there are 2 tanks and 2 APCs waiting at Selimiye?

Maj. Yanik

The order from Ankara: OPEN FIRE.

Col. Doğan

Just as the Fifth Army Corps did not allow for reinforcements, its given orders for a group of about 100 officers, sergeants, and specialists to be formed. Probably will be sent to counter our operation.

Col. Gerehan

At Selimiye, we are 2 officers and 11 soldiers ready for helicopter.

Maj. Karabekir

I don't have a Kobra where I am.

I guess they are trying to surround it. Keep fighting.

Col. Şahin

Reinforcements are on their way.

Maj. Karabekir

Don't get demoralised, we continue until the very last drop of our blood.

Col. Doğan

I'm sending a battalion from Lüleburgaz. One tank battalion is also getting ready.

Col. Kaya

Needed at Taksim, Commander.

Col. Doğan

I'm holding one battalion at the garrison for security and in the event that events happen in Lüleburgaz. 47th [Motorised Infantry Regiment] asked for [reinforcements], going to send to them.

Col. Şahin

There's no need for garrison security, commander.

Col. Doğan

Ok, I send that [brigade] too.

Col. Kaya

Taksim is important, Commander.

Col. Doğan

Ok, shall I stay where I am?

Col. Şahin

All battalions should be deployed, Commander.

Maj. Karabekir

Do the artillery brigades have ammo? Or shells?

Col. Şahin

Yes.

Maj. Karabekir

It can be tried. In open spaces where there is no Kobra, can rely on machine gunfire from the helicopter.

Col. Kaya

Ok, I'm passing on the message.

Capt. Türk

We're close to CNN. We're under heavy fire. Some have been hit.

Maj. Karabekir

Airforce is not necessarily needed.

Capt. Türk

Need medical team at 66th now.

Col. Kaya

Helicopter fire power support to Taksim?

Capt. Türk

Get it prepared. 1 hit in the thigh, 1 hit in the leg.

Maj. Karabekir

Infantry with rifles inside the helicopter would also work, just as long as they don't shoot soldiers.

Col. Gürler

My official number.

Col. Şahin

May God help you.

Maj. Karabekir

[Two clapping emojis]

Col. Gerehan

Can you add Eyüp Pasha's official number?

Maj. Çelebioğlu added phone number

Col. Kaya

Situation at Taksim is really critical.

Capt. Türk

The ambulance is at the garrison.

Guys, would Medipol hospital in Bağcılar be ok? The bullet hit his

thigh, there's a bit of bleeding.

Maj. Çelebioğlu

Of course they should take him.

Maj. Yanik

He should be taken.

Capt. Türk

We are calling a military ambulance.

Col. Kaya

The situation at the Radio building is critical. They are entering the building from all sides. Helicopter to Taksim then to support here.

[Phone number] changed the title of the conversation to "We are Peace at Home" [Yurtta sulh B iziz]

Col. Kaya

Where did the planes bomb?

Maj. Aygar

Kuleli shook. Is it Çamlıca?

Col. Kaya

It was heard somewhere close to Hasdal. Taksim is bad. Taksim radio is really bad. Taksim radio is really bad. They want an answer.

Col. Doğan

The police have put up a barricade at Lüleburgaz. Might lead to fighting with our troops.

Maj. Karabekir

Show no compassion. Don't falter as we are about to win.

No communication with 2nd Armoured Brigade?

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Lt.-Col. Düzenli

I'M PRESENTING ORDERS. USE GUNFIRE TO DISPERSE CROWDS THAT HAVE GATHERED.

Col. Kaya

They are bringing heavy duty machinery close to AKOM. Our units are firing on them.

Col. Şahin

Use gunfire to respond, don't let them get close.

Maj. Karabekir

As someone who is in the field, I am firing, firing on to the crowd and waiting. Keep repeating and exercise restraint. They are dispersing.

10-15 people are done for. Don't lose momentum.

Col. Kaya

They've fired. It's not possible to see anything. They've fired into the depo of the vehicles going to Taksim. The vehicles are not moving.

Maj. Aygar

Heavy fighting at Kuleli. We are firing on a group.

Col. Kaya

The situation in Taksim is critical.

Lt.-Col. Düzenli

CROWDS THAT ARE COMING UNDER FIRE ARE DISPERSING. MAY GOD HELP YOU.

Col. Kaya

The unit at Taksim has gone to the Lojman at Beşiktaş. The planes are flying.

Maj. Aygar

Our guys are evacuating the 2. Bridge. There is intense fighting at Kuleli, toward Beykoz area.

Col. Kaya

Special Units have apparently arrived at Taksim. Air support?

Maj. Aygar

Those planes are not our planes?

Maj. Karabekir

Green, yes.

Col. Kaya

The police are about to launch an operation on AKOM. Can we get air support for Taksim and AKOM? The situation is critical.

Col. Baykal

Control has been restored at IMKB [Istanbul Stock Exchange]. Crowd has been dispersed.

Maj. Karabekir

Control of Acibadem is good.

Col. Baykal

The police have quietened now. We have ammo, morale is high.

Col. Kaya

Police have surrounded Taksim and TRT Radio with armoured vehicles. They are continuously throwing teargas. Air support, planes should fly low over Taksim. They've taken soldiers at Taksim. Taksim, TRT Radio, the teargas, and a big crowd—it's really bad.

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Col. Doğan

Have any generals been killed? Habertürk is reporting that a coupist general has been killed.

Maj. Aygar

There's police movements on the Asian side of the 1st bridge.

1 TOMA has been hit.

Capt. Türk

66th is fighting police.

Maj. Aygar

They are dispersing the crowd.

Maj. Çelebioğlu

Commander, we too are trying to stay alive.

Maj. Aygar

How is Ankara?

Maj. Çelebioğlu

Do what it takes to stay alive.

Mehmet Türk, take precautions. Don't lose lives.

Capt. Türk

We're fighting, there are dead police.

Maj. Çelebioğlu

I've confirmed it from Ankara.

Capt. Türk

Meaning?

Maj. Çelebioğlu

Surrender.

Maj. Aygar

Did they take the head of the snake?

Maj. Çelebioğlu

Or flee.

Maj. Aygar

Murat, Kuleli? 1. Bridge.

Turgay Odemiş

Yes.

Maj. Aygar

Muzafer [Düzenli], succeeding or not?

Maj. Karabekir

Shall I go to the 1st Army?

Maj. Çelebioğlu

How will you stay alive Commander?

Same goes for 65th.

Col. Doğan

The battalion I sent from Lüleburgaz never made it past the police barricade. The police arrested the battalion commander.

Col. Kaya

And the others?

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Col. Doğan

Corps Commander stopped a battalion commander. He's saying he's not taking troops out. In this case the other commander's deputy can't get it done. Never can.

Maj. Çelebioğlu

He shouldn't leave, commander.

Maj. Aygar

Has the operation been cancelled Murat?

Maj. Çelebioğlu

Yes, commander.

Col. Doğan

Immediately something asymmetrical must be done higher up. Otherwise the problem may grow below.

Maj. Aygar

We're quitting??

Col. Doğan

Which operation, all of it?

Maj. Çelebioğlu

Yes quit, Commander.

Col. Doğan

Meaning?

Maj. Çelebioğlu

Yes, Commander, operation aborted.

Maj. Aygar

Ok.

Col. Doğan

Shall we escape?

Maj. Çelebioğlu

Stay alive, Commander. The choice is yours. We have not decided yet. But we have left our position. I'm closing the group. Delete the messages if you want.

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Col. Gerehan

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