

# Turkey coup: Disturbing picture shows soldiers 'bound naked in courthouse' as Turkish President is warned over 'purges'

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This disturbing picture shows dozens of Turkish soldiers bound together after being stripped of their uniforms in an Istanbul courthouse.

Dozens of soldiers lie naked and handcuffed after being arrested following Friday night's coup attempt in Turkey.

The picture shows how the soldiers were stripped after being taken to the Bakirkoy courthouse in Istanbul.

They were then made to lie next to each other. It comes after a Turkish soldier was reportedly beheaded on Istanbul's Bosphorus Bridge by a pro-government mob yesterday.

Turkey today announced it had arrested more than 6,000 people involved in the attempted coup as President Recep Tayyip Erdogan asserted his authority.

Today, France's foreign minister said that the failed coup in Turkey did not give President Tayyip Erdogan a "blank cheque" to bypass democratic principles.

"We want the rule of law to work fully in Turkey," Jean-Marc Ayrault told France 3 television.

"(The coup) is not a blank cheque for Mr Erdogan. There cannot be purges, the rule of law must work."

A mob surround a soldier who was reportedly beheaded in Istanbul yesterday

The soldier was allegedly attacked by pro-government forces

He said European ministers would reiterate on Monday when they meet in Brussels that Turkey must conform to Europe's democratic principles.

Yesterday, graphic video footage and images online showing a Turkish soldier lying on the ground surrounded by a pool of blood.

He can be seen with horrific injuries after the attack.

He reportedly surrendered after the failed coup attempt but was allegedly attacked by pro-government supporters.



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Tanks and fighter jets were seen on the streets of the capital Ankara and Istanbul as the military tried to take over the country on Friday.

Major bridges and installations in the two major cities were held by soldiers.

Shootings and explosions were also reported in the resort of Marmaris, which is popular with Britons.

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's whereabouts were initially unknown as the coup attempt took place.

But he was interviewed on a TV channel using FaceTime to urge his supporters to take to the streets and regain control of the country.

Violent clashes were then seen leading to the deaths of 265 people with over 1,100 injured.

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