

Erdogan's anti-Gulen crackdown

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's crackdown of followers of U.S.-based Muslim cleric Fethullah Gulen has seen almost 70,000 people detained, but moves against Gulenists began long before the failed July coup

Links to Gulen's
Hizmet network

President **Recep Tayyip Erdogan** (inset) accuses Gulen of trying to orchestrate anti-government plot – arrest warrant issued

**Apr 2014
Azerbaijan**

23 schools and university in **Azerbaijan** shut down at request of Turkish government

**Jun 2014
United States**

FBI raids 19 charter schools* in **Ohio, Indiana** and **Illinois**

**Dec 2014
Turkey,
Sub-Saharan Africa**

Hizmet network opens around 100 schools in **Africa**

**Feb-Mar 2015
Turkey**

Government seizes \$5 billion in assets from **Bank Asya**. **Zaman** newspaper placed under state control

Oct 2015, U.S. Investigation finds that Hizmet paid for 214 congressional trips to Turkey in five years

Law suit in U.S. alleges Gulen violated human rights by ordering followers in Turkey's police to "**illegally plant evidence and arrest plaintiffs**"

**Dec 2015
United States**

**Feb-May 2016
U.S., Turkey,
Kenya**

Law suits in U.S filed against 57 Gulen-linked schools in **California** and **Texas**. **Ankara** declares Hizmet a terrorist group. **Kenya** asked to shut down Gulen's **Omeriye Foundation**

Azerbaijan closes Caucasus University, **Somalia** shuts down hospital and schools. **Pakistan** hands over **PakTurk** network of 23 campuses to Turkey's **Maarif Foundation**

**Jul-Aug 2016
Caucasus,
Africa, Asia,
Europe**

**Jul 15, 2016
Failed
coup d'etat
in Turkey**

Hizmet:
\$25 billion in assets.
10 million followers in 160 countries

Turkey asks **Georgia** to close **Refaidin Şahin Friendship School**. **Kyrgyzstan** asked to close 30 Gulen-linked schools and university. **Germany** and **Indonesia** refuse requests to close Hizmet schools
*Hizmet network operates 139 charter schools in 26 U.S. states

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