

**DECLARATION OF GENERAL STAFF
DATED APRIL 27 TURNS ONE YEAR
(April 27, 2008)**

For the purpose of supporting a series of initiatives initiated to prevent the election of the 11th President by the Grand National Assembly of Turkey and to destroy the reputation of the TGNA, which is the place of manifestation of the national will; the unfortunate General Staff Declaration, which was published on the website of the General Staff and referred to as “ELECTRONIC MEMORANDUM” in our political history, completed its first year tonight on April 27/28, 2012.

The full text of the ASDER Protest, which was prepared on the night the declaration was placed on the General Staff WEB Site and sent to the written and visual media, Members of our Law and Executive Bodies on the morning of that night, and published in the press on April 28, is in the appendices to refresh the memories.

Distorted understanding of secularism, viewing all kinds of behavior towards Islamic religious belief and completely necessitated by fundamental rights and freedoms as a threat, advocating the continuation of the unlawful prohibitions and restrictions on the Religious Life of the Nation, with unwarranted fears and concerns; but although the known parties, who think they hold the power of the state, received the answer for their actions against the National Will in 2007, in the 22 July 2007 elections; we regret that they do not understand what the majority of the people want, and that eight months have passed since the elections, they ignore the election results and the National Will, and with thoughts that cannot tolerate our Legitimate President, this time, they want to continue their initiatives by using the JURISDICTION.

Acknowledging that the protection of the law of the majority is the foremost duty of our Legislative and Executive organs, which are elected through legitimate means, and our Judiciary, which is able to protect its independence based on the true principle of Secularism, away from ideological fixations; We call on the officials to do more active duty in order to protect the Fundamental Rights and Freedoms and the basic preferences of the Majority of the Nation.

We think that taking the rule of law and the protection of the fundamental rights and freedoms of the individual among the primary duties of the state is a fundamental issue for the justice of the system, the security and survival of the state, and the peace and happiness of everyone and every segment; and we believe and defend that the lifting of bans on the Religious Life of the Nation is the key to this fundamental issue. We believe that peaceful days are coming soon, when we can say that everyone's faith is their own concern. April 27, 2008

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