

**DECLARATION AGAINST 27 APRIL 2007
"ELECTRONIC MEMORANDUM":**

**DECLARATION OF GENERAL STAFF IS
AN UNDEMOCRACY INITIATIVE MADE IN COORDINATION
WITH THE OPPOSITION PARTIES.**

(April 28, 2007 at 05:00AM)

The declaration published on the website of the General Staff on April 27, 2007 evaluates the events held due to the "Holy Birthday Week" of the Prophet as actions taken against the Secular Republic with a purposeful and excessively skeptical understanding, and the timing of the declaration; we consider it as an outrageous attempt to support the opposition in the Parliament against the presidential election and its candidate, from outside the Parliament and from the Turkish Armed Forces, and to influence the decision of the Constitutional Court.

It is unacceptable that this declaration is seen above the will of the TGNA. The Chief of General Staff should be aware that it is acting against the will of the Nation.

We believe that it is necessary not to bow to pressure and not to favor non-democratic initiatives, and that the government and opposition of the TGNA should unite for the protection of democracy and take a stand to invalidate this declaration.

Our country had taken on an atmosphere that would allow our state and our nation to unite. We do not accept what is stated in this declaration as a threat to the secular and democratic Republic.

We expect the government and the TGNA to initiate initiatives that will ensure the continuation of the Presidential election process and attract the declaration holders to legal ground, and that the Constitutional Court will consider only the law in the issue brought before it.

We see the declaration, which coincided with the application of the main opposition party to the Constitutional Court for the cancellation of the first round of the Presidential election, as an attempt made against the will of the majority of the nation, which is unlawful, transgressed, and means an intervention in democracy. We believe that the Parliament and the Government should not step back from the democratic process and that the time has come for non-governmental organizations to show their support for democratic initiatives.

This is the exact time when the political office holders will protect the law of the nation and show their determination.

Our state must be governed on the basis of law and courage. April 28, 2007 at 05:00AM

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