



**15 JULY COUP ATTEMPT
AGAINST DEMOCRACY
AND TURKISH PEOPLE**

On the evening of **July 15th**, a clandestine faction led by **Fetullah Gülen Terrorist Organization (FETO)** within the Turkish Armed Forces attempted to stage a coup.



It was a terrorist campaign to overthrow the democratically elected government, the President and the constitutional order of Turkey.



Turkish Parliament after bombing













United together:

- People from all backgrounds and political views thwarted the plot, the Turkish media also played a key role,
- All the political parties and Members of the TGNA stood firmly by democracy, legitimate democratic institutions and the Constitution,
- They displayed a historic solidarity and reclaimed their democratic rights.



This democratic resolve of the citizens of Turkey should be viewed as a guarantee by itself that they will never bow to authoritarian rule.

Turkey is now united in a spirit that has not been witnessed since the foundation of the Republic.



Foiling of the coup attempt by the Turkish people from all walks of life has been a milestone in Turkey's democracy history.

7 August rally in İstanbul which gathered people from all political backgrounds was another historic and unprecedented milestone for Turkish democracy.



FETULLAH GÜLEN
TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
(FETO)

It is now clear that the **FETO** was behind the coup attempt in Turkey.

It was led by a network of military officers who are affiliated with the Group.

It was also supported by non-military individuals and groups known to be affiliated to **Gülen**.

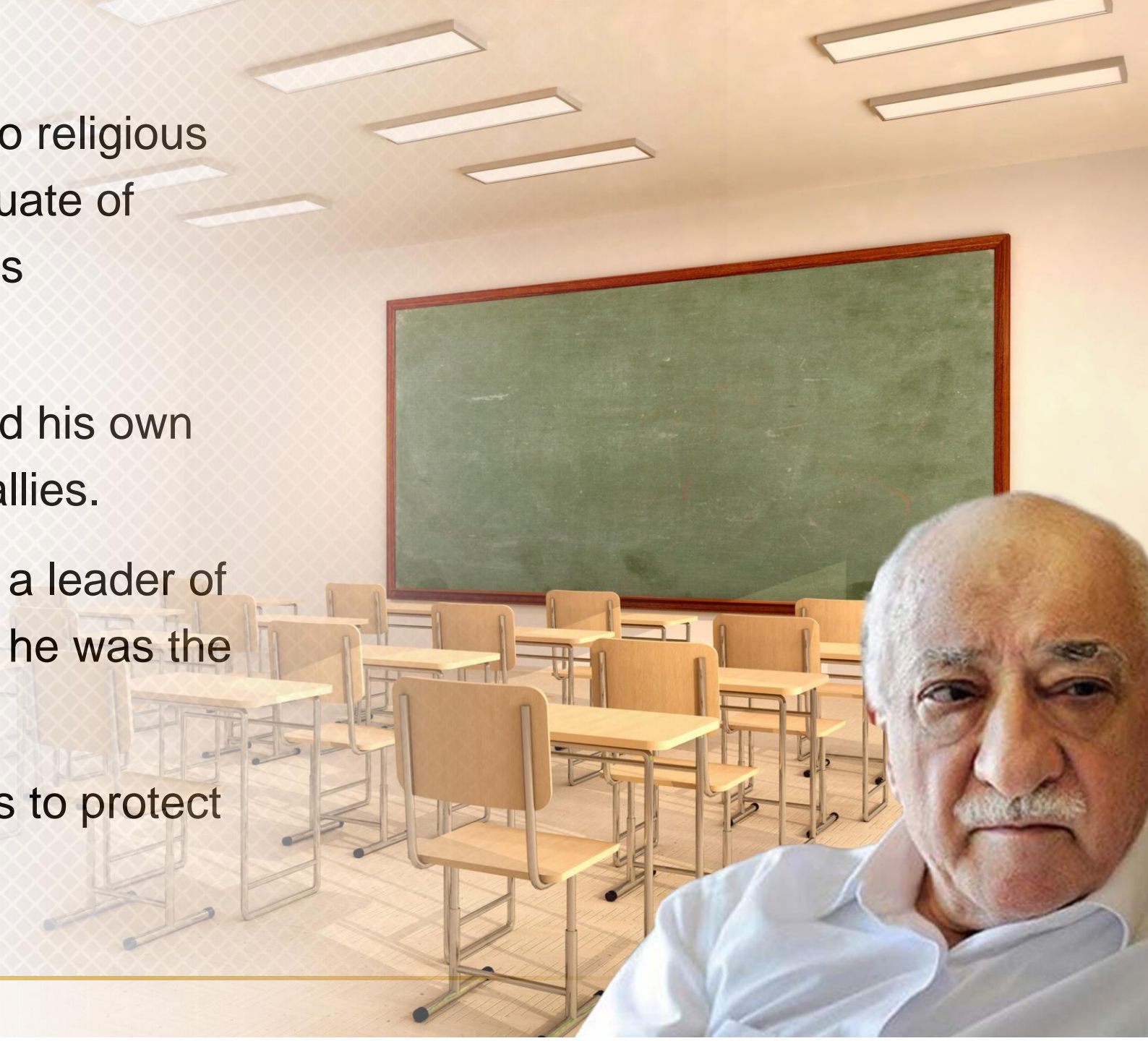


Fetullah Gülen: a preacher, no religious scholastic background, a graduate of primary school, established his movement in early 1970's.

From 1974 onwards, he formed his own network and sought strategic allies.

He has transformed himself to a leader of a cult, based on the belief that he was the Messiah, the awaited one.

One of his main objectives was to protect his cult's interests.

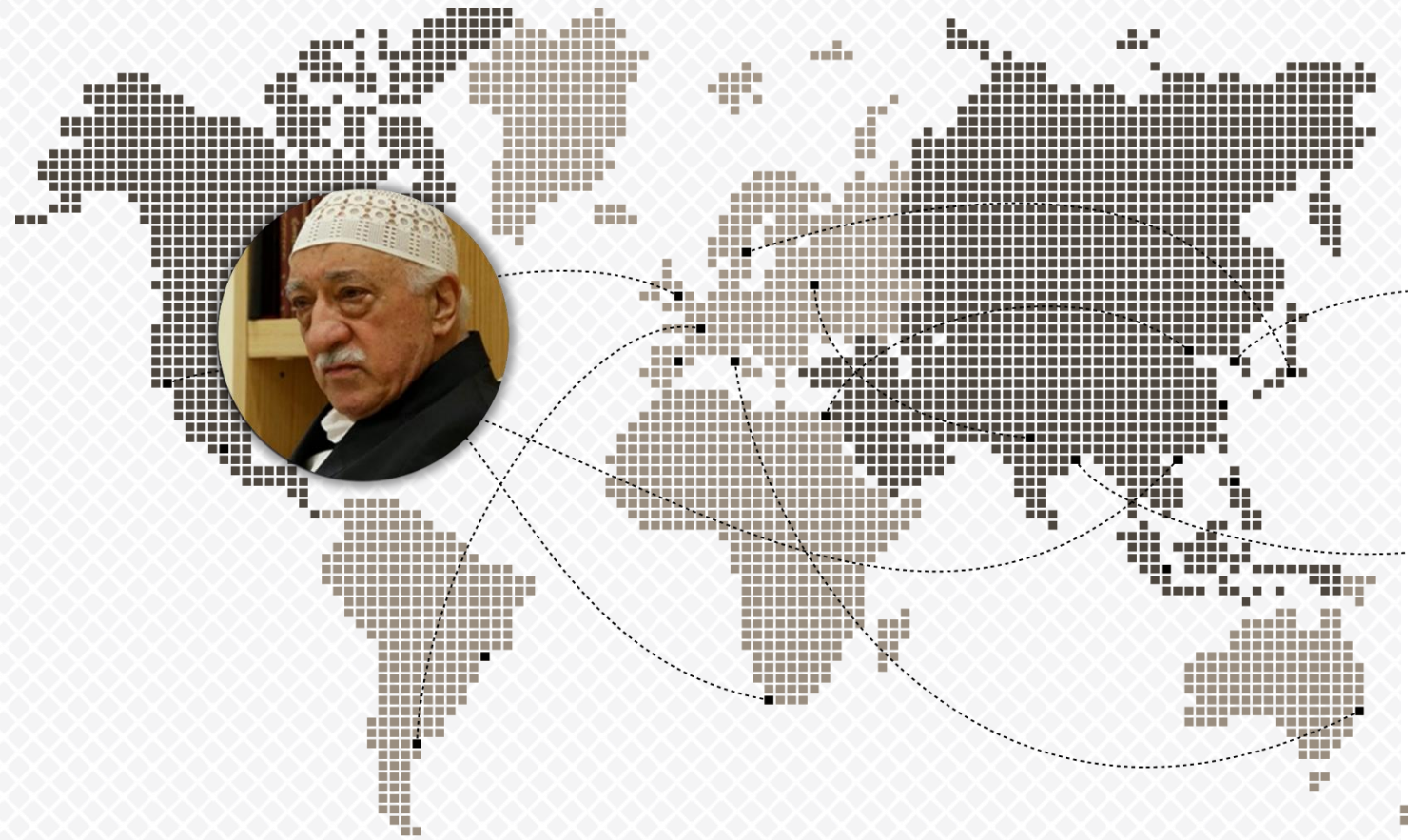


After the end of the Cold War, **Gülen** expanded his network in Caucasasia, the Central Asia and the Balkans, and eventually established presence in around **160 countries across the world.**

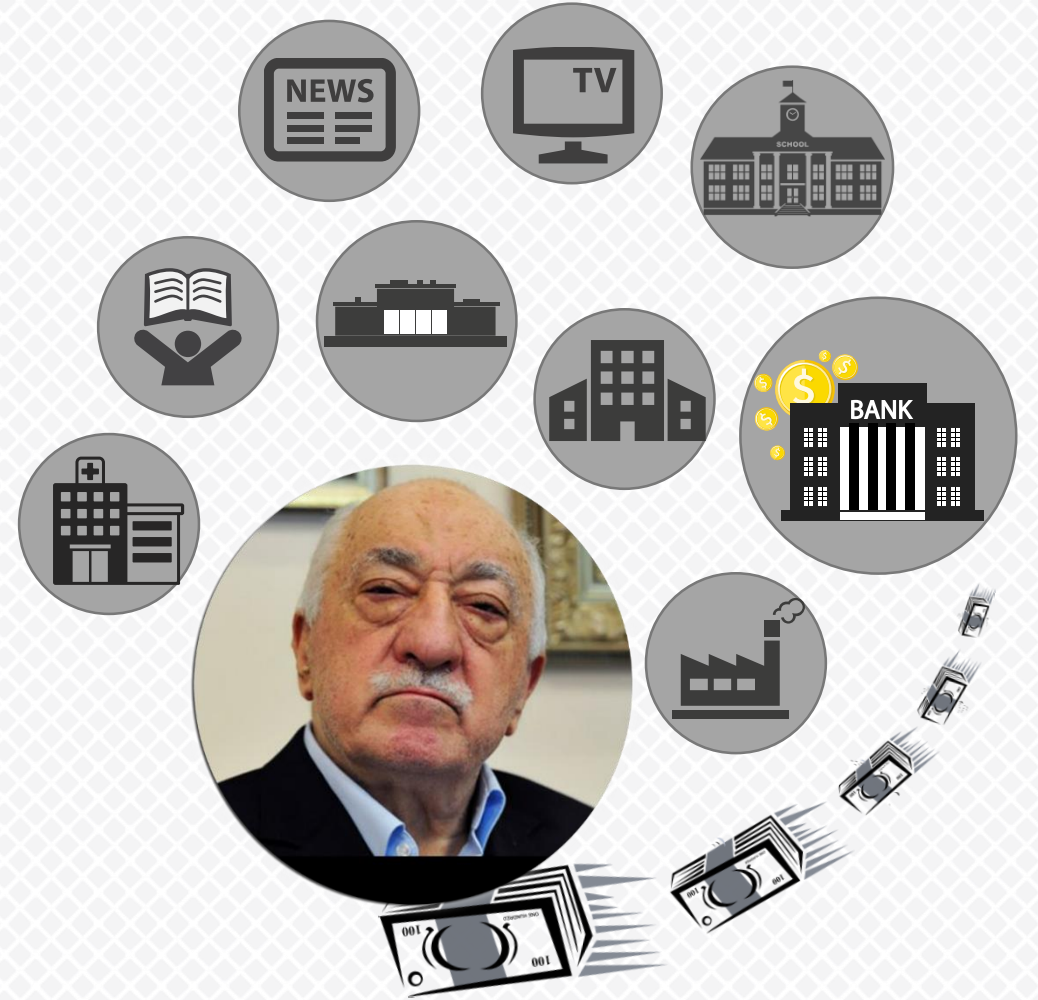


Starting from **mid-1990s**, **Gülen** began to present himself and his movement as an enlightened and pro-Western face of progressive, moderate Islam.

However, this was just window dressing. In reality, he was leading a radical, secretive cult.

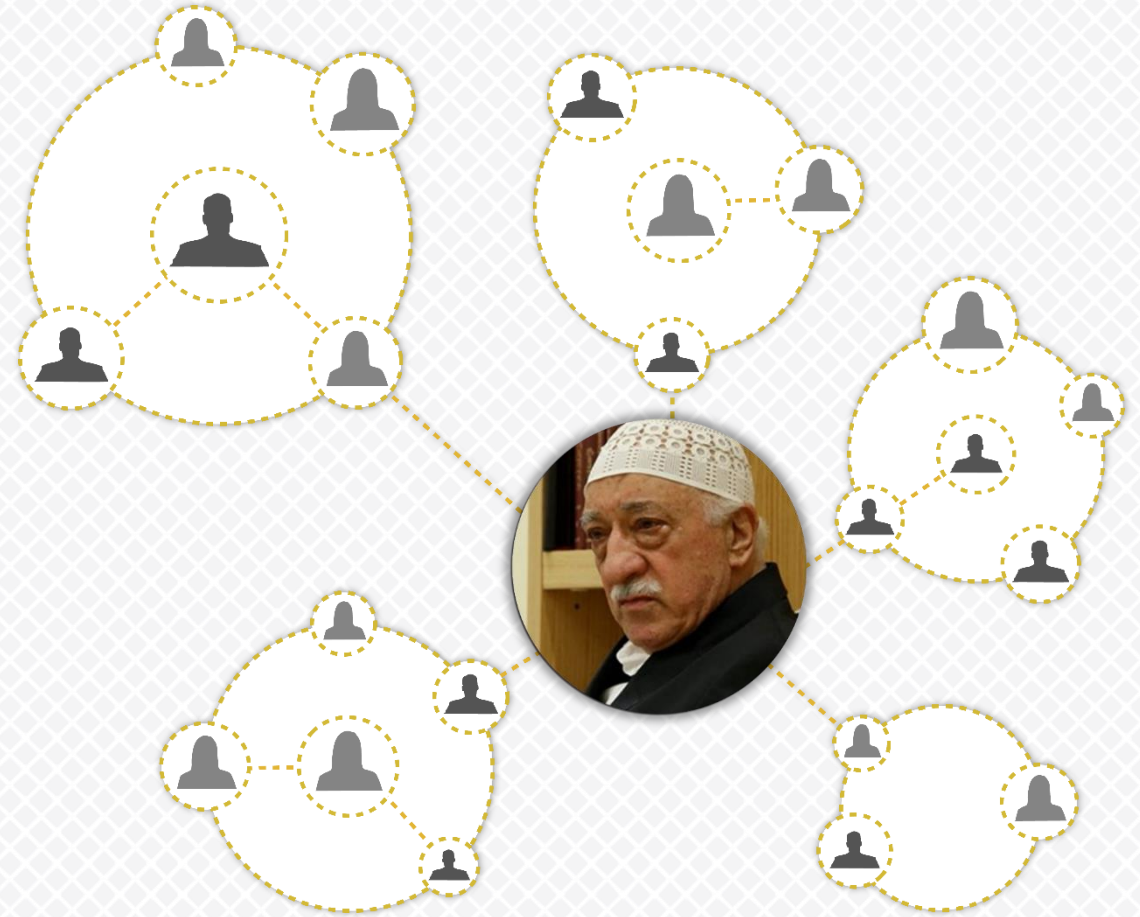


Since **1999 Gülen lives in Pennsylvania** and runs, through clandestine networks, a huge empire consisting of educational institutions, companies, media centers and civil society associations.



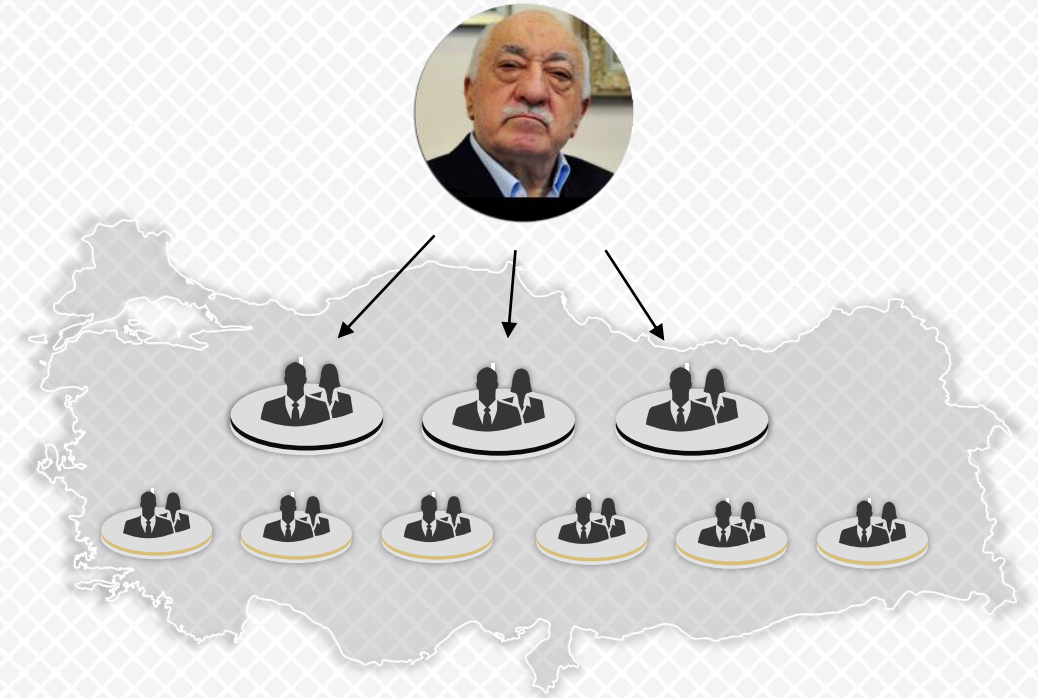
The FETO:

- a "sui generis" criminal organization,
- Concealment” is the key tactic,
- members are ordered to disguise their affiliation with Gülen,
- although they live a very pious life, they are permitted to violate religious codes in order to blend in with the mainstream majority,
- Gülen supporters hide their identities and pose as leftist, rightist, liberal, secular, religious, pious, etc, according to prevailing circumstances.

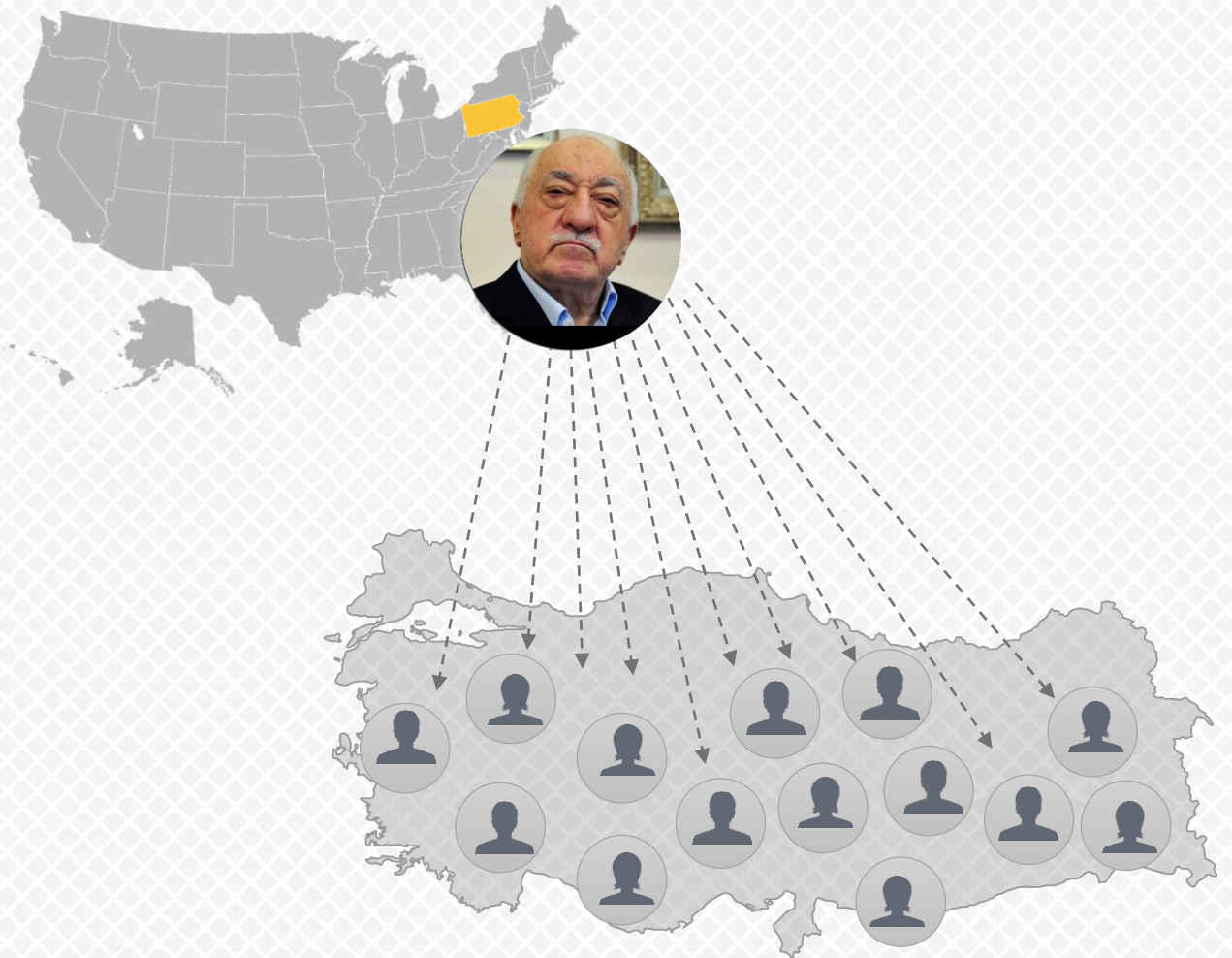


The front façade of the organization

- has a two-tiered organizational model and a strict hierarchy.
- the first layer is the legal and visible side.
- on appearance, F. Gülen heads a civil movement called “Hizmet “(Service).
- a variety of associations in media, education, humanitarian work, printing and banking sector, business associations etc.
- under the guise of legitimate social service efforts, Gülen and his followers gained access to vast financial resources, human capital, political and social influence.



- The members of FETO have infiltrated all critical state institutions in Turkey,
- The FETO then used this vast network, first through covert then recently overt action,
- Prominent figures have been targeted by the FETO when they refused to cooperate.

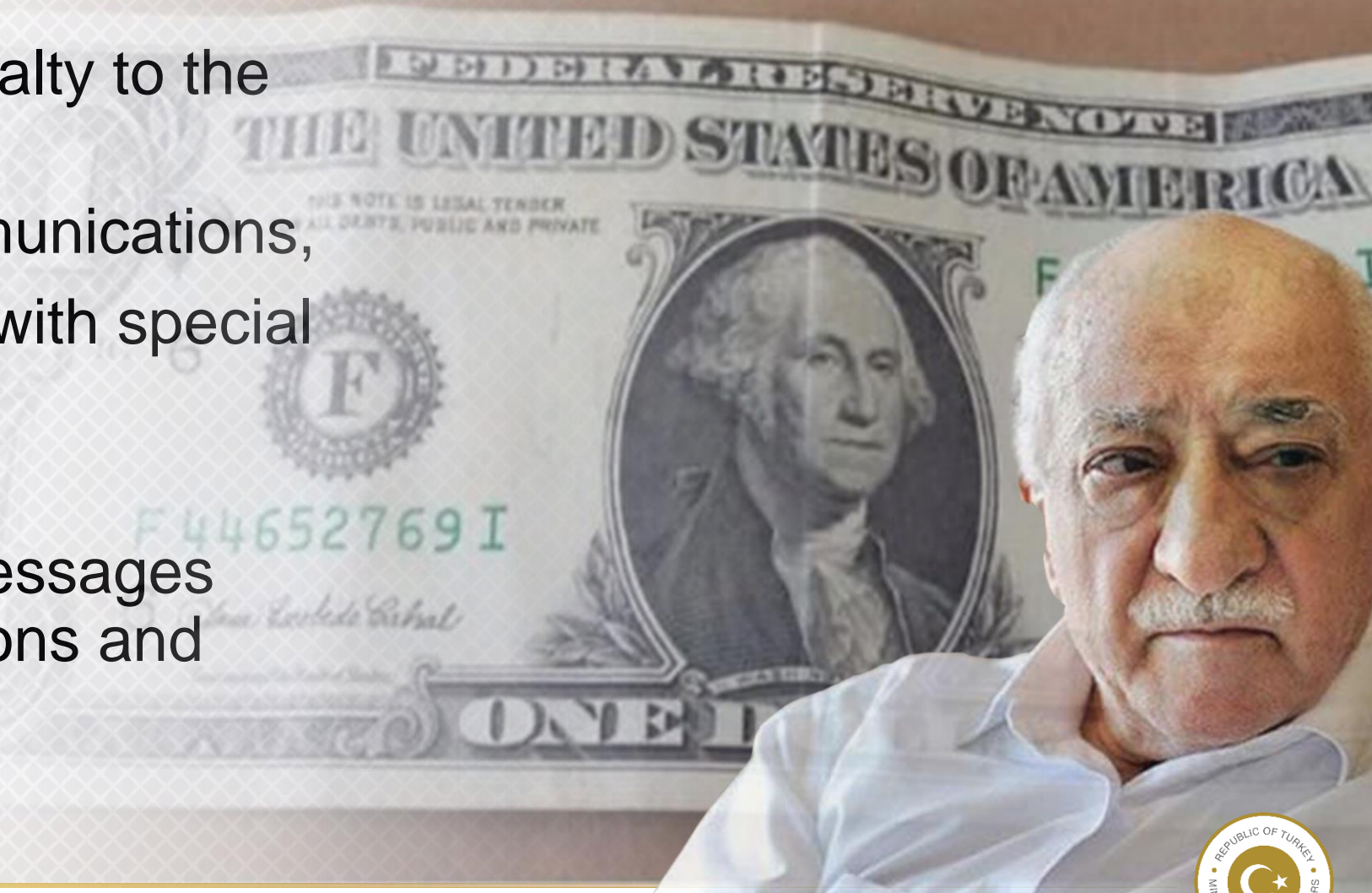


«...See, since these fools of this World do not understand us, he is pretender for power and so on... Are these men insane that I will deal with these tiny things. What is the power that you mention? **I am a man who planned to topple it and establish another one at the age of 20.** What is power that you say? (I do not even stoop [taking the control of power]) I need to get on, (for doing what you mention) I should descend a thousand stairs, you fool!....»



FETO uses secretive methods for communication:

- strict obedience and loyalty to the cult,
- special encrypted communications,
- using “one-dollar bill”s with special serial numbers,
- using code names,
- disseminating coded messages hidden in Gülen’s sermons and interviews.



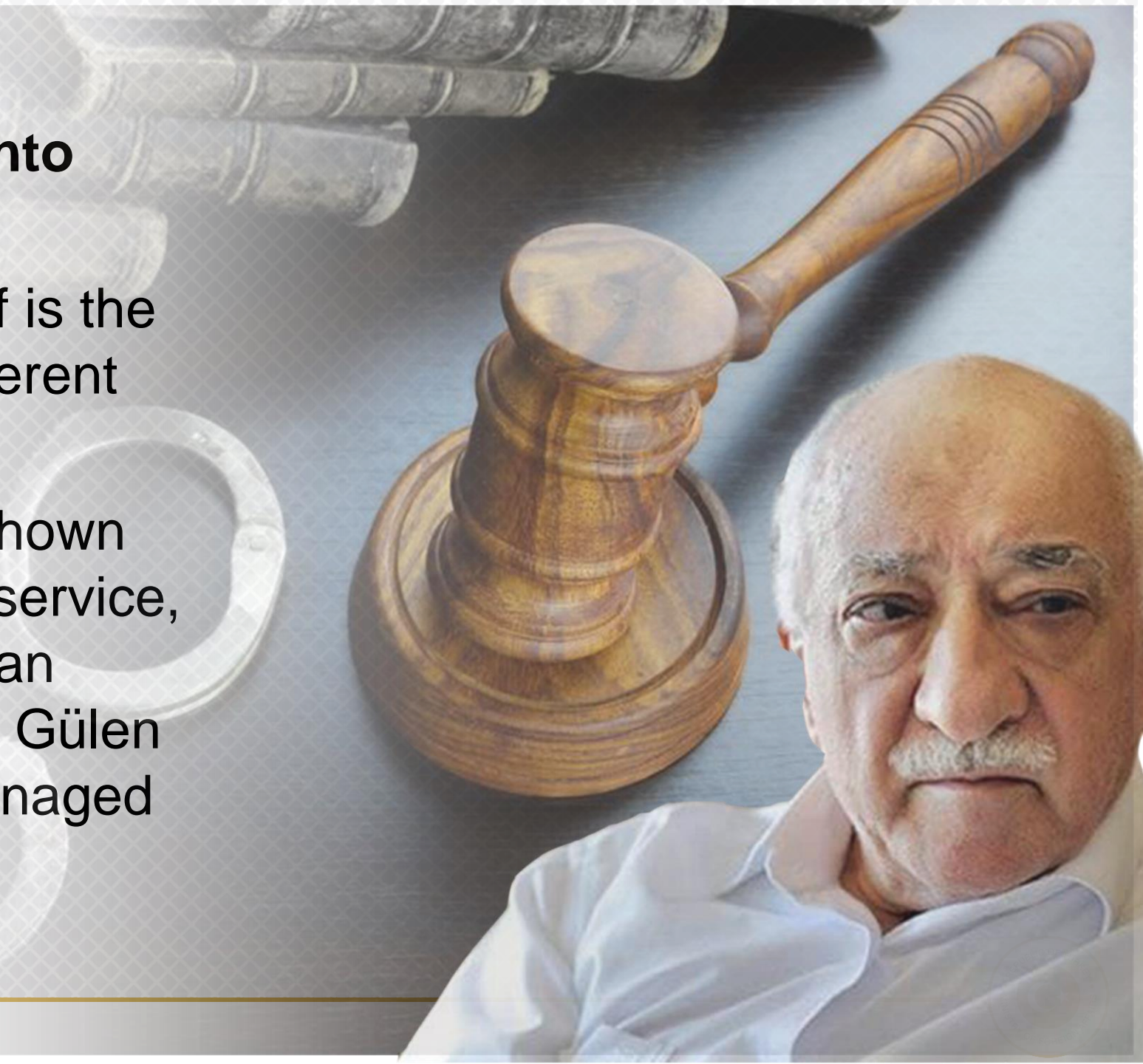
Indoctrination of young innocent minds

- The educational establishments are the main recruitment grounds for FETO.
- the so-called Light Houses [Işık Evleri] and dormitories are used to recruit and indoctrinate the new generation.
- In Turkey poor families, abroad influential families are targeted.



Criminal Investigations into FETO:

- currently F. Gülen himself is the "prime suspect" in 55 different criminal indictments.
- the recent probes have shown that under the banner of service, tolerance and humanitarian organizations, FETO and Gülen have established and managed an illegal organization.



Conclusion

- **The 15 July coup** attempt has revealed the true colors of **FETO**. The organization dared to attempt to take over the Turkish State by the use of arms and terrorist methods.
- Turkey is determined to take all necessary measures within the limits of the rule of law respecting the fundamental rights and freedoms, in full observance of its international obligations to counter this organization and urges the international community to do their part in eliminating this security threat.

