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# Lawyers for Imam Wanted by Turkish Authorities Fear for Their Client's Life

Fethullah Gulen has been accused by Turkish President Erdogan of ordering the launch of July coup

**DEVLIN BARRETT**

Aug. 5, 2016 1:34 p.m. ET

Lawyers for the imam living in Pennsylvania whom Turkish authorities accuse of directing a coup last month in that country said Friday they fear for his life and may ask U.S. authorities to help protect him.

Since the failed coup that led to the deaths of 271 people, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan [has accused the imam](#), Fethullah Gulen, of issuing instructions to launch the coup, a charge Mr. Gulen has denied.

Turkish authorities have [demanded the U.S. extradite Mr. Gulen immediately](#) to Turkey, but The Wall Street Journal reported Thursday that [U.S. officials don't expect to do that](#), citing people familiar with the discussions. U.S. officials see problems with [the evidence presented thus far by Turkey](#), and they are concerned about [strident public statements made by Turkish leaders](#) against Mr. Gulen, those people said.

Mr. Erdogan has called Mr. Gulen and his supporters a terrorist network, a charge U.S. officials have long discounted. Turkey in May officially designated Mr. Gulen's network a terrorist organization, making membership a crime under Turkish law.

Mr. Erdogan's government has pressed the Obama administration since the coup to extradite Mr. Gulen, arguing that pursuing the imam is part of the broader campaign against terrorism. At times, the Turkish leader's aides have said Ankara would view as hostile any foreign government that gave sanctuary to leaders of the Gulen movement.

Turkey hasn't yet made a formal extradition request to the U.S., and Turkish officials say they plan to provide more evidence to the Justice Department.

Mr. Gulen, 75 years old, came to the U.S. in 1999, and has a devoted following in Turkey and other countries.

At a press conference in Washington on Friday, Mr. Gulen's lawyers said they have spoken to the Justice Department about the demands for extradition but are unaware of the U.S. government's thinking or plans.

Asked if they feared for his life, one of Mr. Gulen's lawyers, Reid Weingarten said, "We do. We're very concerned about his safety." The lawyer said they are discussing whether to ask U.S. authorities for help in safeguarding their client.

A Turkish court has issued a warrant for Mr. Gulen's arrest, and Turkish and U.S. authorities have privately discussed scenarios in which Mr. Gulen might be extradited. But several U.S. officials said they cannot now envision a scenario in which they turn him over to Turkey.

"It would be unprecedented and appalling if the U.S. took a frail, almost octogenarian, plopped him on a plane to go back into that kind of setting with the hideous things that are being said about him by the entire Turkish government," said Mr. Weingarten.

“The bluster, the conspiracy theories, and the threats of Mr. Erdogan are not strong enough to overwhelm the American legal system,” he added. “And for that reason we believe that Mr. Gulen should not and will not be extradited.”

Mr. Weingarten said the chances that his client helped plot a coup [from his base in the Poconos](#) is “about as likely” as a meteor striking the lawyer’s office while he was speaking.

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BBC story:

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## Turkey coup bid: Fethullah Gulen's lawyers fear attack on his life

- 25 minutes ago

**Lawyers for US-based Turkish cleric Fethullah Gulen say they fear an attack on his life, in the wake of the failed coup attempt on 15 July in Turkey.**

Turkey has issued an arrest warrant for Mr Gulen, accusing him of orchestrating the coup attempt. It has called on the US to extradite him.

Mr Gulen denies any involvement.

Turkey has cracked down heavily in the wake of the coup attempt. On Friday the governing AK Party ordered an internal purge of Gulen supporters.

More than 270 people died in events surrounding the coup attempt.

Speaking at a news conference in Washington, Mr Gulen's lawyers said they expected him to remain at the Pennsylvania compound where he lives in self-imposed exile, and not attempt to flee.

Mr Gulen is a reclusive figure who rarely makes contact with the media.

Although Turkey has demanded his extradition, it has yet to make a formal request.

The US has said its judiciary will consider a request if and when it is filed. It also asked for evidence of the cleric's involvement in the coup attempt, which Turkey says it has supplied.

Mr Gulen's lawyers said it was most unlikely any extradition request would stand up in a US court and almost no chance that their client would get a fair trial in Turkey, given what had been said against him there since the coup attempt.

One of the lawyers, Reid Weingarten, said: "It would be unprecedented and appalling if the United States took a frail almost-octogenarian, plopped him on a plane to go back into that kind of setting with the hideous things that are being said about him by the entire Turkish government."

Much of Turkey's crackdown has targeted perceived supporters of the cleric.

Tens of thousands of public sector workers have been suspended or dismissed, with many having their passports cancelled. There has also been a massive reshuffle of the military.

About 18,000 people have been detained or arrested.

Now local branches of the AK Party have been told to begin a purge of suspected Gulenists in their ranks.

Mr Gulen had been a close ally of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan until a bitter split between his movement and the party of the president three years ago.

Turkey has listed Mr Gulen's movement as a terrorist organisation.



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Thank you, Michael.

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# Lawyers for U.S.-based Turkish cleric fear attacks on his life

WASHINGTON | BY JULIA HARTE

Lawyers for U.S.-based Turkish cleric Fethullah Gulen said on Friday they feared attacks on his life following Turkey's demands that he be extradited to face allegations that he ordered a failed coup against the government last month.

The lawyers said they expected Gulen, who has denied any involvement in the July 15 coup attempt, will remain in his remote mountain compound in Pennsylvania.

"We have read concerns from Turkey that Mr. Gulen, this elderly, frail religious leader, is going to flee to another country," said Steptoe & Johnson LLP attorney Reid Weingarten on Friday, calling such allegations "absurd."

Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan has blamed Gulen for the violence, in which Erdogan said 237 people were killed excluding the plotters and more than 2,100 wounded, and said the United States should extradite him to Turkey. The U.S. government has not done so, and the dispute has raised questions about relations between the two allies.

Turkey, a member of the NATO alliance, hosts American troops and warplanes at Incirlik Air Base, an important staging area for the U.S.-led fight against Islamic State in Iraq and Syria.

At a news conference in Washington, Weingarten and Michael Miller, another Steptoe attorney, said evidence from a 2015 case financed by the Turkish government against Gulen in U.S. federal court in Pennsylvania showed that the Turkish government relies on dubious proof to make its case against him.

That case alleged Gulen issued coded orders to followers in the Turkish judiciary in a 2009 sermon to persecute members of another religious sect. It also alleged that the script of a popular Turkish television show was laced with follow-up messages. The case was dismissed by a judge in June.

Turkish government officials, however, say such evidence is valid because Gulen operates covertly and sends encoded messages to his followers.

Turkey has sent the United States new documents in recent days containing evidence that Turkish authorities say proves the cleric was

behind the attempted coup. U.S. officials say they are looking through them.

(Reporting by Julia Harte; Editing by Kevin Drawbaugh and James Dalglish)

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Ah, yes. That makes sense. Thank you.

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Will, if you're concerned that people might want to slice it up, then we likely should not go with the FTP site (option A), because the link would not be protected and someone could find it. Posting on Steptoe's YouTube channel (option B) with secured settings would make the link only accessible to those who receive the link. It would also provide reporters with a faster way to view the video since they would not have to download it. Does that make sense?

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Thank you, Kathy. I think for now the FTP site is the right choice for getting it in the hands of reporters. We don't want it too accessible to people who might slice it up, and a youtube link would travel faster, I believe. We eventually want to trim the video into chunks and post on YouTube through AFSV's channels.

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B) Upload the file to Steptoe's YouTube channel and set the security around the video so that it's only watchable by someone who has the link. It would not be discoverable by anyone who doesn't have the exact URL (searching or

browsing). The advantage with this option is the reporters could watch the video via the YouTube player, rather than downloading a file.

I believe our preference is the second choice?

Thanks,  
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