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## **Fethullah Gulen’s Message of Condolences for Victims of Terrorist Attack at Istanbul Ataturk International Airport**

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Turkish Islamic scholar and peace advocate Fethullah Gulen, who has been residing in Saylorsburg, PA since 1999, condemned the horrific terrorist attack at Istanbul’s Ataturk International Airport.

“Unfortunately, to be shaken by a terrorist attack and to be devastated by news of martyred security officers every morning has become routine in Turkey.

It is impossible to be optimistic in the current context in Turkey where terror and terrorists are not pursued, security experts are sacked out of political concerns, and fighting organized crime networks is not a top priority.

We can’t do anything except pray. Let’s lift our hands to pray during this blessed month of Ramadan when mercy and grace of God rains over humanity. May God protect our country from such similar troubles and tribulations, disperse the dark clouds that accumulated over the country and grant our people with patience and perseverance, and grant wisdom to those who govern.

I pray for mercy and forgiveness from God the Merciful for those who lost their lives in this horrific incident, domestic and foreign individuals, and for patience and perseverance for their loved ones, and for fast recovery for those who were wounded.”

### **About Fethullah Gulen**

Fethullah Gulen is an Islamic scholar, preacher and social advocate, whose decades-long commitment to interfaith tolerance and altruism has inspired millions in Turkey and around the world. Gulen is the honorary chairman of the Intercultural Dialogue Platform, Brussels, Belgium; Foundation of Journalists and Writers, Istanbul, Turkey; and Rumi Forum, Washington DC.

### **About Alliance for Shared Values**

Alliance for Shared Values is a non-profit that serves as a voice for dialogue organizations affiliated with Hizmet in the U.S. (also known as Gulen movement). The Alliance serves as a central source of information on Fethullah Gulen and Hizmet. For more information, please visit [www.afsv.org](http://www.afsv.org)