

Eight Turkish Soldiers to Face Trial in Greece Over Coup Attempt



Ankara, July 18 (RHC-Xinhua) -- Eight Turkish soldiers who fled to Greece with a military helicopter in the failed coup attempt will face trial in Greek court, Anadolu Agency reported Sunday. The coup supporters will face accusations of "illegal entry" and "damaging the friendly relation between Turkey and Greece," according to Lia Marinaki, a lawyer for the soldiers.

The lawyer said that the Turkish soldiers will be sent to the prosecutor and appear in court on Monday.

The Black Hawk helicopter that the soldiers used in the escape, has been returned to Turkey, the report said. Early Saturday, the military helicopter landed at the Alexandroupoli airport near the Greek-Turkish border, and eight Turkish soldiers who asked for political asylum were arrested by Greek police.

Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said that Turkey "requested the immediate surrender of the eight traitor soldiers who fled to Greece with a helicopter" -- adding that Greece will expedite the extradition process.

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