

Q Describe historical perspective of role of military in Turkish politics

Answer Introduction

"Military is an important pillar of Turkish politics."

(-Mustafa Kemal Atatürk)

Turkey has a very strong military. In fact, fall of Ottoman Empire led downfall of military. But revival of military took place again. Therefore, Turkish military has found a strong position in politics.

2- Historical perspective of Turkish military

"Ottoman had a powerful military in Empire."

(-Al Jazair, 2015)

Ottoman Empire had a very powerful military. But, after the WWI, Ottoman Empire fell down. Therefore, military lost its essence.

3- Role of military in Turkish politics

Military got a very important role in politics. In fact, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk reformed military and kicked away Europeans.

"Military is a guardian of the constitution."

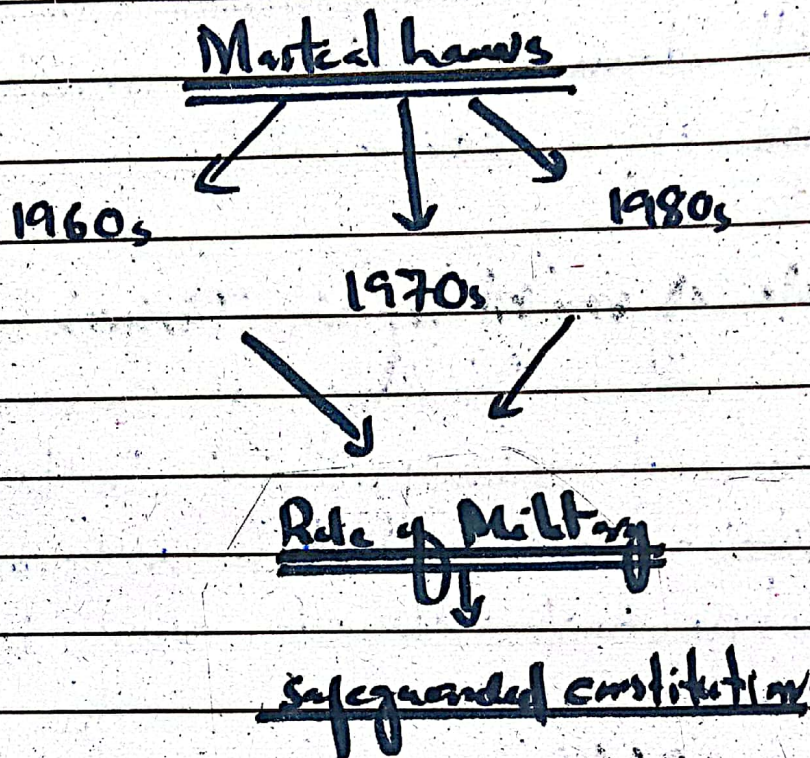
(-Mustaf. Kemal)
Military became an important ruler in politics.

"Military laws of 1960, 1970 and 1980"

saved constitution."

(Toguz Husein, military era of Turkey)

Hence military got an important position in Turkish politics.



4- Civilian trials were handled by Military Courts

Moreover, civilian trials were settled by military courts. Military courts get power to solve civilians' problems.

"Civilian issues were

solved by military courts."

(- Turkey is NSC)

Hence, civilian trials were settled by military courts.

5- Civilian institutions were headed by military officers

Further, civilian institutions were headed by serving officers. Under certain commission all institutions were subordinated to serving officers.

Civilian institutions were

under rule of

serving officers.

- National Association

of Turkey

Hence, civilian institutions were also under serving officers.

6- Current scenario of military role in politics

Military is not the guardian of the

Constitution, but parliament
has authority."

(- Turkey's NSC)

Parliament has replaced
the position of military in
politics. In fact, parliament
has supremacy over military
in politics.

"In 1987, military
control role in
was dismissed."

(- Turkey's National
Authority, 2010)

Therefore, military power was
contained by parliament

"In such, civilian
institutions were
became sovereign
and autonomous."

(- Turkey's National
Authority, 2010)

Hence, military powers were

subjected to parliament.

7- Reasons behind current scenario of military.

Following are reasons:

a) People perception changed situation

People perceptions changed the situation of military. In fact, less of people is removed.

"In the twenty first century, we have soldier bracket."

(Taqwan Hamis)

Thus, change of people perception changed military role.

b) Status of Turkey under Erdogan government

Status of Turkey's

reformed under Erdogan govern-
ment. Today's Turkey is
powerful.

Turkey got rid of
the Western
influence "

(→ Minor Germany)

Therefore, status affected military
role in politics.

c) Army demand in Western
block

Further, army get
position in the Western block.

In fact, Turkey became an
ally of NATO members.

"Membership of Turkey
in NATO influenced
military role
in politics."

(Turkey's NSC, 2020)

Therefore, position in the West

ern group changed role of military.

8- **Conclusion**

"Military is always
an essence of

Turkey's
political system"

(-Tayyip Erdogan)

Military has always an important role in Turkish politics. After the fall of Ottoman Empire, Turkish politics was supported by military. Therefore, military always had an important role in politics.