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Role of military in Turkish politics.

Answer 1

Introduction

"Military is a supervisor of the country and its people."

(- hasky)

Military was powerful in the Ottoman Legacy. In fact, military also played an important role post 1924. However, current status of military is changed due to some reasons.

2.

The State and the Military:

The Ottoman Legacy

"Military was an iron hand in

the Ottoman Legacy."

(- hasky)

The Ottoman Legacy had a powerful army. But, unfortunately, post the World War I, military was defeated.

Post WWI, Mustafa Kemal
 Atatürk rescued Turkey →
 kicked away European
 and revived military
 in Turkish politics. Thus,
 the Ottoman Legacy had
 a powerful army.

Post WWI → Military Fall

Mustafa Kemal → Revival of Military

3- Role of military - an overview

Role of military
 was increased in Turkish
 politics. Constitutional amendm-
 ent was done.

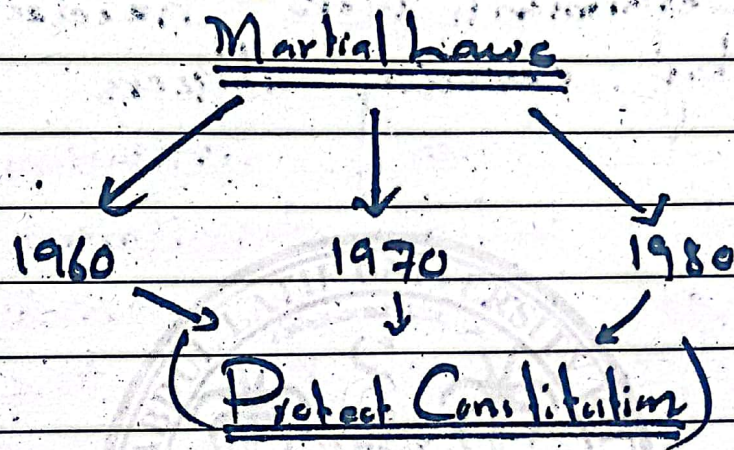
"Military is as

'guardians' of
 constitution."

(Turkish Constitution post
 WWI)

Therefore, military was regarded

as 'constitutional' guardian.
 Moreover, 1960s, 1970s, and
 1980s Martial Laws were
 in the favour of military
 as 'guardian of constitution'



4. Military Court Trials

According to the
 National Security Commission,
 trials of civilians were
 dealt by military judges.
 In fact, all trials of
 civilians were under
 military courts. According to
 the NSC and Association
 Participation Documents
 'civilian trials are
 under military
 courts and
 were dealt by

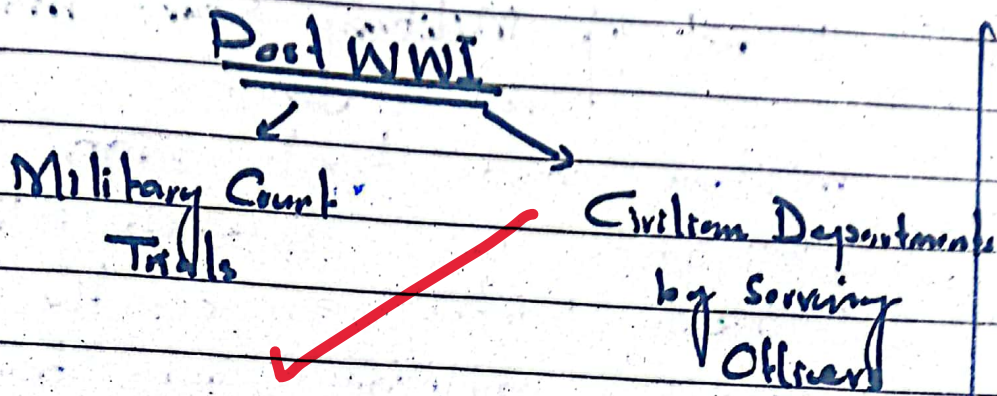
military officers."

Thus, military courts were handling civilian trials.

5- Institutions of Civilian Departments were headed by serving officers. Moreover, institutions of civilian departments were headed by serving officers. Post WWI, the scenario was changed and military and serving officers had a major control.

"Turkish Civilian Departments were under direction and safety of serving officers."

(- Professor Hasik)
Therefore, institutions were under serving officers after WWI.



6- Current Scenario of military in Turkish politics
Following is the status of military today:

a) Shifting of military power to parliament
Military role was given under Parliament authority. In fact, powers of military will be regulated by Parliament.

"Military is not the guardian of constitution, but parliament will control military powers."

(- Turkish constitution)

Therefore, powers were handed to parliament.

b) End of Military Court-Trials
 Moreover, end of
 military courts trials was
 described in Turkish politics
 Turkish politics ended the
 term of military court trials.

"In 2004, ~~civilian~~
 trials were removed
 of military
 courts."

Therefore, civilian trials
 will no further handled
 by military courts.

c) Supremacy of parliament was
enhanced

Further, supremacy of
parliament was enhanced.
 Any member of parliament
 is liable and there
 will be no chance of
 rebellion.

"Loyalty to the state
 is loyalty to the
 constitution."

(- Meleku hakki)

Therefore, supremacy of parliament was enhanced.

Current Scenario of Military

Military under parliament

~~End of Military Courts Trials~~

~~Supremacy of Parliament~~

7 What were reasons of military shifting?

Following are reasons:

9) Military Agreement

Military agreed on shifting powers. In fact, it was done on the behalf of Turkish membership in European Union. Today, Turkey is a member of NATO, if not a member of EU.

"Military facilitated powers shifting due to condition of EU membership."

Therefore, military agreement led to shifting of powers.

b) People perception changed
 Further, people perception changed about political status. In fact, fear of WWI and Europe was not gone and people realized same.

"The scenario changed and people were away from fear."

This, people perception led to shifting of powers.

Conclusion

"Military is a safe helmet of its state."

(- Toqeer Hussain)

Military was powerful in the Ottoman Empire. Unfortunately, its status was decreased during WWI. But, post WWI, role of military was revived that is changed today, too.

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increase the arguments in the portions directly asked and avoid the areas not asked.