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On July 15, 2016, as the attempted coup unfolded in Turkey, a report began to circulate widely that Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan had fled the country by air and was requesting asylum in Germany. The apparent origin of this report was NBC News. A tweet has also been cited in many articles from MSNBC Segment Producer, Kyle Griffin. Griffin's tweet that stated, "senior US military source tells NBC News that Erdogan, refused landing rights in Istanbul, is reported to be seeking asylum in Germany." This report was presented as factual, and was reported on by many different media outlets. Despite an intense public outcry, to date there has been no explanation, retraction or apology for it from NBC, MSNBC, or Kyle Griffin. We at Newsbud believe it is highly irresponsible and harmful to present and circulate a false report.

Newsbud has requested that NBC and MSNBC issue a public retraction of and an official explanation for this false report and identify its Senior US Military Source.

Newsbud is hereby inquiring as to whether the Embassy of Turkey has issued, or intends to issue, an official statement concerning this matter, and if so, requests that you send us your official response for publication. We further respectfully request an interview via Skype with the appropriate Embassy official at the earliest possible time.

Respectfully,  
Sibel Edmonds

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