

Un tribunal US rejette la demande du gouvernement turc....

WASHINGTON, DC — A U.S. federal court on Thursday denied Turkey's request to drop a civil suit by protesters who were violently beaten as they demonstrated during Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's visit to Washington in 2017, The Hill reported.

The ruling by the Washington federal court maintained that Turkish officials' violent acts against the protesters were not protected under the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act.

The protesters, mostly of Kurdish and Yazidi descent, did not pose an imminent threat to President Erdogan, contrary to what Turkey's defence argued, U.S. District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly wrote in her judgement.

"Turkish security forces chased and violently physically attacked the protesters, many of whom had fallen to the ground and no longer posed a threat," the judge wrote.

In May 2017, Turkish authorities and a pro-Erdogan group were captured on video as they surrounded and physically assaulted protesters, including women and elderly men, punching, kicking and throwing them to the ground outside the Turkish ambassador's residence.

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