



HALKBANK

To the attention of the general public:

According to a news article appeared at some press and media outlets on August 7, 2014 the United States Department of Justice and financial authorities had launched an official investigation into Halkbank and other state-owned banks on allegations of money laundering and breaking sanctions imposed on Iran and Sudan. This piece of news, which is based on a motion entered by an MP, is FABRICATED.

The public is privy to the recent smear campaigns our country's distinguished institutions have been subjected to. We would like to express unequivocally that there is not a shred of evidence available to prove that the United States Department of Justice and financial authorities have been conducting an official investigation into Halkbank. Similarly, neither is there a piece of information or documents posted on the websites of these institutions and organizations, nor have they made any announcement to that effect. We are following with deep astonishment and bewilderment the assault on our country's economic assets based on such fabricated news or rumors.

In this respect, we ask the public to ignore the news appearing at some press and media outlets about Halkbank, a public company. Furthermore, from this point on, we will be taking criminal and civil action to exercise our legal rights in the face of these attacks against our bank.

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