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Developments within the Period

a. In Turkey:

(1) In February, 67 terrorists were rendered ineffective:

During the operations held throughout Turkey between 30 January - 27 February to fight terrorism, drug trafficking and irregular immigration, over 10 thousand suspects were taken into custody. Of the suspects taken into custody, 918 were arrested.

According to the information gathered by the AA correspondent from data by the Ministry of the Interior, security forces, which continued their fight non-stop against terrorist organisations and crime networks throughout the country with determination, conducted 861 operations against the terrorist organisation PKK.

Of 2 thousand 195 suspects who were taken into custody for aiding and abetting the organisation during the operations, 144 were arrested.

(2) In Gaziantep, 4 DAESH Terrorists Were Caught with 150 Kilograms of Explosives;

During the operation conducted by the police in Gaziantep, 4 members of the terrorist organisation Daesh, preparing to carry out sensational attacks in Turkey, were caught with 150 kilograms of explosives and a large amount of ammunition.

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The counter-terrorism and intelligence units in Gaziantep started work upon the intelligence that certain members of ISIL were planning sensational attacks in Turkey in line with instructions by high-ranking members of the terrorist organisation DAESH in Syria. The identities and addresses were found of 4 terrorists, one of whom was wanted by the police, who were traced after work conducted by the police. The operation led to the capture of the terrorists, while explosives, weapons and ammunition were recovered, which were discovered as buried in the locations the said terrorists indicated in their statements as a result of the search conducted with trained dogs.

(3) A USSR-made Rocket Launcher Was Recovered for the First Time During an Operation Against the PKK:

In large-scale operations conducted in two villages in the rural areas of Mardin, Nusaybin district, one METIS M1 rocket launcher and a large amount of ammunition belonging to the terrorist organisation PKK were recovered. It was noted that the rocket launcher manufactured in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) was recovered for the first time in Turkey.

(4) An Arsenal Belonging to PKK was Recovered in a Cemetery in Nusaybin:

The written statement made by the Mardin Governor's Office on the weapons found near the Syrian border in the district of Nusaybin read: Officers of the Mardin Security and the Regional Directorate of the National Intelligence Organization (MIT) received intelligence that ammunition and organisational documentation belonging to the terrorist organisation PKK/KCK were located in the Hacilar Cemetery close to the Syrian border, and the searches conducted revealed 20 armour-piercing rocket heads, 8 antipersonnel rocket heads, 28 rocket propulsion engines, 6 AK-47 Kalashnikov infantry rifles and 20 clips for these rifles, 2 thousand 976 AK-47 Kalashnikov bullets, 1 designated marksman rifle with 6 clips, 1 bixi brand machine

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gun and 471 bullets for this rifle, 4 metres of blank bixi belt, 1 thermal and 1 shotgun telescope, 2 handguns, 4 assault vests, 3 handheld radios, 36 electronic devices used in bomb making as well as numerous circuits, 50 detonators, 998 M16 bullets, 6 batteries, and numerous organisational documentation.

(5) MIT, Security and the Gendarmerie Launches a Major Operation Against PKK and TIKKO:

As a result of a joint operation conducted by MIT, the Security Forces and the Gendarmerie, two important names of PKK were arrested in Istanbul, while TIKKO's Tunceli head was caught in Kocaeli. It was indicated that the operation was conducted after a long period of preparation.

(6) PKK Operation in Istanbul:

Teams under the Istanbul Directorate of Security conducted an operation against the terrorist organisation PKK. Departing from the Riot Squad Campus in Üsküdar, the teams conducted simultaneous operations at 10 addresses in various districts, particularly Maltepe.

(7) 2 High-Ranking Terrorists of PKK/KCK Was Captured:

It was reported that 2 high-ranking members of KCK, the umbrella group of the terrorist organisation PKK, were captured during an operation conducted in Tunceli and Batman.

The Tunceli Governor's Office announced that 2 terrorists, who are high-ranking members of the separatist terrorist organisation PKK/KCK, were captured. The announcement stated, "Within the scope of operations conducted by the Tunceli Province Directorate of Security against the separatist terrorist organisation based in our province, 1 individual found to be a high ranking member of KCK, the umbrella group of the separatist terrorist organisation, was captured at our province centre, while another individual was captured in Batman, both of whom were taken into custody. Searches conducted in the places of residence of the individuals in question resulted in a large amount of organizational documents and digital materials having been recovered."

(8) Operation against DAESH in 5 provinces, centred in Adiyaman:

6 out of 10 people who were taken into custody during an operation held against the terrorist organization DAESH in 5 provinces centred



in Adiyaman, were arrested.

The procedures at the police headquarters were completed relating to 10 individuals, who were taken into custody during the operations conducted simultaneously at 84 addresses in Adiyaman, Istanbul, Manisa, Gaziantep and Samsun, by the teams of the Counter-Terrorism Branch of the Province Directorate of Security Forces in coordination with the Adiyaman Chief Public Prosecutor's Office, against suspects claimed to be connected with the terrorists in engagement zones in Syria and making propaganda by conducting organisational meetings and trying to recruit for the terrorist organisation.

2 of the suspects were released after being processed at the police headquarters. The remaining 8 were taken to court.

While 6 of those taken to court were arrested after their hearing, 2 were released under judicial control. 10 suspects had been taken into custody during an operation conducted against the terrorist organisation DAESH on Sunday, 5 February, in 5 provinces centred in Adiyaman.

(9) 5 individuals were arrested during the DAESH operation in Antalya:

5 of the 10 Syrian-national suspects taken into custody during an operation conducted in Antalya against terrorist organisation DAESH were arrested.

The procedures at the police headquarters were completed relating to the suspects who were taken into custody with the claim that they were connected with the terrorist organisation DAESH during the operation conducted by the teams of the Counter-Terrorism Branch of the Antalya Province Directorate of Security Forces under an investigation conducted by the Antalya Chief Public Prosecutor's Office.

1 of the suspects was released after being processed, while 9 were taken to court. After their statements were taken by the public prosecutor, 5 out of 9 suspects were arrested after their hearing, while 4 were released under judicial control.

(10) DAESH Operation in Hatay:

38 were taken into custody during an operation conducted against terrorist organisation DAESH in Hatay.

Teams from the Counter-Terrorism Branch of the Hatay Directorate of Security Forces conducted simultaneous operations at identified addresses in the early hours of the morning.

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38 were taken into custody during the operations conducted under heavy security measures. After searches were conducted at their places of residence, the suspects were taken to the police headquarters for questioning.

(11) 10 ISIS Arrests in Antalya:

10 Syrian nationals were taken into custody within the scope of an operation against ISIS in Antalya.

Today, teams from the Counter-Terrorism Branch of the Antalya Directorate of Security Forces conducted operations this morning against terrorist organisation ISIS at various addresses. 10 Syrian nationals were taken into custody within the scope of the operation. Various digital documents were recovered during searches conducted at the suspects' places of residence. The suspects were found to be connected with the war zone in Syria.

(12) Operation Against DAESH in Van:

8 were taken into custody during an operation conducted against terrorist organisation DAESH in Van.

Teams from the Counter-Terrorism Branch of the Directorate of Security Forces conducted simultaneous operations at various addresses at the city centre under a counter-terrorism investigation carried out by the Van Chief Public Prosecutor's Office. 8 individuals claimed to be DAESH members were taken into custody during the operation. The suspects were taken to the police headquarters for questioning.

(13) Operation Against DAESH in Gaziantep:

47 were taken into custody during an operation conducted against terrorist organisation DAESH in Gaziantep.

Upon instructions by the public prosecutor's office, teams from the Counter-Terrorism Branch Directorate conducted simultaneous operations at 51 addresses in the early hours of the morning. 47 people were taken into custody during the operations supported by the special police forces. While a large number of organizational documents were recovered during house searches, digital materials were also confiscated.

The 47 suspects, charged with being members of the terrorist organisation DAESH, started to be questioned at the Counter-Terrorism Branch Directorate.

(14) Operation Against DAESH in Ankara:

60 people, among who were also foreign nationals, were taken into custody during an operation conducted in Ankara. It was stated that the operations were carried out against the terrorist organisation DAESH.

Counter-Terrorism teams of the Ankara Directorate of Security Forces conducted simultaneous operations against the terrorist organisation DAESH at previously identified addresses. 60 people, among who were also foreign nationals, were taken into custody during raids conducted in Altındağ, Mamak, Sincan and Çubuk districts. Those taken into custody were taken to the police headquarters for questioning.

b. In the World:

(1) Consecutive suicide attacks in Syria:

In Syria, a country torn by civil war, consecutive suicide attacks were organised in Homs, close to the Lebanese border.

It was reported that the bombings targeted security centres belonging to the regime.

At least 42 are reported dead in the explosions that took place in the Ghouta and Al Mahatta regions, where gunfire was also heard. The London-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights report that high-ranking army officers were also among those who died. The senior-ranking army officer in question is Major General Hasan Dabul, head of the military security unit. 29 soldiers along with Dabul died in the explosions.

(2) Terrorist Attack at Iraq's Jordanian Border:

15 soldiers were reported to have lost their lives in a suicide attack organised by terrorist organisation DAESH at Iraq's Jordanian border.

A statement indicated that militants of terrorist organisation DAESH conducted an attack against the military headquarters at the Jordan-Iraq border using explosives-laden vehicles.

15 border guards, among who were 2 army officers, were reported to have lost their lives in the attack that took place close to the Tarbil Border Check Point.

(3) 'Terrorist attack' attempt at Louvre in Paris:

An assailant armed with a knife attacked a soldier in front of the Louvre museum, in Paris, the capital of France. The soldier was slightly injured, while the assailant who was rendered ineffective by opening fire is heavily wounded.

The assailant armed with blade was reported to be a 29-year-old Egyptian citizen. The French Prime Minister stated that "the attempt is clearly in the nature of a terrorist attack".

It was reported that the fellow-soldiers of the soldier who was attacked fired five rounds at the assailant, who was heavily wounded as a result.

2 Cross-border Operations

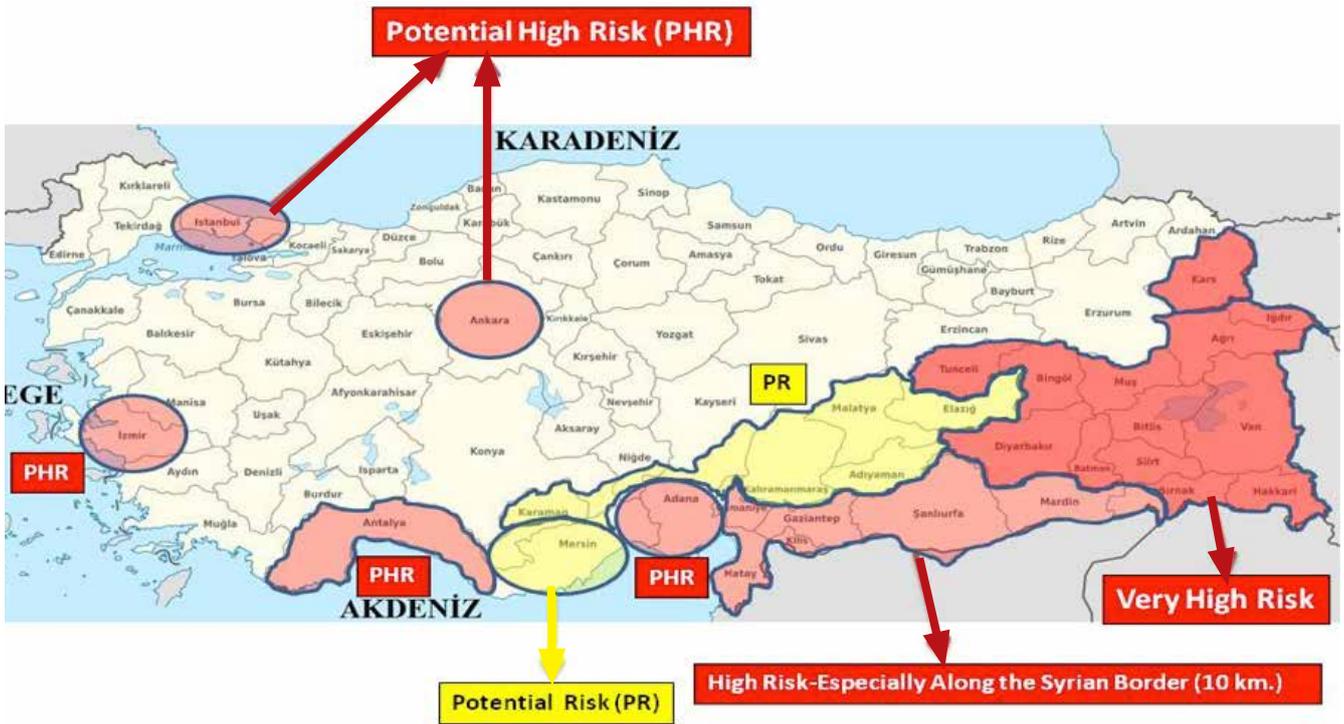
a. Air Operation in Northern Iraq

- The Turkish Armed Forces announced that 34 PKK terrorists were rendered ineffective in 2 separate air strikes carried out in Northern Iraq's Zap region. (20 February 2017)
- The Turkish Armed Forces destroyed five targets located in northern Iraq, belonging to the separatist terrorist organisation, with an air strike. According to a briefing by the Turkish Armed Forces, a strike was organised in the Avashin-Basyan region in Northern Iraq by warplanes under the Turkish Air Force upon instant intelligence.
- During the strike, the jets destroyed five targets belonging to the separatist terrorist organisation, among which were caves, shelters and a DShK emplacement. (27 February 2017)

b. Latest Developments in Operation Euphrates Shield

- The FSA divisions supported by the Turkish Armed Forces announced that they recovered the villages Zamar and Umm Shaquif in the east of Al Bab, from DAESH. (27 February 2017)
- The statement made by the General Staff reads: "Within the scope of "Operation Euphrates Shield" launched in coordination with Coalition Forces on 24 August 2016 in accordance with our right of self-defence arising from article 51 of the UN Convention for the purpose of eliminating the threat created by terrorist organisations, particularly DAESH and securing our borders, the Bab region was taken under control as of 24 February 2017. The clearing of obstacles, mines and improvised explosive devices in the regions taken under control continues."
- On the 184th day of Operation Euphrates Shield, conducted by the Turkish Armed Forces against terrorist targets in Northern Iraq, land and air strikes were successfully carried out against 104 targets belonging to DAESH. 56 terrorists were rendered ineffective as a result of artillery fire, an air strike and clashes.
- According to a briefing made by the General Staff, Operation Euphrates Shield, which was launched on 24 August 2016 in Northern Syria in order to eliminate the threat posed by terrorist organisations, particularly DAESH, to increase border security, and to support coalition forces, still continues.
- Within the scope of Operation Euphrates Shield, a total of 230 residential areas and an area of 1925 km² was taken under control. (Together with the Azaz region, currently an area of 2225 km² is under FSA control.)
- The number of soldiers who lost their lives since 24 August 2016, on which the operation started, has reached 68. (13 February 2017)

3 General Risk Map of Turkey



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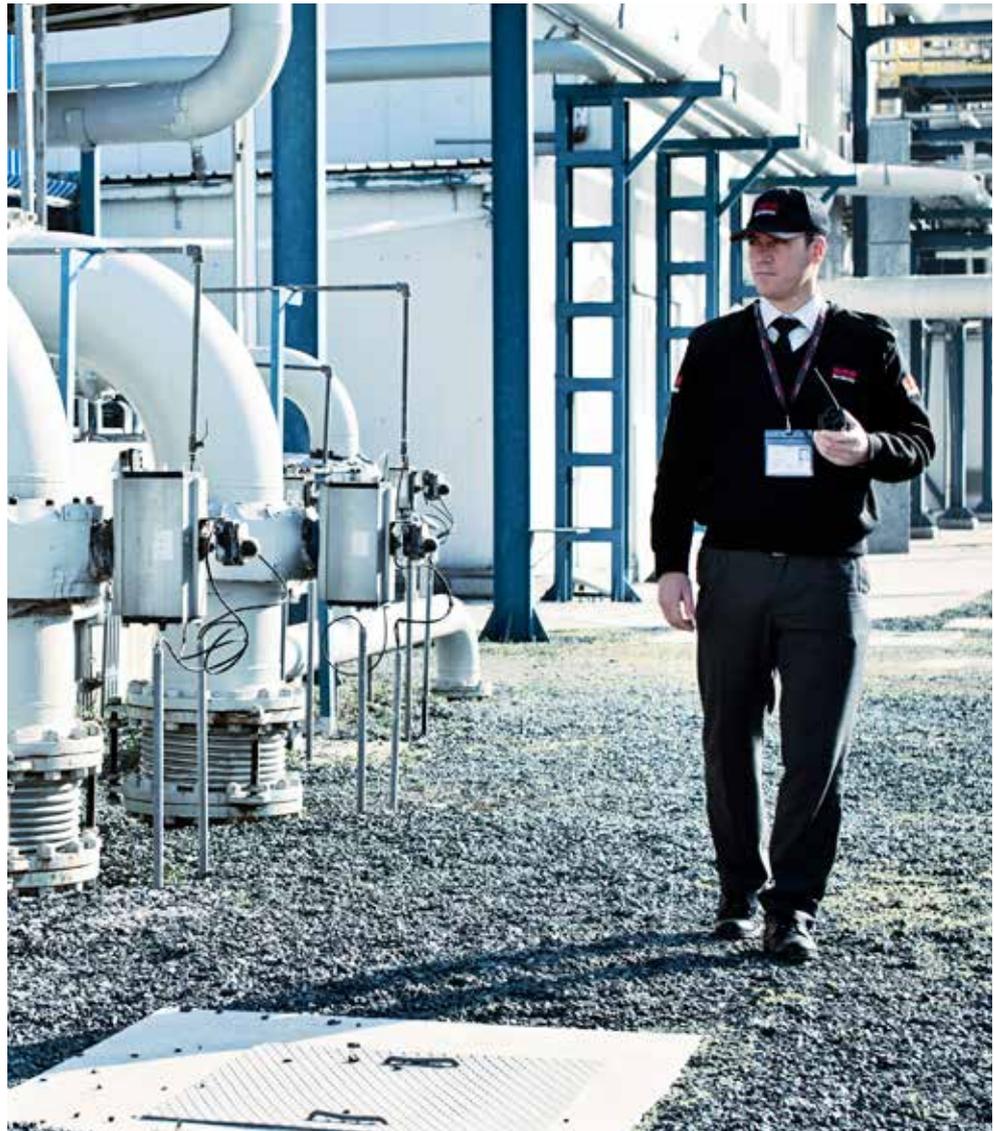
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Security Assessment

It is believed that, with the ongoing Euphrates Shield operation, a sensitivity in security will continue in the coming term due to terrorism and border crossing at Turkey's southern and south-eastern borders,

And that there is still a high probability of attacks particularly to places crowded with people in metropolises (such as shopping malls, train stations, airports, metro stations, terminals, art and performance centres etc.) and locations and facilities accommodating for strategic, military and civilian institutions and corporations as well as international organisations, which would have great impact from economic and political aspect and attract the attention of the international public opinion, depending on the opportunities to be gained by terrorist organisations, particularly PKK and ISIS.



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5 Statistical Information Concerning the January 2017 Period

Statistics of Public Order and Violence Against Women and Children:

	TYPE OF INCIDENT	NUMBER (JANUARY 2017)
Public Order Incidents	Number of Smuggling Cases	1.306
Violence Against Women	Number of Female Victims	1.690
	Number of Victims under Protection	172
	Number of Women Sheltered in Guesthouses	12
Number of Children in Proceedings	Dragged into Crime	401
	Victims of Crime	1.218
	Others	147

The information reflects the data from the zone of responsibility of Gendarmerie General Command and obtained from the official website of the agency.

Smuggling and Organized Crime Incidents:

Between 01-31 January 2017, total (1.408) events occurred consisting of (1.306) smuggling, (7) organized crimes and (42) cyber crimes in the responsibility zone of the General Command of Gendarmerie (1.971) suspects were detained during the events happened in the period ."

MATERIALS CAPTURED	NUMBER (JANUARY 2017)
Heroin (Kg)	0,65
Powdered Marijuana (Kg)	6.455
Powder Hashish (Kg)	1.806
Narcotic/Psychotropic Tablet (Pcs)	4.178
Fuel oil (Litre)	34.686
Smuggled Alcoholic Beverage (Litre)	5.005
Smuggled Tobacco (Pack)	3.016.297
Smuggled Tea (Kg)	52.762
Cultural and Natural Properties (Pcs)	1.147

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6 Important Days and Weeks in March 2017

DATE	INCIDENT
1-7 March	Green Crescent Week
8 March	Women Day
12 March	Acceptance of National Anthem
18 March	Çanakkale Victory and Martyrs' Day
19 March	US and Coalition Forces, "Iraqi Freedom" has started operation (2003)
21 March	Nowruz Day
24 March	NATO Forces, due to continued Serb attacks in Kosova and Western Contact Group "they do not accept the draft agreement", launched air operations against Yugoslavia (1999).
31 March	Public Prosecutor Mehmet Selim Kiraz was taken hostage by the members of the terrorist organization DHKP-C at Istanbul Courthouse and Prosecutor Kiraz lost his life while two terrorists were killed as a result of the operation of the police.

It has been predicted that the security sensitive days in March, 2017 will be 21st of March marking the celebrations of Newroz and the previous days from 18th to 22th of March due to the celebrations that will start early, thus, these dates in questions should be monitored for security sensitivity and the security measures that are taken definitely requires to be revised.

Additional Measures:

Given the sensitivities of the period, in addition to the existing measures, the additional measures to be taken in your duty areas will be presented to you in addition to "Securitas Security Review" by the Branch Managers.

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Highlight of the Month



20 Thousand Drones in the Skies:

Drones, a technology that has recently entered our lives, are spreading fast. Currently there are 9 thousand drones soaring in the skies of Turkey. It is estimated that this figure will rise to 20 thousand.

Unmanned aerial vehicles or, as they are widely known, drones... The number of drones used for hobby purposes, other than those used for military and other purposes, increases daily. According to the latest data, there are 9 thousand drones in Turkey. They are now among personal gifts. They have become an alternative gift for new year, birthdays, wedding anniversaries and valentine's days.

Turks are quite interested in these devices, as we are the sixth largest importer in this field in the world. They are mostly demanded for industrial use, but the sales figures of hobby drones are also quite high to be ignored. The market grows every day. Ahmet Eren, founder of Dronmarket, there are 12 thousand users registered with the Turkish Directorate-General of Civil Aviation (SHGM), while the number of registered drones is 9 thousand. He estimates that the number of registered drones will rise to 20 thousand this year. This figure points to an important increase.

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Registration is compulsory with drones that are 500 grams and heavier. Eren says, "The drones in this category are those known as class 350, which are quite expensive and are bought after serious research; buyers are also required to submit their identification numbers to the sellers during purchase. They purchase them being aware of the registration requirement. The registration requirement does not affect the demand adversely."

The drones that are mostly sold in our country are the mini drones, used by beginners. These are products around TL100, by which beginners may get the feel of controlling drones and sensing their reactions. There are models for 8 thousand TL as well. The features and prices vary according to your purpose.

Indicating that progress was also made in developing a domestic drone, Ahmet Eren said: "We have companies that are very successful in the military field. Unfortunately, we still have not been able to launch such a product in the commercial segment. It is difficult to compete with China because of production costs in terms of equipment. Even though the American company 3DR made a fast entry into the drone market in 2015 with 3DR Solo, which it produced in Mexico, it was not able to compete with DJI, and had to withdraw from the field of hobby-related drones.

Stating that drones started to become popular in Turkey in 2015, Ahmet Eren said, "the use of drones, which first addressed hobby-users both in the world and in Turkey, started to shift to commercial purposes in 2016. The industries in which drones are most widely used are infrastructure projects, agriculture, transport, security, search and rescue, media and publishing, insurance, telecom and mining."

Like mobile phones, the greatest problem suffered by drones is their flight time, which is directly related to the battery technology. Turkey still has an opportunity to produce batteries for drones. In domestic drones, the software part is much more important. There is much to do in this field. We can produce, and market to the world, very serious projects, from cloud-based artificial intelligence to image processing software."

Works are underway to render unmanned aerial vehicles fully autonomous. With companies such as Intel and Qualcomm making investments in the drone market, 2017 will see solutions where a greater processor power is combined with artificial intelligence.

2017 will be a year in which increased reality and virtual reality is used in this technology and cloud based autonomous drones are used.

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Advice for Women to avoid Seizure and Robbery:

Women usually like to use accessories which are not heavy in weight but heavy in costs and golden jewelries in particular. That's why they are subjected to pickpockets, grift, snatching and they may get injured or unfortunately even die during the struggle.

When you go shopping, especially when going to the marketplaces, don't put on all your jewelry. Don't forget that wearing jewelry in marketplaces and big shopping centers may cause people with bad intentions to notice and follow you.

Don't prefer deserted streets when returning from a shopping center or a marketplace. Look back to check that you're not being followed when you enter your building.

Be careful about the people with bad intentions in shopping centers and weddings, and if possible don't go back home alone.

Don't give you purse, even for a little while, to someone who offers to help you when you carry heavy bags in the marketplace.

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Taking two wallets with you when going to places like shopping centers or market places, and putting some of your money, credit cards, ID card, driver's license etc. to the other wallet will prevent big losses.

Be careful about the electricians, plumbers, or anyone who comes to check any kind of installment.

Ask people who claim to be official authorities to show their IDs.

Sellers, peddlers, fortune tellers etc. don't always knock your door to make a sale. People with bad intentions always try to take advantage of the communities' demands. Always be careful about these people.

Don't open the door to someone you don't know when you're home alone. You must definitely have a door chain on your door. First look through the peep hole, then before removing the chain ask them what they want. But never open the door for people you don't know.

Hide your valuable possessions away from their usual place and somewhere where it's highly unlikely to be predicted when you're leaving the house.

If you have no choice but to put on your jewelry in order not to leave them at home, then wear clothes which will cover them so that you won't draw attention to them.

When using the public transport, turn the mouth of your purse inside, or carry it in front of you where you can check it with your hands.

Be careful about the people who offer to carry the bags of the women whose children sit on their laps on the public transport.

When shopping in crowded shopping centers or markets, pay attention not to take your wallet out of your purse often, not to hold it in your hands, not to put it on the counter or on any other place.

Try not to walk through deserted neighbourhoods.

Best Regards.



