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## Developments within the Period

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### a. In Turkey:

#### (1) Bomb Attack on Police in Mersin:

On April 3, 2017, a bomb attack was organized on a police vehicle in the borough of Mezitli in Mersin. 2 police officers were wounded in the incident. An extensive operation has been commenced in order to capture the attackers. It has been identified that the fragmentation bomb was dropped in a nylon bag among the grass in the cross-road, and it was exploded by remote control.

#### (2) Operation against PKK in Adana

On April 4, 2017, teams of the Anti-Terrorism Branch of Adana Police Headquarters organized simultaneous operations against the PKK/KCK. In the operations, 7 people have been taken into custody for accommodating members of the terrorist organization.

#### (3) 5 terrorists have been killed in Bitlis

With the press statement made by Bitlis Governorate, it was stated that an operation has been started in order to capture the members of the separatist terrorist organization, and to ensure peace and security, personal immunity, safety, and public peace.



During the operation, in an armed confrontation that took place in the countryside of Anadere village, 5 terrorists, two of whom were group leaders, were rendered ineffective together with their weapons.

#### **(4) Curfew in Bingöl**

A curfew has been declared before the operation to be organized in 7 villages and 8 neighborhoods for the purpose of rendering ineffective the members of the separatist terrorist organization and their co-conspirators, who were active in the mountainous and forests to the south of the borough of Genç in Bingöl, among whom were identified to be also senior leaders of the terrorist organization, and to destroy the shelters, refuges, storage areas, and anti-aircraft emplacements in the region that were identified to be used by members of the separatist terrorist organization, and to confiscate their supplies.

#### **(5) Operation in Şemdinli**

It has been stated that a curfew has been declared in the borough of Şemdinli in Hakkari in one village and 3 hamlets until a second announcement. In the press statement made by the governorate, it has been stated that operations were to be organized against the terrorist organization PKK in Altınsu village of the borough in question and within the boundaries of Dereboyu, Meydan, and Elde hamlets.

#### **(6) 8 terrorists were rendered ineffective in Hakkari**

In the air operation organized in the countryside of the borough of Çukurca in Hakkari, 8 PKK terrorists have been rendered ineffective, and one soldier was lightly wounded.

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In the press statement made by the governorate, it has been stated that an attack by heavy weapons was organized by the terrorist organization PKK/KCK against the security forces at the Çilekli Tepe base area of the 2nd Border Brigade Command; and in consequence of the air operation conducted by F-16 fighter jets sent to the area by the Air Force, 8 members of the separatist terrorist organization have been rendered ineffective, and 1 military personnel was wounded but not with any life-threatening injury, in the armed fight that took place.

### **(7) 31 different regions in Tunceli have been announced as "Special Security Regions"**

It has been stated that 31 different regions in Tunceli have been announced as "special security regions" until April 15 due to operations conducted in the scope of the fight against terrorism.

In the press statement made by the governorate, it has been stated that efforts to find and render ineffective the terrorist elements in Tunceli are continuing uninterrupted, steadfastly, and resolutely.

### **(8) Operation against PKK in Adana: 22 detentions**

Teams of the Anti-Terrorism Branch of Adana Police Headquarters have organized a sudden raid on the addresses of the people alleged to be in contact with the terrorist organization PKK. Having entered 28 houses simultaneously in the sudden raid, the teams have taken 22 people into custody.

### **(9) The Ministry of Interior has disclosed the figures of the fight against terrorism**

According to the statement of the Ministry of Interior, 43 terrorists have been rendered ineffective in the operations conducted throughout the country from April 3 to 10. Within the scope of fight against the separatist terrorist organization, while 456 operations have been conducted, 570 people have been taken into custody and accused of aiding and abetting the terrorist organization.

### **(10) Operation by TAF (Turkish Armed Forces): A great number of PKK terrorists have been killed**

While 18 terrorists have been killed in the air operation conducted in Şırnak Bestler-Dereler region by the Turkish Armed Forces, 1 wounded terrorist has been captured. In the press statement made by



Şırnak governorate, it has been stated that on April 20, 2017, 7 more members of the separatist terrorist organization were rendered ineffective with the fire by air forces. A total of 26 terrorists were rendered ineffective during these ongoing operations in the region.

### **(11) Turkish Armed Forces: 45 terrorists have been killed**

The Turkish Armed Forces have stated that 45 terrorists were rendered ineffective and 5 soldiers have been martyred in the operations conducted in the last week. According to the information given by the TAF, from April 14 to 20, operations have continued without interruption in the regions used by the separatist terrorist organization as permanent sheltering area and route of passage into the country, which are specified to have a great significance. Within the scope of the fight against terrorism, large and medium scale operations have been conducted in Şırnak Beytüşşebap, Hakkari Yüksekova, Diyarbakır Lice, Batman Sason, Mardin Dargeçit, and Bitlis central regions.

#### **b. In the World:**

##### **(1) Explosion in the city of St. Petersburg in Russia**

In the explosion that occurred on April 3, 2017 in the city of St. Petersburg in Russia, 14 people lost their lives and 45 people were wounded. The Office of the Chief Prosecutor of Russia has stated that "the incident was a terrorist attack". Following the incident, all the metro stations in Saint Petersburg were closed. It has been stated that the explosion was caused by a fragmentation bomb. It is announced that the offender was a Russian citizen Ekbercan Celilov who was born in Kyrgyzstan.

##### **(2) Two police officers have been killed in Astrahan**

Less than 24 hours after the catastrophic terrorist attack in St. Petersburg metro, police officers were targeted in the city of Astrakhan. Having interrupted the flow of traffic, the attackers opened fire on the police officers on duty. 2 police officers died in the incident.

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### **(3) Chemical attack in Syria**

On April 4, 2017, a chemical attack was organized in the city of Idlib in Syria. While up to 100 people lost their lives in the attack, more than 400 people were affected by the poisonous gas.

### **(4) Attack with a truck in Stockholm, the capital city of Sweden**

On April 7, 2017, 4 people died and 15 people were wounded in the attack organized with a truck in the city center of Stockholm, the capital city of Sweden.

The Police Headquarters announced that a person has been taken into custody following the attack.

After the attack, certain regions in the city center of Stockholm were closed to traffic. Following the investigations made in the area, the passage of vehicles has been reopened.

Stefan Lofven, the Prime Minister of Sweden, has said that the attack was a "terrorist action".

### **(5) Explosion in Dortmund**

Before the Borussia Dortmund-Monaco quarter final - first match - of the UEFA Champions League planned to be played on April 11, 2017, three explosions occurred near the bus carrying the German team. Marc Barta, a Spanish player for Borussia Dortmund was wounded in his arm and was hospitalized. A letter was found in the area where the explosions occurred, which was thought to be dropped by the person who conducted the attack.

### **(6) Armed attack in Paris**

On April 20, 2017, an armed attack was organized in Paris, the capital city of France. 1 police officer lost his life in the attack, and 2 police officers were wounded. Having engaged in a firefight with the police, one of the two attackers has been killed. DAESH terrorist organization assumed responsibility for the attack.

## 2 Cross-border Operations

### a. Air operation by the Turkish Armed Forces

On April 3, 2017, in the air operation organized by the Turkish Armed Forces (TAF) on the terrorist organization targets in Hakkari, and Avaşin, and Basyan regions in the north of Iraq, 4 targets where weapon emplacements, shelters, and refuges are located, have been rendered unusable.

### b. TAF has organized air operation in Qandil

In the press statement made by the Turkish Armed Forces, it has been stated that on April 6, 2017, in consequence of an assessment of the instantaneous intelligences obtained, the Turkish Armed Forces organized an air operation in Qandil with its fighter jets, and 3 refuges and 2 shelters, which were detected as belonging to terrorist organizations, have been destroyed.

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# 3 General Risk Map of Turkey



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### Security Assessment

It has been assessed by us that terrorist organizations, the PKK and ISIS being in the first place, may organize attacks especially against public areas in metropolises (such as Shopping Malls, Train Stations, Airports, Metro Stations, Terminals, Art and Performance Centers, etc.) and places where foreign citizens may be found, and premises and facilities accommodating strategic, military, and civilian institutions and corporations as well as international organizations, which would create economic and political impact and attract the attention of international public opinion, as well as hotels and touristic areas and cities with the start of the tourism season, and that they may conduct such actions in the form of attacks by driving into crowds and running over people, as seen especially in abroad in the recent periods.

It is additionally assessed that, within the scope of the operations being conducted by the security forces due to the fact that the spring months have arrived, for the purpose of bringing the aforementioned operations to a halt, the terrorist organization PKK may organize armed attacks, attacks with bomb-laden vehicles, suicide bombers, and similar attacks on the security forces, especially in the Eastern and Southeastern provinces.

Due to the fact that there are certain special days in May such as May 1 commemorations and the anniversary of the Gezi Park events, when it is taken into consideration that certain marches and commemoration events will be organized on these days, it is assessed that this period will be a critical period of time.



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## 5 Statistical Information Concerning the March 2017 Period

### Statistics of Public Order and Violence Against Women and Children

	TYPE OF INCIDENT	NUMBER (MARCH 2017)
<b>Public Order Incidents</b>	Number of Smuggling Cases	1.525
<b>Violence Against Women</b>	Number of Female Victims	1.897
	Number of Victims under Protection	584
	Number of Women Sheltered in Guesthouses	22
<b>Number of Children in Proceedings</b>	Dragged into Crime	465
	Victims of Crime	1.506
		148

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 March 2017, total 1.594 events occurred consisting of 1.525 smuggling, 20 organized crimes and 49 cyber crimes in the responsibility zone of the General Command of Gendarmerie. 2.230 suspects were detained during the events happened in the period.

MATERIALS CAPTURED	01-31 MARCH, 2017
Heroin (Kg)	57,51
Powdered Marijuana (Kg)	6.297
Powder Hashish (Kg)	4.486
Narcotic/Psychotropic Tablet (Pcs)	3.557
Fuel oil (Litre)	54.367
Smuggled Alcoholic Beverage (Litre)	3.941
Smuggled Tobacco (Pack)	1.142.520
Smuggled Tea (Kg)	23.871
Cultural and Natural Properties (Pcs)	915

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## 6 Important Days and Weeks in May 2017

Date	Incident
1 May	International Labor Day
4-10 May	Occupational Health and Safety Week
11 May	The Reyhanlı Attack
13 May	The Soma Tragedy
10-16 May	The Council of State and Administrative Justice Week
19 May	Atatürk Commemoration and Youth and Sports Day
27 May	The Gezi Protest

**01 May International Labor Day; 11 May, because of the Reyhanlı attack of 11 May 2013; 13 May, because of the Soma Tragedy of 13 May 2014; and 27 May, because of the Gezi Protest of 27 May 2013; are assessed to be days with high security sensitivity.**

### Additional Measures

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.

Our teams in the meeting areas and on the main routes to those areas, and our security staff will be warned about attention and sensitivity, and trainings on evacuation planning may be repeated if necessary.

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It is assessed that there might be suitable grounds for suicide bombs and bomb laden vehicle attacks by ISIS, PKK and other illegal organizations as there will be various meetings and commemoration events in May 2016 such as May 1st Labor Day, anniversary of Gezi Park protests, etc.

Within this scope; with the purpose of avoiding security violations caused by possible crowds, we estimate that taking the following measures that we have also issued in previous years will be convenient:

1. Avoid crowds whenever possible.
2. Trust your instinct first and foremost. If you feel anxious in a place or environment you are in, leave.
3. Notice the details around you; People, objects or events can be the precursor of danger.
4. Know the district/quarter/street you live in. (The closest police station, market, restaurant, shop and their work hours etc.) Learn the nearby places which will prove communication possibilities. (Phone booth etc.)
5. Pay attention to any indications of social happenings on the way to/from your work to/from your home. Determine alternative routes and hours when going to your work place.
6. Determine any routine programs like sport or social activities that you regularly do. Change the hours of these activities periodically. Be more careful about the routine programs such as picking your kids from school.
7. When you feel like you're in danger try to draw attention by screaming or, if you're in your car, by honking.
8. Try to be in better coordination physically. Learn your abilities and physical capacity.
9. When exposed to an incident that will threaten the safety of an individual, there is no right or wrong response because each event is different. However, in a state of danger, as a principle:

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- Try to get out of the situation you're in using appropriate behavior and words.
- In case of danger or attack you'll have the options of doing what's required, calling for help or escaping, or resisting. However, whatever decision you make, your first priority should be the safety of your life.

#### 10. What you should not do to ensure personal safety are;

- Taking part or being present in authorized/unauthorized meetings where large crowds gather. Not paying attention to unusual activities around you.
- Carrying your money, keys and other valuables in a manner that would attract the attention of thieves.
- Using the routes that the people who may be following/observing you can easily predict.

Despite all your precaution, what should be known and what measures should be taken when exposed to gas used by police force in order to prevent social events are mentioned below:

#### **Pepper spray and tear gas:**

The first thing you should remember when exposed to chemical weapons should be that this is not the worst that could happen to you. What is said about these weapons may be too frightening but in truth this experience can be eluded with minimum effort when behaved carefully and wisely. The information here are the result of the experiences from IMF/DB activities in Washington and WTO in Seattle.

#### **What are these substances?**

Tear gas (or CN, CS, CX) and pepper gas (OC) are chemical components used by police and military forces to defuse the crowds and suppress people. They affect mucous membranes (mouth mucosa, nasal mucosa, eye and other parts of the body containing mucous membranes). They also contain solvent and propellant gas. Some scientists say that some of these substances cause cancer, birth abnormalities and genetic mutations. So we must be careful. During the world trade organization protests in Seattle; the police used tear gases that contain highly toxic methylene chloride which can cause

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mental fog, headaches, visual or emotional hallucinations, menstrual irregularities and which increases the cardiac rhythm.

#### **How are they used?**

Both tear gas and pepper gas can be sprayed from little tin capsules that look like perfume bottles. Tear gas is mostly fired through the crowd with guns. Never touch these tin capsules that contain tear gas with naked hands. They are especially hot when first fired. Industrial protective gloves can be useful. And don't forget that you can be seriously affected by the gas when trying to fire these capsules.

#### **What kind of effect do they have?**

Both tear gas and pepper gas cause burning aches on the skin and extensive fluid from eyes and nose. Pepper gas is preferred more by the police as they cause more pain, first degree burns and as they are hard to clean from the body. When exposed to these gases, you can experience:

- Burning and stinging on the eyes, nose and skin
- Tearing in the eyes in the amount that will blur the eyesight
- Running of nose
- Increase in body fluids
- Cough and Difficulty in breathing
- Disorientation, mental fog
- Excessive anger, furiousness. All these effects are temporary.

The effects of the tear gas will last five to 30 minutes. The effects of the pepper gas will last from 20 minutes to two hours. The reason the effects of the pepper gas last that long is that it is absorbed by the skin and piled up on the nerves and released slowly. Even if you clean the pepper gas from the skin, its effects will continue for a while.

#### **Prevention:**

For most healthy people, the effects of these chemical weapons are short-term and temporary. But these can last longer for some people and can be life threatening. People who possess the diseases and medical conditions listed below are under risk and try to avoid

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being exposed to these weapons.

- People with respiratory system diseases like asthma, emphysema, pneumonia.
- People with weak body defense systems like children and elders
- People with chronicle diseases that weaken the body's defense system (people who get chemotherapy, with lupus disease, who are HIV positive, who get radiotherapy and who use long term corticosteroids)
- Women who are, who might be and who try to get pregnant (miscarriage and birth abnormalities may occur)
- Women who are breastfeeding (can be transmitted to babies via toxic milk)
- People with skin (severe acne, cutaneous disease, eczema) and eye (conjunctivitis, uveitis) diseases
- People who wear contact lenses (the effects of the chemicals on the eye may be increased)

#### **Protection:**

- Avoid using oily creams and lotions. These will increase the endurance and absorption of the chemicals.
- Pepper gas will cause too much pain on sun burns. So use water or alcohol based sun cream. You can use the oil based sun creams taking into account the increased effects of the chemicals.
- Don't leave exposed areas on the skin in order to decrease the exposure to chemical weapons. This will also protect you against the sun.
- Gas masks are the best way to protect your face. If you don't have a gas mask, swim goggles with side protection will also work. For mouth and nose protection, cloth masks damped with apple vinegar can be used.

#### **How to behave/act?**

- Be calm. Panic will increase the effects. Breathe slowly and remember that this is a temporary situation.
- If you see the firing of gas, put on your mask or goggles and leave (you can climb up onto high locations).

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- Breathe in through your mouth and out through your nose. Try to cough from time to time and spit.
- If you have contact lenses, ask someone who has not been exposed to chemicals to take them off.
- Do not rub your eyes.

### **Solutions:**

Various tests have been conducted in order to avoid the effects of pepper gas. As a result, these methods are claimed to minimize the effects.

- For eyes and the mouth:

Immediately after being exposed to chemicals, a solution prepared with half water and half liquid anti-acid can be used. However, you need to be trained for that procedure. It can be harmful when applied incorrectly.

For mouth decontamination take a sip from this solution, gargle and spit. Do not swallow.

- For the skin:

For the affected area, liquid paraffin, liquid Vaseline called mineral oil can be used. Put liquid Vaseline on a small cloth. Apply this to the affected area. Then, clean the area with alcohol. Make sure that the liquid Vaseline is not on the skin longer than 30 seconds. If stayed longer, it can increase the effects of the chemicals.

- Take off your clothes after the incident and take a shower with water as cold as you can endure. Wash the clothes with strong detergents. These chemicals are toxic and will continue to affect you and those around you for as long as they are not cleaned. Do not touch your face, eyes, other people, furniture, sofas until you get cleaned.

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### Provinces and Regions Where May 1 will be Commemorated

**Memur-Sen (Confederation of Public Servants Trade):** Having announced that they will hold the May 1 events this year in Kütahya, Memur-Sen explained the reason of this to be the first collective bargaining in history having been made in Kütahya with coffee cup tradesmen.

**Turkish Kamu-Sen (Confederation of Public Servants of Turkey):** Turkish Kamu-Sen, announced that Turkish Kamu-Sen will commemorate May 1 this year in Eskişehir.

**Confederation of Progressive Trade Unions (DISK):** The Board of Presidents of DISK has taken a decision to commemorate May 1 widely and en-mass throughout Turkey with the broadest participation, against the increased attacks.

**Türk-İş (Confederation of Turkish Trade Unions):** Türk-İş taken a decision to commemorate May 1 at Ankara Tandoğan Square.

**Hak-İş Trade Union Confederation:** Hak İş has announced that they will commemorate May 1 in Erzurum en-mass, according to the mentality of commemorating in different city each year.

Confederation of Progressive Trade Unions of Turkey (DISK), Confederation of Public Employees Trade Unions (KESK), Union of Chambers of Turkish Engineers and Architects (TMMOB) and Turkish Medical Association (TTB) has declared the commemoration of May 1 will be at Bakırköy in İstanbul.

The Ministry of Interior has announced that May 1 Labour Day commemorations wont be held at Taksim Square.

\*Prepared in accordance with the information obtained from open resources. We will also provide additional information as and when additional event venues are made public.

**We take this opportunity to celebrate your May 19, the Commemoration of Atatürk, Youth and Sports Day, and wish you a safe month.**

**Best Regards.**

