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## Developments within the Period

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### a. In Turkey:

#### **(1) Terrorist Preparing for Attack Caught Scouting the Area:**

In Kağızman county of Kars, on January 31st, 2017, a terrorist asserted to be preparing for attack to political parties and those citizens not aiding the terrorist organization PKK, was caught while scouting the area.

#### **(2) Terrorist Wanted for Nine Different Crimes Was Ensnared:**

In the coordinated operation conducted in Aydın by the Gendarmerie in three districts on January 31st, 2017, a PKK/PDY member terrorist wanted, and 4 suspects aiding him, 2 of whom were females, were taken into custody.

#### **(3) Major Blow on PKK:**

According to the information provided by the Turkish Armed Forces General Staff and police and gendarmerie officers on January 30th, 2017, about ten thousand five hundred sixty (10.560) terrorists were restrained during the on-going land and air operations at home and abroad within the 557 days following July 24th, 2015. Many so-called province representatives of PKK were killed in the opera-



tions carried out decisively despite difficulties in winter conditions. It was stated that causing severe losses and restraining the so-called representatives of the organization greatly demoralized the terrorist organization.

#### **(4) Five ISIS Members Arrested in Ankara:**

Eight people stated to be members of the terrorist organization ISIS, who were taken under custody on January 28th, 2017, by the teams of the Counter-Terrorism Branch of Ankara Police Department, were transferred to the courthouse following the procedures at the police department. The suspects who gave statement to the public prosecutor conducting the investigation were sent to the court with request for their arrest. Five of the suspects interrogated by the Judicature of the Criminal Court of Peace on Duty were arrested, whereas three of them were released to be tried without arrest.

#### **(5) Terrorist Operation in Istanbul:**

In the operation performed on January 17th, 2017, against the terrorist organization PKK/ KCK in Istanbul, 15 people were caught including suspects alleged to be preparing for armed attack.

#### **(6) Simultaneous Operations to PKK and ISIS in Adana:**

In the operations performed simultaneously on January 30th, 2017 to the separatist terrorist organization PKK and ISIS at the addresses determined beforehand, by the teams of Counter-Terrorism Branch (TEM) of Adana Police Department with a large number of policemen; among the suspects asserted to be members and making propaganda for their organizations, a total of 20 people including seven from ISIS and 13 from PKK were taken under custody.

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### **(7) PKK Assassin Caught in Istanbul:**

A suspect was taken under custody in the operation performed in Istanbul against the terrorist organization PKK on January 26th, 2017. It turned out that the suspect who was learnt to have received assassination training was preparing for attack.

### **(8) Terrorist Operation in Van:**

In the simultaneous operations performed at 12 addresses by the teams of Counter-Terrorism Branch of Van Police Department for prevention of activities of the terrorist organization PKK/KCK, eight suspects were taken under custody. It was stated that many organizational documents and digital materials were confiscated in the search performed in the houses and appurtenances in the operation attended also by the special operations policemen.

### **(9) A Person Was Taken Under Custody at Kartal Subway Exit on Suspicion of Being ISIS Member:**

A suspected Syrian individual at Kartal hospital subway exit was taken under custody on January 14th, 2017. Upon an examination conducted on the mobile phone of the suspect, several photographs were found, shot with people suspected for being members of the terrorist organization ISIS, showing the suspect holding gun.

### **(10) Terrorist Wanted for Nine Different Crimes Was Ensnared:**

In the coordinated operation conducted by the Gendarmerie in three districts in Aydın, a PKK/PDY member terrorist wanted, and four suspects aiding him, including two females, were taken under custody.

### **(11) Abdulkadir Masharipov, the attacker killing 39 People in Reina, is caught:**

The terrorist Abdulkadir Masharipov, who murdered 39 people at Reina on the New Year's Eve, was caught in Esenyurt. Four people who were present at home during the operation were also taken under custody.

### **(12) Final Situation in Dismissal under Decree Law:**

Three new Decree Laws no. 679, 680 and 681, prepared within the scope of the state of emergency, were promulgated on the duplicate issue of the Official Gazette.



By virtue of the Decree Law no. 679, promulgated within the scope of the State of Emergency (OHAL), 8 thousand and 399 (8.399) public servants decided to be acting against national security were dismissed from their jobs. In this respect, 2.687 personnel were dismissed from the Turkish National Police, 1699 from the Ministry of Justice, 435 from the Land Forces Command, 160 from the Naval Forces Command, and 168 from the Air Forces Command. 631 academicians were also dismissed from the public institutions.

83 associations decided to be aiding terrorist organizations under the Decree Law no. 679, and to be acting against the national security of the state by the national security council, were shut down. All assets, receivables and rights of the associations were transferred to the Treasury. Seven associations closed under the previous Decree Law were allowed to be opened again. Also, 11 newspapers closed by the previous Decree Law were granted the right to be opened again.

The provisions contained in the Internal Service Law of Turkish Armed Forces on the gendarmerie, coast guard and noncommissioned officer high schools and military hospitals were abrogated by the Decree Law no. 681. The Decree Law removed the requirement of giving the orders in uniform, while introducing the requirement of fulfilling the orders of civilian superiors.

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

### **1. (1) Armed attack to mosque in Canada:**

According to the information provided by Quebec state police, six people were murdered and eight people were injured in the armed attack committed by 3 people against the crowd who had convened for the Isha prayer at Quebec Islamic Culture Center, which is also used as a mosque.

### **(2) Bombed attack in Iraq:**

It was stated that 7 people died and 24 people were injured as a result of explosion of a parked bomb-laden vehicle near a public market in Abu Dashir region on January 17th, 2017.

### **(3) Bombed terrorist attack in Azaz:**

It was stated at least 25 people died and many people were injured in the explosion that occurred on January 7th, 2017, in Azaz, district of Aleppo city of Syria.

## 2 Cross-Border Operations:



### **a. They Were Going to Attack the Turkish Military Convoy:**

According to the information received from military sources; on January 21st, 2017, a bomb-laden vehicle targeting Jarabulus was captured by those performing the Operation Euphrates Shield before it could commit the attack. The driver of the vehicle and the terrorist who would detonate the bomb were caught alive.

### **b. Maroon Berets infiltrated Metina Camp of PKK:**

In the air operations performed on January 13th-14th, 2017, to the targets belonging to the terrorist organization PKK in Metina region of Northern Iraq, 57 terrorists were killed and a large number terrorists were injured.

It was learnt that, prior to the air operations performed, the soldiers commissioned in the Special Forces (Maroon Berets) detected PKK targets by infiltrating Northern Iraq, shared their coordinates with Turkish Air Forces, after which the said PKK targets were destroyed by combat aircrafts.

### **c. Latest developments concerning the Euphrates Shield Operation:**

Turkish Armed Forces announced that 2,477 terrorists were restrained within the scope of the ongoing operations in the Operation Euphrates Shield, which entered its 158th day (January 28th, 2017).

Since the beginning of the Operation Euphrates Shield (August 24th, 2016) to present, a total of 2156 DEASH member terrorists were restrained, out of whom 1864 were killed, and a total of 321 PKK/PYD member terrorists were restrained, out of whom 306 were killed.

A total of 1332 targets were destroyed by Turkish Air Forces. Moreover, 3282 improvised explosives and 55 mines found were destroyed since the beginning of the operation to present.

Within the scope of the operation, 52 members of Turkish Armed Forces died martyr, and around 252 members of Free Syrian Army lost their lives up to present (January 31st, 2017).

Source: Open source news and relevant websites.

# 3 General Risk Map of Turkey



Compiled within the framework of information obtained from open sources. It is informative only.



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## Security Assessment

It is considered that the sensitivity on security would be critical in the coming period, as well, due to the ongoing operations in the South, Southeast and Syria,

that the likelihood of committing of attack by the terrorist organizations to the places crowded with people (Shopping Mall, Train Station, Airport, Subway, Terminal, Art Show Centers, etc.), particularly in the metropolitans, and to the premises and facilities where strategic, military, civil agencies and institutions as well as international institutions, which would have great impact from economic and political aspect, attract attention among international public, remains high,

that the said attacks could be performed either individually as “fedayee”, or committed at multiple locations simultaneously in the coming period in order to ensure that they make a greater impression in the world and among the public.

Furthermore, due to the referendum anticipated to be held in the forthcoming period, it is considered that terrorist incidents can also take place with an attempt to destabilise the country and to create chaos; and that we are in a sensitive and critical process based on the news emerging in the recent period relating to assassinations to important government figures and political party leaders.



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## 5 Statistical Information Concerning the December 2016 Period

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

TYPE OF INCIDENT		NUMBER (DECEMBER 2016)
<b>Public Order Incidents</b>	Number of Smuggling Cases	1.089
<b>Violence Against Women</b>	Number of Female Victims	1.395
	Number of Victims under Protection	875
	Number of Women Sheltered in Guesthouses	10
<b>Number of Children in Proceedings</b>	Dragged into Crime	498
	Victims of Crime	1.377
	Others	135

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 December 01st and 31st, 2016, a total of (1.133) incidents occurred within the responsibility region of the Gendarmerie General Command, including (1,089) smuggling, (6) organized and (38) informatics incidents. (1,731) suspects were caught in the incidents occurred during the period."

MATERIALS CAPTURED	NUMBER (DECEMBER 2016)
Heroin (Kg)	16,14
Powdered Marijuana (Kg)	5.064
Powder Hashish (Kg)	415
Narcotic/Psychotropic Tablet (Pcs)	3.394
Fuel oil (Litre)	12.965
Smuggled Alcoholic Beverage (Litre)	218.111
Smuggled Tobacco (Pack)	2.683.843
Smuggled Tea (Kg)	11.370
Cultural and Natural Properties (Pcs)	603

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## 6 Important Days and Weeks in February 2017

Date	Incident
7 February	The Establishment of the Turkish Women’s Association
9 February	World Smoking Cessation Day
13 February	Declaration of Turkish Federated State of Cyprus
16 February	The capture of Abdullah Ocalan in Nairobi, the capital of Kenya and his return to Turkey.
16 February	The founding of Turkish Aeronautical Association
18 February	Turkey’s accession to NATO
28 February	Civil Defense Day

**16th and 18th of February are the highly critical days of February 2017 security-wise, it is assessed that February 2017 will maintain its importance all around Turkey.**

### 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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### Securitas Guidelines for Secure Life

#### **Attention to the Crowded Places: Features of a Suicide Bomber:**

- a. Suicide bombers are usually concentrated on carrying out their operations particularly in crowded places.
- b. They receive special trainings and are raised for these operations.
- c. Their moves become more hasty and direct as they get closer to their targets.
- d. Up to about 30 kg. of explosive material may be kept on a human body.
- e. Any number of terrorists involved in a suicide attack may take drugs or stimulants before the operation in order to feel encouraged.
- f. The initial reaction of the suicide bomber who has just been exposed or prevented on the way to his/her target is to mobilize and explode the bomb.
- g. The perpetrators have chapped lips; they lick their lips quite often, they swallow very often and they form sentences that don't make sense or that are missing words or letters.

#### **Suspicious Behavior:**

- a. Getting excited, stuttering, and hesitating.
- b. Breathing heavily, blushing.
- c. Being either extremely still or extremely hyper.
- d. Being insistent.
- e. Acting in a rush, hiding his/her eyes and face.
- f. If there is more than one person, whispering amongst each other.
- g. Asking question(s) about the security system.
- h. Asking questions about the building or the VIP routine.
- i. The impression that he/she is high on drugs.

#### **Suspicious Appearance:**

- a. A look that does not match with the revealed identity (such as a poorly dressed senior executive).

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- b. If there is more than one person; same dress, same bag, same shoes - (unless they are service staff).
- c. Sneakers.
- d. Missing thumb (Pickpocketing).
- e. Dress that isn't revealing.
- f. Pregnant look.
- g. Prosthesis extremities; as objects may be kept inside the prosthesis.

#### **Suspicious Symptoms in people:**

- a. Having a digital camera, video taping device, using them and taking notes.
- b. Careful and continuous evaluation.
- c. Uncertainty concerning their appointment information.

#### **Suspicious Symptoms in Vehicles:**

- a. Not having the same front and rear plates or lack of plates.
- b. Rental car or foreign-plate car.
- c. Door locks blocked with matches or chewing gum (the intention with this is to keep the doors from opening from outside).
- d. Vehicles with tires removed or hoods open.
- e. Suspicious objects inside the vehicle (gas can, electrical wires, bag, luggage etc).
- f. The vehicle that seems very heavy; collapsed shock absorbers.
- g. Suspicious looking and behaving driver.
- h. The vehicle that has been parked for a long time with its driver inside.
- i. Truck type vehicles which are parked near a building for more than 1 day.

Best Regards.



