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## Developments within the Period

### **a. In Turkey:**

#### **(1) Bomb detonated in Denizli**

On March 02, 2018, a bomb system left into the electric panel, placed in the area where the traffic lights are located on the highway connecting Denizli to Antalya, is detonated by the bomb disposal team. The road is closed and the vehicles are directed to different alternatives.

#### **(2) "Special Security Zone" in Hatay**

The Hatay Governorate announced temporary "Special Security Zones" between March 07-21, 2018 in some regions on the border of Syria in Reyhanlı, Kırıkhan and Hassa districts of Hatay.

#### **(3) Operation against gunrunners in Ankara**

Ankara Public Prosecutor's Office has issued detention warrants for 37 people organizing arms smuggling.

25 of those who had been issued detention warrants are taken into custody and operations are ongoing to capture others, reported on March 12, 2018.



#### **(4) Anti-narcotics operation in shopping mall**

On March 14, 2018, 3 suspects arrested in the operation launched at the parking garage of a shopping mall by İstanbul Provincial Gendarmerie Command in Esenyurt.

In the searches made in the suspect's car, 35 kilograms of heroin in 70 packages were seized.

#### **(5) Newroz operation in İstanbul**

On March 14, 2018, an operation launched to the suspects who have been detected in preparation of attack before Newroz in İstanbul. 5 people were taken into custody in the raids at 12 addresses in 6 districts.

#### **(6) 7 PKK members detained in İstanbul**

On March 18, 2018, 7 PKK/YPG terrorists, who were detected to be in preparation of action in İstanbul, were nabbed in the simultaneous operations carried out at 13 addresses in İstanbul by Counter-terrorism teams.

#### **(7) Operations against ISIS terrorist organization**

- On March 02, 2018, 2 detained ISIS terrorist organization members were arrested by the court in **Sakarya**.
- On March 05, 2018, 12 suspects were detained in the operation against ISIS terrorist organization in **Ankara**.
- On March 05, 2018, 4 suspects were detained in Samsun for being allegedly the members of terrorist organization ISIS and being in preparation of attack to US Embassy in **Ankara**.

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## Developments within the Period



- On March 06, 2018, 1 person have been taken into custody in the operation against ISIS terrorist organization in **Gaziantep**.
- On 07 March 2018, 19 suspects, 4 of which were Turkish and 15 Syrian, were taken into custody in the operation against ISIS terrorist organization, for the possibility of taking action against the US Consulate in **Adana**.
- On March 09, 2018, 21 suspects were detained in the operation by Anti-Teror Teams against ISIS terrorist organization in 12 districts in **Istanbul**.
- On March 14, 2018, 3 Iraqi nationals detained in **Kayseri** for allegedly participating in organizational activities on behalf of the ISIS terrorist organization in Syria and Iraq were sent to court.
- On March 15, 2018, an Iraqi national was detained for allegedly in connection with the ISIS terrorist organization in **Eskişehir**.
- On March 16, 2018, 2 of the 4 people, who were in preperation of attack to US Embassy in Ankara, were arrested in **Samsun**, while other 2 were released and deported.
- On March 17, 2018, within the scope of the investigation conducted by **Kocaeli** Chief Public Prosecutor's Office against ISIS terrorist organization, 11 people have been taken into custody.
- On March 21, 2018, 4 Iraqi national were detained in the operation against ISIS terrorist organization in **Samsun**.

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- On March 22, 2018, 2 Iraqi national were detained in the operation against ISIS terrorist organization in **Samsun**.
- On March 23, 2018, 14 people, 13 of whom were foreign nationals, have been arrested in the operations against ISIS terrorist organization in **Istanbul**.

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

### **(1) Terror attack in France**

On March 23, 2018, a gunman took hostages at a supermarket in the town of Trèbes, France. The attacker, who was claimed to be an ISIS member, demanded the release of the suspected mastermind of the November 2015 Paris attacks.

Police shot dead the gunman, French media reported, after a four-hour standoff at the supermarket.

Three people were killed, including the one died in the carjacking, and three others wounded in the incident.

### **(2) Rocket attack to market place in Syria**

On March 20, 2018, at least 35 people were killed and 32 injured when a rocket landed in a busy market place in the eastern suburb of the Syrian capital Damascus, state media said marking one of the highest death tolls in a single attack targeting the capital.

### **(3) Russia shopping center fire**

On March 26, 2018, 64 people, 41 of whom were children, lost their lives in the fire at a shopping mall in the Siberian city of Kemerovo, Russia. The fire started on the top floor of the four-storey shopping mall, where the cinema hall and children's play areas were located. The flames shortly held the entire building. Exit doors in the mall were blocked and the alarm system was not working.

## 2 Cross-border Operations

### a. Turkish Armed Forces' Afrin Operation

The operation "Olive Branch" that Turkish Armed Forces has started to launch in order to provide security and stability along the borders and in the region by neutralizing the terrorists belonging to PKK/PYD-YPG and ISIS terrorist organizations in Afrin region in the north-western part of Syria on January 20, 2018 is going on.

The General Staff has announced that;

"The operation is based on the rights of our country arising from international law, the decisions of the United Nations Security Council against terrorism, in particular, numbered 1624 (2005), 2170 (2014) and 2178 (2014), and in the framework of the Legislative Defense Act of the 51st article of the UN Convention. It is also conducted respectfully to the territorial integrity of Syria.

Within the scope of operation, mine and hand-made explosives searches continue in Afrin, that is under control as of March 18, 2018."

In addition, 3733 terrorists have been rendered ineffective since the beginning of operation.

### b. Air operation from Turkish Armed Forces

On March 20, 2018, 12 members of PKK terrorist organization, who have been detected in preperation of attack, have been rendered inaffective by air operation to the Hakurk region in the north of Iraq.



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

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### Security Assessment

The operation "Olive Branch" that the Turkish Armed Forces has started to launch in the Afrin region located on the north-west of Syria in order to provide border security and to neutralize the terrorists in the region is going on. Within the scope of operation, mine and hand-made explosives searches continue in Afrin, that is under control as of March 18, 2018. The security sensitivities in the neighborhoods of Hatay and Kilis, especially in Reyhanlı, that occurred due to the rocket attacks by the members of the terrorist organization, has lessened compared to the previous period.

Within the scope of operations carried out against ISIS terrorist organization in Turkey, the detention of the members of the organization continues intensively. **Especially, it is observed that the detentions are mostly in İstanbul, Ankara and Samsun.** It has been assessed that; though the ISIS terrorist organization has lost the control of most of the areas dominated in Iraq and Syria, it continues to carry out attacks especially in that countries. Besides, the ISIS affiliates and members may also carry out attacks that attract the attention of international public opinion.

On the other hand, it has been assessed that;

As the operations of the security forces in the Eastern and Southeastern Anatolia regions towards the PKK terrorist organization, especially to the shelters and storages of the organization continue, the PKK terrorist organization may continue its attacks primarily towards the police and military units in order to interrupt the ongoing operations.

When taking into account the fact that PKK terrorist organization members are caught while in preparation of the attack especially in İstanbul and Ankara during the previous period, it may organize actions in various places in metropolitan cities and in the country, when it has the opportunity.

**In addition; after the fire, in which 64 people, 41 of whom were children, lost their lives, broke out in a shopping mall in Kamerovo, Russia; it is learned that there are some negligences;**

- **The alarm systems were turned off before the fire,**
- **Exit doors in the mall were blocked**

**It is also assessed that; in such kind of facilities where people are intensely come together; the continuous availability of alarm and automation systems should be provided, all emergency exit doors should be kept permanently open in accordance with the standards and that it is also important to have trained and competent Emergency Response Teams.**

The developments related to these sensitivities will be followed by us and the necessary information will be shared via SMS and e-mail when needed.

## 4 Statistical Information Concerning the March 2018 Period:

### a. Terror Operations;

According to the weekly reports published by Ministry of Interior about the operations within the country;

- Between February 26 - March 05, 2018; 16 PKK/KCK members, 2 ISIS members, 2 TAHRIR AL SHAM members,
- Between March 05-12, 2018; 13 PKK/KCK members,
- Between March 12-19, 2018; 21 PKK/KCK members,
- Between March 19-26, 2018; 21 PKK/KCK members, 1 ISIS member, 1 EL QAEDA member, 1 DHKP-C member,

Totally **78 terrorists** have been rendered ineffective.

In addition;

- Between February 26 - March 05, 2018; 216 PKK/KCK members, 46 ISIS members, 37 FAR LEFT members,
- Between March 05-12, 2018; 262 PKK/KCK members, 95 ISIS members, 10 FAR LEFT members,
- Between March 12-19, 2018; 536 PKK/KCK members, 39 ISIS members, 2 FAR LEFT members,
- Between March 19-26, 2018; 686 PKK/KCK members, 65 ISIS members, 32 FAR LEFT members,

Totally **2.026 suspects** have been arrested.

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## b. Public Order Operations;

Between February 26-March 26, 2018, in the **11.661** operations conducted to fight against "Drug and Smuggling";

 **5.149 kg** Marijuana,

 **33 kg** Methamphetamine,

 **646 kg** Heroin,

 **2.284.389 pieces** Tablet drugs

 **1,5 kg** Cocaine,

 **4.956** Cannabis plant

 **9,4 kg** Synthetic cannabinoid substance,

were seized.

Total market value is **77.167.691 TL**.

Besides,

 **1.809.068 pieces** smuggled tobacco

 **299.074 liter** fuel oil

were seized.

Total market value is **14.784.730 TL**.

Within the scope of the operations, **14.640** people were taken into custody.

\*[www.icisleri.gov.tr](http://www.icisleri.gov.tr)



# 5 Important Days and Weeks in April:

DATE	INCIDENT
April 10	Anniversary of the establishment of the Police Force
April 14-20	Martyr's Week
April 23	National Sovereignty and Children's Day
April 25	Land Martyrs Memorial Day
April 27, 2016	Bursa Ulu Mosque Attack (TAK / 23 injured)
April 03, 2017	Russia St. Petersburg Attack (ISIS / 14 death, 51 injured)
April 07, 2017	Sweden Stockholm Attack (ISIS / 4 death, 15 injured)
April 09, 2017	Egypt Alexandria Attack (ISIS / 47 death)
April 20, 2017	France Paris Attack (ISIS / 1 death, 2 injured)

**Although there is no day of high security sensitivity in April 2018, it is assessed that this period will maintain its sensitivity and criticality in terms of security due to operations especially against the PKK and ISIS terrorist organizations within the country.**

## Additional Measures:

The measures to be taken in addition to the existing measures will be announced to you in addition to the "Securitas Security Assessment" by our relevant Branch Manager taking into account the sensitivity of the period.



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Highlight of  
the Month

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## The Future Of Security Intelligence

Looking back, the world we live in has been quite static, slowly changing day by day. People have been shaped by evolution to cope well with this environment, developing intuitions to deal with our everyday reality.

But times are changing and with the introduction of digitization and an explosion of data, our environment is changing so rapidly that people can no longer rely only on intuition to navigate through reality - or more importantly, to address the security challenges of today. This is where data and intelligence comes into the picture.

The future of security intelligence is about generating, capturing and analyzing data so that we can predict and prevent risks and future incidents. Combining the power of machines and algorithms with the human mind will allow us to create a safer and more secure environment for everyone.

### Using intelligence to foresee risks

In the good old days, risk analysis was static, performed once or twice a year on a global level. However, changes in the local environment happen all the time, soon making the analysis obsolete. To make our risk analysis more valuable, we are adding data and to the mix, to be more responsive and detailed in our analysis.

Our dynamic risk analysis collects data from both internal and external data sources. This includes incidents, various sensor data,

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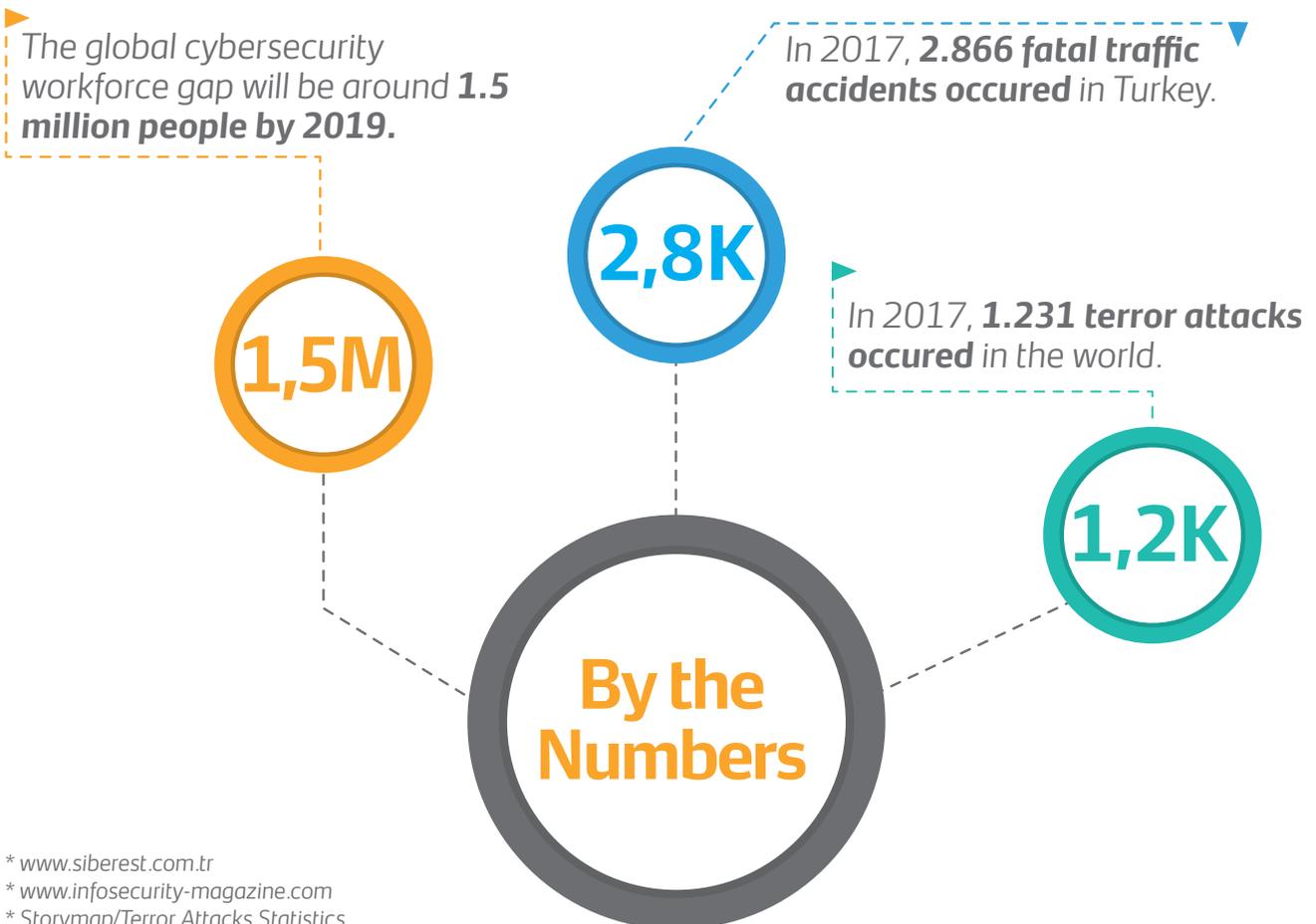
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crime statistics and weather data. As an example, crime statistics, weather data and visual monitoring can be combined to get information about if an intrusion alarm was triggered due to a storm or if there was an actual intrusion. This helps us to reduce false alarms and to and allocate resources to situations where they are needed the most.

This makes us radically better prepared to handle a likely future. We are also looking into adopting machine learning in our analysis, so that we can create efficient, self-learning algorithms that not only predicts the future but becomes better the more data that is fed to them.

With analytics and data in the background, we augment our security officers' capabilities in the field, so they can focus on what humans do best, at the right place, at the right time.

*\*www.securitasfuturelab.com*



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### Securitas Guidelines for Secure Life

#### **Security Measures for Children**

Children are more vulnerable in the society in terms of security as they do not possess as much information and as much physical strength as other individuals. Therefore, it is of great importance for parents to put forth additional efforts to ensure their security and to provide their children with training in this field. This part provides the measures to be taken by families and other persons taking care of children (school, caretakers, etc.) to ensure children's security.

#### **Basic Security Teachings for Children**

1. To remain in the range of vision of parents in crowded places and when they have been lost or require assistance, to approach a police officer or a store employee.
2. Not to go anywhere with any person without parental permission.
3. Not to accept any packages, letters, food, or drink, vb. from strangers.
4. When travelling, learning an essential word or sentence in the local language of the destination.
5. Informing parents or any caretaker in charge of them about their daily plan and whereabouts.
6. To walk in groups or at least in pairs.
7. To use crowded streets to the extent possible and to stay away from desolate places.
8. To report people who harass or abuse them to the closest authorities as soon as possible.

#### **Security Measures to be Taken by Parents**

1. Teach your child not to get into the vehicle of a stranger or go to a stranger's house without your permission.
2. Never leave your child alone in crowded places.
3. Teach your child your home address and telephone. Your child needs to know how to call your home at a phone booth.
4. Keep a list of emergency phone numbers on your child and let your child know about these numbers.

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5. Teach your child not to give out personal information even if a caller or house guest tells them that they are a friend of yours.
6. Teach your child that all doors of the house must be locked at all times. Warn your child not to open the door for strangers without the permission of their parents or caretakers.
7. Listen to your child when they tell you that they don't want to be with a specific person; this may be due to an important reason. Be sure to ask why.
8. Have your child present during interviews with their potential caretakers and watch their responses.

**We celebrate April 23, "National Sovereignty and Children's Day",**

**And wish you safe and healthy days.**

**Best Regards.**



