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## Developments within the Period

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

#### **(1) Terrorist attack to the nightclub Reina in Ortaköy/ Istanbul:**

65 people wounded and 39 people, including 1 policeman, died at the armed attack that happened at the nightclub Reina in Ortakoy Istanbul on January 1, 2017 around 01:30 hours. It was stated that there were 12 Turkish, seven Saudi Arabian, three Iraqi, three Lebanese, two Tunisian, two Indian, two Jordanian, one Kuwaiti, one Canadian, one Syrian and one Israeli citizens among those who lost their lives. The identities of four people haven't been determined yet.

It was stated that the terrorist, who performed the attack and whose identity wasn't declared, came to Istanbul together with his wife and two children on November 20, 2016 by airway who then first went to Ankara and after to Konya by road and returned to Istanbul again by road on December 29, 2016 for the attack.

While the research for the terrorist who escaped from the crime scene after the attack is ongoing, 14 suspects who are related to the terrorist were taken into custody as a result of the raids conducted by the police teams in Zeytinburnu and Başakşehir.

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## **(2) Curfew in Three Districts of Diyarbakır:**

Curfew was declared on 28 December 2016 on the grounds of an operation to be performed at Lice, Hazro and Kocaköy districts of Diyarbakır. Within the frame of the curfew which was launched at 5 a.m; it was stated that an operation would be performed with the purpose of taking down the members and collaborators including the senior executives of the separatist terrorist organization who are active in the highlands and forested areas within the administrative borders of Lice, Hazro and Kocaköy districts, destroy the shelters, sanctuaries, storage areas and anti air-craft sites which are considered to be used by the members of the separatist terrorist organization in the region and to capture the materials.

## **(3) Five Senior Figures of PKK were Detained:**

According to the information obtained from the authorities of the Ministry of Interior on December 30, 2016, five senior figures of PKK who were determined to carry out senior level activities in the KCK (Kurdistan Communities Union)- Turkish Parliament were taken into custody during the operations conducted by the anti-terrorism teams throughout Turkey. Three of them were arrested in Diyarbakır whereas the other two were apprehended in Antalya and Şanlıurfa..

## **(4) Ministry of Interior suspended the Activities of 94 Associations Related with Terror:**

According to the statement released by the Press Office of the Ministry of Interior, the studies conducted in 20 provinces reveal that a total of 94 associations threaten the national security, among which there are 42 FETÖ-related, 26 PKK/KCK related, three DHKP-C related, four DEAŞ related as well as 19 related with extreme leftist organizations. The activities of the subjected associations were suspended by the provincial governorships in order to protect the general security, safety and public order within the scope of Article 11 of Law on State of Emergency.

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### **(5) Clashes in Tunceli:**

One soldier was martyred during the clashes broke out between the PKK members and security forces in Tunceli on December 26, 2016.

### **(6) ISIS Members Captured in Sakarya:**

In terms of the investigation carried out by Sakarya Public Prosecution Office, Sakarya Police Directorate, Anti -Terror Branch arrested seven people who are determined to be related with ISIS and captured several organizational documents during the operations conducted against the suspects of terrorist organizations throughout the city on December 28, 2016.

### **(7) ISIS Shifted to PKK's Strategy:**

Taking major blows one after the other, ISIS started to use house to house, street to street clash strategy, which was unsuccessfully used by PKK in Sur, Cizre and Nusaybin According to the intelligence reports and the detected wireless communication; ISIS threatens the civilians in order not to leave El Bab. Whilst the local public is forced to stay at the urban areas, several barricades were built on the main roads and streets of the town. In this way, the public is prevented to leave the town.

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## **(8) The four PKK members captured dead in Viranşehir were from the Mountain Establishment:**

The four terrorists including two women, who captured dead in a house in Viranşehir district of Şanlıurfa in an air-supported operation on December 3 turned to be from the mountain establishment of the organization and getting ready for a sensational action. The examination of the arms and ammunition revealed that the terrorists opened fire against the convoy of Şanlıurfa Mayor, Mr Nihat Çiftçi, layed an ambush against Siverek district governor Mr Vural Karagül, organized a bomb attack to a police station and slaughtered a Mukhtar.

## **(9) Tunceli is cleaned from the Terrorist Organization DHKP-C:**

It was stated 16 terrorists were taken down and the area is cleaned from the terrorist organization as a result of the operations undertaken against DHKP-C since April at the rural side of Tunceli. It was also mentioned that, in addition to DHKP-C, more than 100 terrorists from PKK and TIKKO terrorist organizations were taken down by means of the operations carried out in the last four months in Tunceli and surrounding areas.

## **(10) HDP Vice Co-Chair Aysel Tuğluk Detained**

Within the scope of the investigation carried out by the Public Prosecution office concerning the Democratic Community Congress (DTK), HDP Vice Co-Chair Aysel Tuğluk who was taken into custody on December 26, was detained by the order of the court.

## **(11) ISIS Terrorist Getting Ready for Action Detained in Istanbul :**

An ISIS member terrorist who was getting ready for action was detained by the police on December 6, 2016. The terrorist who was making exploratory studies at the areas visited intensively by tourists was arrested by the court order and sent to prison.

## **(12) Terrorist Attack in Kayseri:**

14 soldiers were martyred and 55 people were wounded in the attack performed while the private public bus carrying off-duty soldiers was commuting on Talat Bulvarı Avenue in front of Erciyes University in Kayseri on December 17, 2016. The attack was undertaken by the Kurdistan Freedom Hawks (TAK) organization.

## **(13) Explosion in the vicinity of Vodafone Arena in Istanbul:**

Two separate explosions happened in the vicinity of Vodafone Arena Stadium located in Beşiktaş on December 10, 2016 around 22:29 hours. One of the explosions occurred at "Beleştepe" (literally: "Free Hill") located just between Süzer Plaza and the stadium and the other at Maçka Park. Being 37 police officers and 7 civilians, total 44 people lost their lives and 155 people were wounded, 14 of which were taken to intensive care. Terrorist organization PKK undertaken the attack over its front structure TAK.

## **(14) Russian Ambassador lost his life in an assassination:**

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Andrey Karlov, Russian Ambassador to Ankara, lost his life on December, 2016 in an armed attack to an exhibition that he attended. Besides, three people were wounded in the attack. The attacker who committed the assassination was shot dead during the operation arranged by the police. It was stated that the attacker was Mevlüt Mert Altıntaş, a member of the riot police department born in Söke, Aydın in 1994 who entered to the exhibition building to which Karlov attended with his police ID.

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

#### **(1) Ceasefire came to effect in Syria:**

The ceasefire rendered under the guarantee of Turkey and Russia came into effect on December 30, 2016 after midnight. The Ceasefire Agreement doesn't cover some groups including also Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS) and Public Defense Unions (YPG) which is the armed wing of Kurdish Democratic Union Party (PYD).

It was stated that three documents, namely the agreement between the Syrian Government and the opponents, Guarantor Agreement and Agreement for the Initiation of Peace Negotiations were signed within the scope of the ceasefire.

#### **(2) Terror Attacks in Iraq:**

Baghdad, the capital of Iraq became the target of the bomb attacks on the last day of the year (December 31, 2016). At least 25 people lost their lives in the attacks organized in a market place. Iraqi authorities stated that two bombs exploded in a market place in the center of Baghdad. More than 50 people were wounded in the attack which took place at El Sinak neighborhood.

#### **(3) Attack to Christmas Market in Germany:**

A truck which ploughed into the Christmas Market located at the famous Kurfürstendamm Street of Berlin in the evening hours on December 16, 2016 crushed many people. Berlin police stated that 12 people were killed and 48 people were wounded in the attack. The attack was undertaken by ISIS and it was stated an international arrest warrant was issued after finding the documents for asylum application after a search conducted in the truck and a prize amounting to Euro 100.000 was put on the head of Anis Amri, who was then killed in Milano, Italy.

## 2 Latest Developments Concerning the Euphrates Shield Operation



In El Bab, which was sieged within the scope of Euphrates Shield Operation, the advancement towards the city center continues. Since the day when the operation against El Bab started, more than 700 targets of the terrorist organization ISIS was shot from the air and land.

391 ISIS terrorists including senior executives of the organization were rendered ineffective and 26 PKK/PYD member were killed.

It is the 127 th day of Euphrates Shield Operation which was initiated on August 24, 2016 against the terror targets in th north of Syria.

Within the scope of the operation approximately an area of two thousand square meters was cleaned from the terrorists and control was assumed in 225 residential districts.

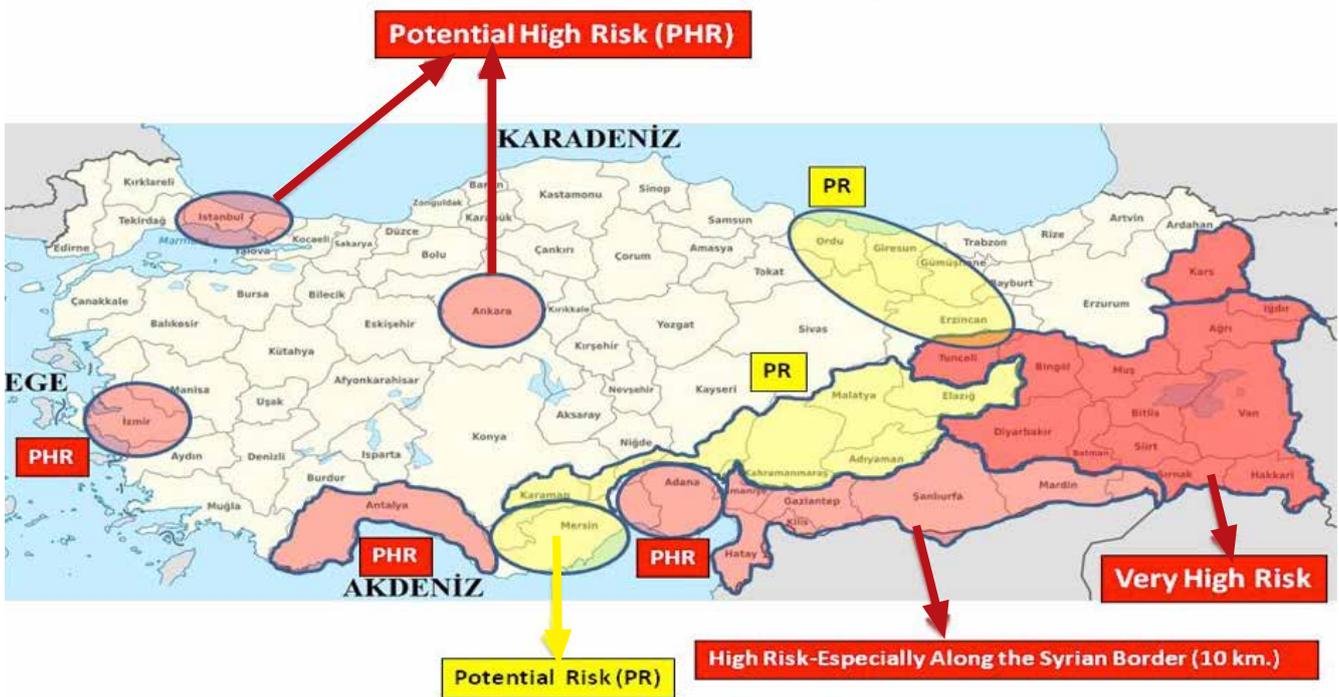
The efforts for the elimination of the terrorists in El Bab has been continuing for about 1,5 months. In this context, exploratory flights were performed by unmanned air vehicles after the siege of the city and then the terror targets in and around El Bab were shot by Storm howitzers and fighter aircrafts.

The operation for cleaning of El Bab from the terrorist organization ISIS gained pace with the clashes occurred afterwards. During the operation Turkish Armed Forces provided intensive fire support to Free Syrian Army from the land and air.

The explosive substance and destruction squads, who provided support to the opponents at the regions cleaned from ISIS, destroyed 400 hand made, mostly trapped explosives, four bombed vehicles and three mines in and around El Bab.

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

In terms of the Euphrates Shield Operation, it was considered that the security sensitivity will continue in the next term due to terror and cross-border passings at the South and south East borders of Turkey,

Within the frame of the opportunities to be seized by the terror organizations, in particular PKK and ISIS; the possibility of attacks especially to the areas in which people are generally located in big cities (Shopping Malls, Train Stations, Airports, Underground, Bus Station, Art and Performance Centers, etc.) as well as to the locations and facilities of strategic, military and public organizations and institutions which will make an economic and politic impact and attract the attention in the international public opinion continue at a high level.

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## 5 Statistical Information Concerning the November 2016 Period

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

TYPE OF INCIDENT		NUMBER (NOVEMBER 2016)
<b>Public Order Incidents</b>	Number of Smuggling Cases	1.372
<b>Violence Against Women</b>	Number of Female Victims	1.656
	Number of Victims under Protection	369
	Number of Women Sheltered in Guesthouses	16
<b>Number of Children in Proceedings</b>	Dragged into Crime	412
	Victims of Crime	1.343
	Others	142

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 01-30 November, 2016, total (1.408) events occurred consisting of (1.372) smuggling, (8) organized crimes and (28) cyber crimes in the responsibility zone of the General Command of Gendarmerie (1.963) suspects were detained during the events happened in the period ."

MATERIALS CAPTURED	NUMBER (NOVEMBER 2016)
Heroin (Kg)	106,72
Powdered Marijuana (Kg)	9.712
Powder Hashish (Kg)	19.408
Narcotic/Psychotropic Tablet (Pcs)	1.577
Fuel oil (Litre)	118.356
Smuggled Alcoholic Beverage (Litre)	33.727
Smuggled Tobacco (Pack)	10.472.837
Smuggled Tea (Kg)	30.438
Cultural and Natural Properties (Pcs)	2.360

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## 6 Important Days and Weeks in January 2017

Date	Incident
First Monday of January	Fight with Tuberculosis Training Week
5 January	Martyrs' Week
Second week of January	Energy Saving Week
7 - 14 January	White Walking Stick Blind's Week
10 January	Working Journalists' Day
10 January	Administrators' Day
25 - 31 January	Leprosy Week
26 January	World Customs Day

Although there is no day of high security sensitivity in January 2017, it is assessed as January 2017 will maintain its sensitivity and criticality in terms of security and due to operations against the PKK and ISIL terrorist organizations within the country, the security sensitivity 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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Highlight of  
the Month



**Uğur Yertut**  
Securitas İtfaiye  
Genel Müdürü

## **“What is the reason of the fire? Electricity” is a commonly heard phrase.**

- Date 19.12.2016, Ghastful Fire at Bursa İnegöl Furniture Industrial Zone,
- Date 18.12.2016, The railway cars, located within the area of Scientific Center and Seka Paper Museum established by Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality at the former site of SEKA Paper Mill, were burned,
- Date 17.12.2016, The fire which outbroke at the roof of a mosque’s lodging during the Friday prayer caused panic in Gebze district of Kocaeli,
- Date 15.12.2016, Fire at Muğla industrial site; Two people were injured and 11 people were affected by the smoke in the fire in the industrial site of Yatağan district of Muğla,
- Date 15.12.2016, Fire at the restaurant located on the penthouse of a Hotel in Kartepe district of Kocaeli,,
- Date 13.12.2016, Tragic event in Adana: 3 workers burned to death. 3 farm workers lost their lives at the fire that outbroke in the container in which they were lodging in Karaisalı district of Adana,
- Date 7.12.2016, The restaurant located on the road to Kartepe Ski Center was burned,
- Date 4.12.2016, Fire at Sponge Factory in Tuzla,
- Date 31.11.2016 Fire at Capitol Shopping Mall,

A list of some of the fires which were shared with the press is as given above. Approximately 50% of the fires which cause loss of lives and property are associated with electricity.

## **So, how does electricity cause fire?**

- 1.** Over loaded electrical equipment draw excessive current. The cable overheats in direct proportion with the square of the current. The insulation of the cable may be deformed due to over temperature Thus, it may loose its insulation features and cause short circuit. Since most insulation materials are also combustible at the same time, if the temperature reaches the burning temperature of the material, it will also be able to ignite itself. (As an example, connecting more than one devices to a socket by way of a multi-socket)

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2. Insulation damage cause short circuit. For this reason a constant arc may emerge. Electric arc excessively increases the temperature and if it is not extinguished in a few seconds, the materials around will start to burn.
3. Corruption or malfunction of equipment contacts in electrical installations may cause sparks, local overheating and burning of insulating material. In such cases, even if the arc doesn't emerge, the heat itself will be enough to initiate the fire. Short circuit or arc may emerge afterwards, however this isn't the main reason.
4. Fracture or cracks formed by the current-carrying elements due to mechanical pressure or extension may initiate arc at this point. Of course, it is possible to decrease the rate of the fires caused by electrical reasons.

For example, it has often been observed that residual current relays are not used or correctly selected and / or incorrectly installed in the lines with fuses intended for protection purposes. It has been observed that, although required, the residual current relay wasn't installed at the currently used but old structures such as panels, etc. The fuse and the residual current relay are not products which replace but complement each other in terms of life and property safety in consideration with their functionality, Similar details concerning the system may be augmented.

In consideration with this explanation, below actions should be adopted for prevention purposes;

- Protection devices must be selected accurately.
- Short circuit calculations must be made correctly.
- The current carriage capacity of the cable should be smaller than the nominal current of the consumer to which it is connected.
- The consumers which require grounding should be used at the lines with grounding infrastructure.
- It must be ensured that the braiding of the lines- sortie, etc. have been made in accordance with the standards and unadvised additions mustn't be made.

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- The plans and projects of the system should be maintained and updated regularly.
- Periodical maintenance must be carried out at a higher number and more frequently, if necessary, in consideration with the significance of the facilities and such controls must definitely be performed by third parties (person and/ or organization).
- Although it seems that the property lost in a fire is compensated by private insurance companies; our observations reveal that the examinations and reports of the insurance experts include queries on why the system hasn't been tested by using devices such as thermal cameras, etc during the periodical controls.

This is an indicator that a very conscious insurance structure has been established in our country. Besides this, when loss of life is taken into account, unrecoverable results incur.

As a result, as we always say "EARTHQUAKE " and FIRE will always incur but any possible loss of property and life may be decreased by implementing a healthy and conscious prevention and protection.



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## Securitas Guidelines for Secure Life

### Known types of Theft:

**Pick pocketing:** It is the theft of your monies from your pockets or bags making use of your absent state in municipal or public buses, bus terminals, train stations or airway terminals, open markets, shopping centres among the crowd, by one or more people.

**Nail-stealing:** It is the theft of some money making use of your absent state by those who apply for selling gold or foreign exchange or to buy gold and generally who act like tourists or foreigners, by stealing a part of the money which you put on the desk or safe box.

**Ablution Theft:** The monetary theft incidents where they steal some money off the pockets of your jacket which you have hung while ablution in the mosques is called ablution theft.

**Fortune-telling:** Some ladies come to your house stating that they have some personal or hygiene needs and they tell that they want to tell your fortune taking advantage of your weak points and they want to use your jewels in order to ensure these fortune seems better and steal your gold making use of your absent state .

**Fraud:** It is the incident of theft of your money or goods taking advantage of your good will by use of fraudulency and rip-off.

Do not believe in malignant people who tell you that they would assist you in depositing money in banks, post offices and tax offices who take your money and want to send you away to buy a voucher.

Retired people should not believe in people who approach to them after they receive their pensions from the bank as they may tell that they are working in the bank and an incorrect payment had been done and they call innocent people to take the remaining part of the money and try to send them away with the excuse of taking a voucher.

Do not believe in those people who come to your workplace and ask if you needed coins. Also, do not believe in those people who tell you that they are doctors and offer you treatment free of charge and ask for money in exchange.

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Do not believe in those people who act like Customs Protection Officers and tell you that they could purchase some goods from the customs for cheap prices.

## **Simple but effective precautions to be taken:**

- Make sure that the first and second floor's balconies and windows of our houses are equipped with robust iron locks,
- Keep double locks on the doors and place security chains behind the doors at night,
- When you will leave your house for short periods, especially at night, remember to keep a light on, make sure that your apartment doors are robust and functional, and have a door bell when necessary,
- The building administrator should follow up any foreign people who enter in the building by alerting the doorman, make sure that the street lights are kept on, your workplace must have robust doors with locks and the windows must be secured by use of steel blinds,
- Call 155 in case of any suspicious persons in our quarter,
- In order to have an initial information on the people you are planning to recruit, remember to gather information about their past, in case of any incident, inform the nearest regional police (or gendarmerie) station and ask for an officer and ensure that the scene is examined, pay attention to maintain the scene until the officers leave the scene.
- If you need to park your cars due to any reason, try to obey with the following precautions. You will see that these precautions which look simple are very effective in preventing your assets from being stolen by other people.
- When the cars are parked, you should not leave the driving license, car license, money and valuable papers inside it,
- In the front and back sections of the car, you should not have any staff that attract attention when looked from outside,
- Alarm equipment should be installed on the vehicles as a precaution against theft.

**We wish You and Your Beloved Ones,**

**A Safe and Secure Month with our extended wishes for a Healthy, Happy, Peaceful and Profitable year in 2017.**

**Best Regards.**

