



SECURITY

REVIEW

REPORT

March '18



Content

1. Developments within the Period
2. Cross-border Operations
3. Security Assessment
4. Statistical Information Concerning the February 2018 Period
5. Important Days and Weeks in March 2018
6. Highlight of the Month
7. Securitas Guidelines for Secure Life

1

Developments within the Period

a. In Turkey:

(1) Explosion in Ankara

There had been an explosion in the tax office directorate in Ankara on February 01, 2018. It was detected that a bomb caused the explosion. Three people were injured in the blast.

After investigating security footage, a man had placed a bag contained explosives at the entrance to the building, the governor's office said in the statement on Feb. 2.

Turkish authorities said that they had detained eight people, including the man believed to have planted the explosives, in four separate provinces. A ninth suspect was found dead during the operation.

The suspect, who had the fake ID and was killed in the operation, had entered Turkey illegally and received training from a branch of PYD terrorist organization, the governor's office said.

(2) Rocket attacks to Kilis and Reyhanli

On February 01, 2018 one of the rockets fired from the weapon emplacements of terrorist organization in Syria's Afrin region hit a restaurant in the city center of Kilis, and the other one hit a house. Five people were injured in the explosions.

Another rocket hit a graveyard in the Reyhanlı district of Hatay.



(3) Operation against ISIS in İstanbul

On February 03, 2018, 82 people, 77 of whom were foreign nationals, have been arrested in the operations against ISIS terrorist organization in İstanbul.

During the counterterrorism operation targeting ISIS suspects, the police conducted simultaneous raids at 16 addresses in 10 districts. Numerous digital materials and organizational documents were seized during the raids.

(4) 250,000 narcotic drugs planned to be delivered to PYD/YPG terrorists seized

On February 01, 2018, approximately 250,000 narcotic drugs that were reportedly planned to be delivered to PYD/YPG terrorists in Syria were seized by Adana police. Two Syrian nationals were detained in the operation. It is reported that the market value of the drugs is 3 million TL.

(5) Terror operation in Ankara

Nine people allegedly linked to the PKK terrorist group have been arrested during counterterrorism operations in Turkey's capital city Ankara, security sources said on February 19, 2018.

The arrests came after the Ankara Public Prosecutor's Office issued arrest warrants for a total of 12 people who were in preparation of attack and also accused of posting threatening messages on social media. According to the sources, the suspects were planning a terror act for the anniversary of the 1999 arrest of Abdullah Ocalan, the jailed head of the terrorist organization PKK.

The police are searching for the remaining suspects, the sources added.

1

Developments within the Period



(6) Operations against ISIS terrorist organization

- On February 02, 2018, 1 Iraqi suspect were detained in **Samsun** for being allegedly the member of terrorist organization ISIS.
- On February 03, 2018, 82 people, 77 of whom were foreign nationals, have been arrested in the operations against ISIS terrorist organization in **Istanbul**.
- On February 07, 2018, 6 Iraqi suspects were detained in **Samsun** for being allegedly the members of terrorist organization ISIS.
- On February 10, 2018, several operations were carried out against the terrorist organization ISIS in **Ankara**. 17 people, who were detected to be in the preparation of attack, were arrested in the simultaneous operations organized at the designated addresses.
- On February 10, 2018, 31 foreign national suspects detained in the operation against ISIS terrorist organization.
- On 12 February 2018, **Ankara** Chief Public Prosecutor's Office delivered an order for the detention of 23 people allegedly being member of the terrorist organization ISIS. Sixteen people were arrested in the operation.
- On February 14, 2018, 3 foreign nationals, who were alleged to be the members of terrorist organization ISIS, were were detained in **Kayseri**.

March 2018

- On February 17, 2018, 22 people, 14 of whom were foreign nationals, were detained in the operations against ISIS terrorist organization carried out in three districts in **Istanbul**.
- On February 19, 2018, 5 suspects were detained in the operation against ISIS terrorist organization in **Mersin**.
- On February 23, 2018, the woman sought from being a member of the terrorist organization ISIS was arrested in **Kırşehir**.
- On February 23, 2018, 3 suspects were detained in the operation against ISIS terrorist organization in **Sakarya**.
- On February 23, 2018, 3 suspects were detained in the operation against ISIS terrorist organization in **Tekirdağ**.
- On February 23, 2018, 3 suspects were detained in the operation against ISIS terrorist organization in **Tekirdağ**.
- On February 23, 2018, 2 members of ISIS terrorist organization, who entered Turkey illegally, caught by security forces in **Şanlıurfa**.

b. In the World:

(1) Bombed Attack in Somali

On February 23, 2018, twin car bombings and subsequent gunfire has left at least 38 people dead and 20 others wounded in the Somali capital of Mogadishu.

A loud explosion reportedly took place, followed by a second blast and sustained gunfire which broke out near the president's residence. The second blast took place beside a popular hotel. The armed group Al-Shabab claimed responsibility for the attack.

(2) Bombed Attack in Afghanistan

On February 24, 2018, Afghanistan's capital Kabul and Helmand province were targeted for terrorist attacks.

A suicide bomber struck in the diplomatic area of Kabul near NATO headquarters and the US Embassy. 2 people were killed and 7 others were injured in the attack. ISIS terrorist organization claimed the responsibility.

Besides, at least three security personnel were killed and many civilians were injured in the separate suicide bombing attacks in southern Helmand province. It is reported that, one of the attacks were carried out with a bomb laden vehicle.

Taliban has claimed the responsibility for the attacks in Helmand.

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.

Only the terrorists and their shelters, guns, weapons, tools and equipment are targeted in the planning and execution phases of the operation. All kinds of attention and sensitivity are shown to prevent civil / innocent people from being harmed."

Since the beginning of the operation, 782 targets belonging to PKK/KCK/PYD-YPG and ISIS terrorist organizations were destroyed by Turkish Air Force's aircrafts. In addition, at least 2059 members of PKK/KCK/PYD-YPG and ISIS terrorist organizations have been rendered ineffective within the scope of the operation.

b. Air operations from Turkish Armed Forces

On February 02, 2018, 3 PKK terrorists and weapon emplacements, that detected by Unmanned Air Vehicles (UAV) at Kani Rash region in the northern part of Iraq, have been rendered ineffective in the air operations carried out by the Turkish Air Forces.



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

March 2018

3

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. 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. It has been assessed that, since the ISIS terrorist organization has lost the control of most of the areas dominated in Iraq and Syria, it may carry out attacks that attract the attention of international public opinion in order to show its effectiveness.

In addition, 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.

It has been also assessed that;

Some actions may be carried out in Turkey to protest the Operation Olive Branch and that these actions can be provoked,

In addition, when considering the events experienced in previous years, unauthorized celebrations and provocative actions may occur during the Nevruz Feast on March 21.

For this reason, developments related to this sensitivity will be followed by us and the necessary information will be shared via SMS and e-mail when needed.

4 Statistical Information Concerning the February 2018 Period:

a. Terror Operations;

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

- Between January 22-29, 2018; 22 PKK/KCK members, 6 ISIS members,
- Between January 29- February 05, 2018; 14 PKK/KCK members, 1 ISIS member,
- Between February 05-12, 2018; 16 PKK/KCK members, 7 ISIS members, 1 AL-NUSRA member, 1 HIZBULLAH member,
- Between February 12-19, 2018; 13 PKK/KCK members, 2 ISIS members, 1 HIZB-UT TAHRIR member, 1 DHKP-C member,
- Between February 19-26, 2018; 10 PKK/KCK members, 18 ISIS members, 1 AL NUSRA member, 1 EL QAEDA member, 1 TAHRIR AL SHAM member,

Totally **116 terrorists** have been rendered ineffective.

In addition;

- Between January 22-29, 2018; 450 PKK/KCK members, 59 ISIS members,
- Between January 29- February 05, 2018; 335 PKK/KCK members, 27 ISIS members,
- Between February 05-12, 2018; 353 PKK/KCK members, 66 ISIS members,
- Between February 12-19, 2018; 713 PKK/KCK members, 43 ISIS members,
- Between February 19-26, 2018; 713 PKK/KCK members, 43 ISIS members,

Totally **2.358 suspects** have been arrested.

March 2018

b. Public Order Operations;

Between January 22 - February 26, in the 13.044 operations conducted to fight against "Drug and Smuggling";

-  **8.304 kg** Marijuana,
-  **1.696 kg** Heroin,
-  **49 kg** Cocaine,
-  **69 kg** Synthetic cannabinoid substance,
-  **50 kg** Methamphetamine,
-  **1.303.962 adet** Tabloid drugs
-  **5.312** Cannabis plant

Were seized.

Total market value is **136.402.252 TL.**

Besides,

-  **2.455.047 adet** Ksmuggled tobacco
-  **249.797 litre** fuel oil

Were seized.

Total market value is **18.434.249 TL.**

Within the scope of the operations, **17.643 people** were taken into custody.

*www.icisleri.gov.tr



5 Important Days and Weeks in February:

DATE	INCIDENT
March 8	International Women's Day
March 18	Çanakkale Victory and Martyrs' Day
March 21	Newroz Festival
March 13, 2016	Ankara/ Kızılay Attack (TAK/ 34 death, 125 injured)
March 19, 2016	İstanbul/Beyoğlu Attack (ISIS/ 5 death, 37 injured)
March 22, 2016	Belgium/Brussels Attack (ISIS/ 33 death, 250 injured)
March 26, 2016	USA/Ohio Attack (1 death, 14 injured)

It has been assessed that the security sensitive days in March will be 21st of March marking the celebrations of Newroz Festival and the previous days, from 18th to 22th of March, due to the celebrations that will start earlier. Thus, these dates should be monitored for security sensitivity and the security measures need to be revised.

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.



6

Highlight of the Month



AI is getting cheaper. But is that good news?

A Silicon Valley startup recently unveiled a drone that can set a course entirely on its own. A handy smartphone app allows the user to tell the airborne drone to follow someone. Once the drone starts tracking, its subject will find it remarkably hard to shake.

A group of artificial intelligence researchers and policymakers from prominent labs and think tanks in both the United States and Britain released a report that described how rapidly evolving and increasingly affordable AI technologies could be used for malicious purposes. They proposed preventive measures, including being careful with how research is shared: Don't spread it widely until you have a good understanding of its risks.

AI experts and pundits have discussed the threats created by the technology for years, but this is among the first efforts to tackle the issue head-on. And the little tracking drone helps explain what they are worried about.

The drone, made by a company called Skydio and announced, costs \$2,499. It was made with technological building blocks that are available to anyone: ordinary cameras, opensource software and low-cost computer chips. In time, putting these pieces together – researchers call them dual-use technologies – will become increasingly easy and inexpensive.

“This stuff is getting more available in every sense,” said one of Skydio’s founders, Adam Bry. These same technologies are bringing a new level of autonomy to cars, warehouse robots, security cameras and a wide range

6

Highlight of the Month

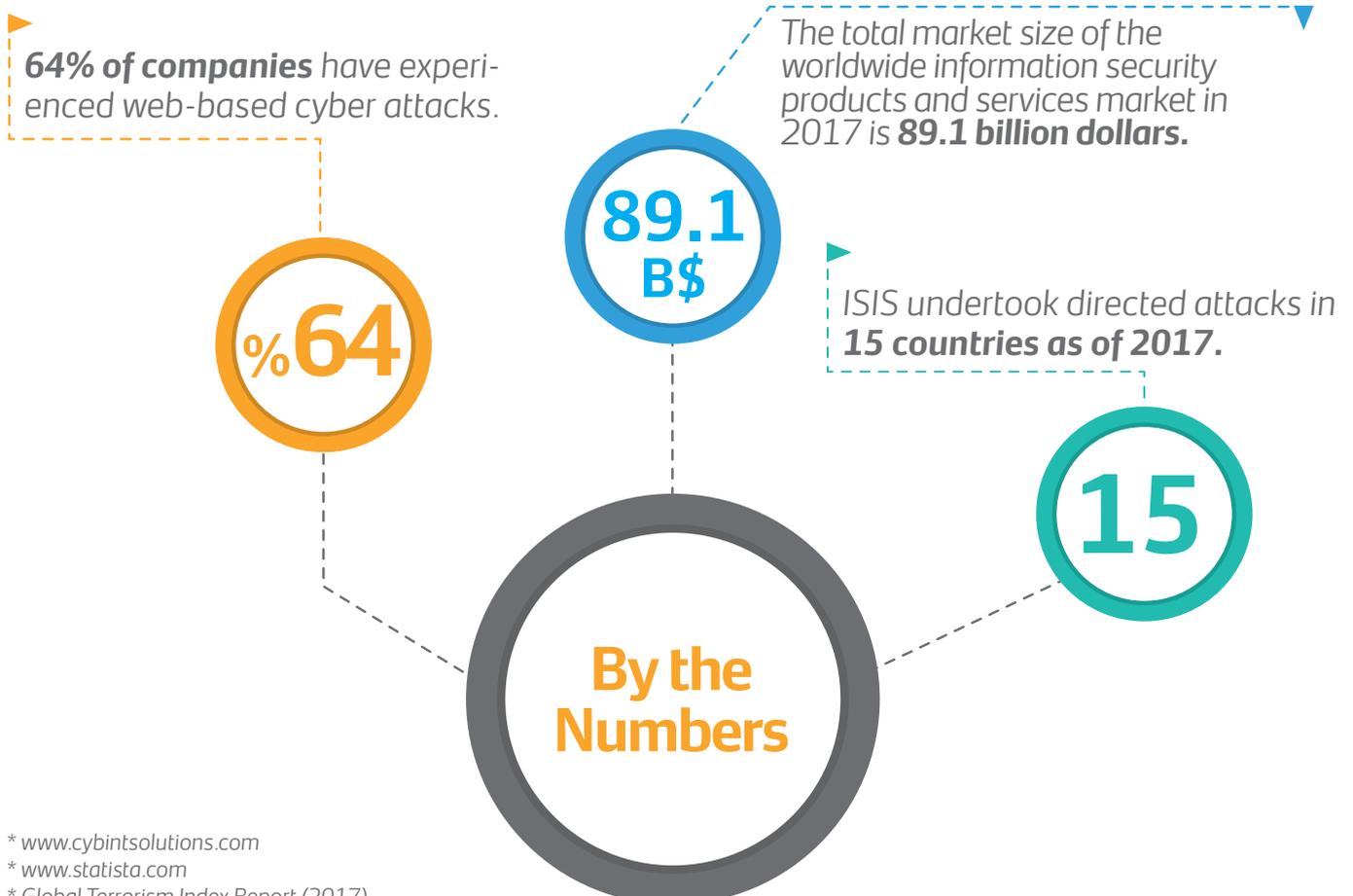
of internet services. But at times, new AI systems also exhibit strange and unexpected behaviour because the way they learn from large amounts of data is not entirely understood. That makes them vulnerable to manipulation.

The report warns against the misuse of drones and other autonomous robots. But there may be bigger concerns in less obvious places, said Paul Scharre, another author of the report.

The rapid evolution of AI is creating new security holes. A computer-vision system can be fooled into seeing things that are not there, for example, miscreants can circumvent security cameras or compromise a driverless car.

Researchers are also developing AI systems that can find and exploit security holes in all sorts of other systems, Scharre said. These systems can be used for both defense and offense.

*www.economictimes.com



* www.cybintsolutions.com

* www.statista.com

* Global Terrorism Index Report (2017)

7

Securitas Guidelines for Secure Life

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.
- 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.
- 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. 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.

March 2018

7

Securitas Guidelines for Secure Life

- 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.

**We Celebrate March 8, "International Women's Day",
And wish you safe and healthy days.
Best Regards.**

