



---

**SECURITY**

---

**REVIEW**

---

**REPORT**

*April'17*

🌐 [www.securitas.com.tr](http://www.securitas.com.tr)

🐦 [@securitasTR](https://twitter.com/securitasTR)

📘 [www.facebook.com/securitasturkiye](https://www.facebook.com/securitasturkiye)

## Content

1. Developments within the Period
2. Cross-border Operations
3. General Risk Map of Turkey
4. Security Assessment
5. Statistical Information Concerning the February 2017 Period
6. Important Days and Weeks in April 2017
7. Highlight of the Month
8. Securitas Guidelines for Secure Life

# 1

## Developments within the Period

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

#### **(1) PKK's so-called Bulanık, Malazgirt group was destroyed**

28 people were captured along with weapons and ammunition during the operation carried out by the Province Gendarmerie Command in Muş against terrorist group PKK's so-called Bulanık and Malazgirt group.

The announcement made by the Governor's Office stated that units under the Province Gendarmerie Command carried out an operation on 1 March to uncover the so-called Bulanık and Malazgirt group operating on behalf of the PKK/KCK terrorist organisation. 28 suspects identified in the Meşeiçi and Seçme villages of the Bulanık District were captured. Simultaneous searches conducted at the addresses of those captured revealed a Kalashnikov rifle with 40 rounds, an unregistered handgun with 108 rounds, 6 unregistered hunting rifles and 40 rounds as well as 5 suits of clothing of the organisation and documents.

#### **(2) A curfew was announced in 12 villages of Lice and Hazro**

The Governor's Office of Diyarbakır announced a curfew before the operation to be conducted in 12 urban locations, 11 being in Lice

April 2017



and 1 in Hazro, in order to disable members and collaborators of the separatist terror organisation and to destroy shelters, refuges, storages and anti-aircraft emplacements belonging to the organisation.

### **(3) 'Concrete security' at the Syrian border**

The Syrian border cleansed from terror elements during the Euphrates Shield operation initiated by the Turkish Armed Forces has been secured also with a Physical Security System. A modular concrete wall was built across

90 km of the 169 kilometres along Gaziantep and Kilis border with Syria. For security, also a fixed wall was built at the border with accordion, watchtowers, wire fences, illumination and a ditch. The 1st Border Regiment Command stated that security was ensured with towers and boxes able to withstand rocket fire, thermal cameras and illumination posts as well as armoured vehicles on continuous patrol duty.

It was indicated that, together with the security measures supported at 14 points with special security zone application, both sides of the border are monitored using unmanned aerial vehicles including drones.

### **(4) 31 regions were announced as special security regions**

Due to operations carried out against the terrorist organisation PKK, a total of 31 regions at the centre and 4 rural areas of Tunceli were declared special security regions between 02-16 March.

A written announcement made by the Governor's Office of Tunceli stated that "31 regions within the boundaries of central Tunceli and the districts of Ovacık, Pülümür, Hozat and Nazımiye, which should not be entered for protection of the security of the public's safety of life and property, due to the operations carried out in the context of fight against terrorism, were announced as Special Security Regions for the period between 02 March 2017 and 16 March 2017."

### **(5) An extensive operation was initiated in 18 villages in Lice**

An extensive operation was initiated after the announcement of a curfew this morning in 18 villages in Lice district of Diyarbakır. During the operation which is expected to last for about 10 days, it is anticipated that all terrorists and shelters in the region will be rendered ineffective.

It was reported that the operation started by the Governor's Office of Diyarbakır in the Lice district, which is considered the most extensive operation in the recent years, was attended by 7 thousand gendarmeries, 600 Special Forces Police members and 559 temporary village guards. Also, it was stated that 33 Cobra, 35 Kirpi and 16 Ejder and Land Rover type vehicles were used at the operation.

April 2017

# 1

## Developments within the Period

### **(6) The planner of ISIS' Christmas Market attack was captured in İzmir**

The Jordanian-German citizen W.D. who is claimed to have given the attack order to ISIS member Tunisian Anir Amir, who drove a truck into the Christmas Market in Berlin on 19 December 2016, causing the death of 12 people and 49 people to be injured, 18 of whom were severely injured, was captured in İzmir, where he came to flee to Greece.

### **(7) The terrorist operation in Diyarbakır continues with over 7 thousand personnel**

During an operation carried out against the terrorist organisation PKK in Diyarbakır's Lice district, one terrorist and 2 people aiding and abetting the terrorist were captured.

A statement delivered by the Governor's Office confirms the continuation of the operation, which was initiated on 5 March with the attendance of over 7 thousand personnel from the Turkish Armed Forces, the police force and security guards, against the PKK terrorists active in the mountain side between the north of the Kulp, Lice and Hani districts and the Bingöl province boundary.

On 12 March, 8 houses and annexes thereof in 2 villages and locations in the Lice district were searched under the operation. The terrorist, who escaped following an armed clash that occurred during the Special Forces Operation conducted on 24 March in the Türeli village of the Lice district, was captured in the Yaprak village without ammunition and equipment, along with two individuals aiding and abetting him.

The search revealed 4 terrorist overalls, 5 sleeping bags, 10 hand-held radios and a large tent, and 3 suspects were taken into custody. During road checks, 782 vehicles and one thousand 216 people were questioned.

### **(8) Ministry of the Interior: 70 terrorists were rendered ineffective**

The Ministry of the Interior announced that a total of 70 terrorists, with 30 of them dead, 35 alive and 5 surrendered, were rendered ineffective during the country-wide operations in the last week (06-13 March 2017).

238 operations were conducted within the scope of Gendarmerie Special Operations (JÖH), Gendarmerie Commando Units, Police

April 2017



Special Operations (PÖH) and interior security operations, by the Land and Air forces of the Turkish Armed Forces, and 361 individuals allegedly aiding and abetting the organisation were taken into custody, 19 of which were arrested.

Within the scope of fighting against foreign terrorists, 34 individuals considered to be connected to the terrorist organisation DAESH were taken into custody. 1218 individuals were taken into custody within the scope of fighting against FETÖ/PDY, 33 of which were arrested.

22 individuals considered to be connected with a leftist terror organisation were taken into custody within the scope of fighting against leftist terror organisations.

A total of 70 terrorists were rendered ineffective during these operations conducted across the country.

## **(9) Large-scale counter-terrorism operation: 40 individuals taken into custody**

Simultaneous operations were carried out at identified addresses against the terrorist organisation PKK/KCK by the Şanlıurfa Police Directorate.

During the operation, 40 individuals claimed to be members of the separatist terrorist organisation were taken into custody at Central Şanlıurfa and in its districts.

## **(10) Ministry of the Interior: 999 individuals in custody**

The Ministry of the Interior announced the outcome of the counter-terrorism operations carried out during last week.

Between 13-20 March 2017, the Ministry of the Interior announced that 230 operations were carried out by the Land and Air Forces of the Turkish Armed Forces within the scope of Gendarmerie Special Operations (JÖH), Gendarmerie Commando, Police Special Forces (PÖH) operations as well as interior security operations while 999 were taken into custody for aiding and abetting the organisation. It was stated that, within the scope of the fight against foreign terrorists, 70 individuals considered to be connected to the terrorist organisation DAESH were taken into custody. During these operations carried out across the country, 24 terrorists were rendered ineffective, with 13 of these having being killed and 11 having surrendered.

## **(11) 115 kilos of heroin worth 9 million TL was confiscated in a truck from Iran**

In the searches made on a truck, determined to be travelling from Iran to Europe and stopped upon suspicion by teams from the Kocaeli Security Directorate, 115 kilos of heroin with a market value worth 9 million TL was confiscated.

April 2017

# 1

## Developments within the Period

According to information provided, officers of the Kocaeli Narcotics branch started monitoring, upon suspicion, a truck loaded with customs wares and determined to be travelling from Iran to Europe. The truck, which was stopped at the TEM motorway İzmit passage, was then taken to the garage of the Motorway Traffic Branch Directorate for inspection.

The search revealed 157 packets of heroin hidden in and under the mattress used by the driver for rest. It was found that the market value of the 115 kilo heroin found in the vehicle's compartments by the police forces was 9 million TL, and the truck driver was taken into custody.

### **(12) Informants led to the capturing of 338 terrorists**

Thanks to reports received through the "140 Terrorism Hotline" since October 2015 when it was opened, 305 members of the terrorist organisation, 42 of whom were on the "wanted list", were rendered ineffective, while 33 terrorists were captured alive.

According to the information the AA correspondent received from Directorate-General of Security officials, the greatest support in the fight continuing in the country and abroad against terrorist organisations threatening the peace and security of Turkey, came from citizens living in the regions where operations are continued.

A total of 612 thousand 185 calls were received from across the country by the "140 Terrorism Hotline" started on 30 October 2015 within the scope of fighting against terrorism, which is continued determinedly by security forces.

As a result of the reports, 305 terrorists were rendered ineffective while 33 terrorist organisation members were arrested.

### **(13) Senior leader of DAESH was captured in Adana**

Algerian-Canadian citizen Wassim Bouhadou, claimed to be a senior leader of terrorist organisation DAESH was captured in Adana during a flight. Wassim Bouhadou, who was referred to court after his statement was taken, was arrested.

It was determined that ISIS member Wassim Bouhadou entered Turkey illegally from Syria. Teams of the Counter-Terrorist Branch Directorate who were informed that the terrorist would travel from Adana to Istanbul, started the procedures. Obtaining the informed that the terrorist would travel to Istanbul, and from there to Europe, the police took action. The suspect was apprehended on 10 March, on board the plane he boarded. Interrogated at the Adana Security Directorate, Wassim Bouhadou was arrested by the court to which

he was referred to, for charges of "being a member of an armed terrorist organisation, recruiting personnel to the organization and financing the organization".

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

### **(1) Attack with bomb-laden vehicle in Baghdad: 23 dead**

The initial information received reports that 23 individuals lost their lives and 45 were injured during a suicide attack carried out using a bomb-laden vehicle in the south of Baghdad, in an area largely populated by the Shiite.

According to an announcement made by the Iraqi police, the explosion occurred in a crowded bazaar street in the Amil neighbourhood.

### **(2) Explosion at the Paris IMF office**

An explosion occurred at the Paris IMF office after an envelope was opened. According to a report by Reuters, one individual was injured after an explosion that occurred at the Paris International Monetary Fund (IMF) office that was triggered by the opening of an envelope. It was announced that the injured sustained injuries to their hand and face.

The police was reported to have evacuated approximately 150 individuals from the IMF building. Following the explosion, the Paris police started an operation at the IMF and World Bank offices.

### **(3) The Assailant at the Paris Orly Airport was Shot**

An assailant trying to take a soldier's weapon at the Orly Airport in Paris, the capital of France, was shot dead.

Following the event that occurred at 08:30 in the morning local time, around 3 thousand people were evacuated from the airport. According to eyewitness reports, passengers were not allowed to leave the planes after gunshots were heard.

Speaking to the AFP news agency, an official of the Interior Ministry of France said that the assailant took refuge in a store before being shot dead. No one was reported as injured.

### **(4) Terrorist Attack in London**

A terrible terrorist attack took place in the British capital London. The assailant, who first hit pedestrians by driving onto the sidewalk on the Westminster Bridge, then stabbed and killed an unarmed policeman at the entrance of the premises of British Parliament House. The assailant was shot and rendered ineffective by the armed police.

The event, which shocked the world, resulted in the death of 5 individuals, including the assailant, and the injury of at least 40.

British Prime Minister Theresa May announced that the assailant was a British citizen interrogated previously on suspicion of radicalism.

## 2 Cross-border Operations

### **a. Air strike from the TSK to Northern Iraq**

Many shelters, accommodations and gun emplacements belonging to the terrorist organisation PKK were destroyed during air strikes conducted in the Northern Iraqi regions of Zap and Avashin Basyan by the Turkish Armed Forces (TAF).

According to information provided by the General Staff, warplanes belonging to the Air Force Command joined an airstrike against the Zap and Avashin Basyan regions in Northern Iraq.

The strikes resulted in the targeting and destruction of many shelters, accommodations and gun emplacements belonging to the terrorist organization PKK.

### **b. Operation Euphrates Shield has Ended**

It was announced that a total of 3 thousand 60 DAESH members were rendered ineffective, 2.647 of whom were killed, and 426 PKK/PYD/YPG members were rendered ineffective, 425 of whom were killed, since the beginning of the Operation Euphrates shield conducted in the north of Syria against terrorist targets, and 2.325 targets were destroyed by the Air Forces Command. 71 soldiers have fallen martyr till now.

Also, the announcement made following the National Security Council meeting of 29 March 2017 indicated the successful conclusion of the operation, which was carried out in order to ensure our country's border security, to prevent threats and attacks by the terrorist organisation DAESH against our country, to allow the return of our displaced Syrian brothers to their countries and to ensure a safe and peaceful life for them in the region of Operation Euphrates Shield.

Prime Minister Binali Yıldırım said, "After this point, any action carried out against DAESH or any other element threatening our security will be a new operation. Operation Euphrates Shield has ended, and any other operation carried out if necessary after this point shall be referred to with a different name."

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

# 3 General Risk Map of Turkey



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



April 2017

## 4

### Security Assessment

There is still a high probability of attacks especially against public areas in metropolises (such as shopping malls, train stations, airports, metro stations, terminals, art and performance centres etc.) and places where foreign citizens may be found, as well as premises and facilities accommodating strategic, military and civilian institutions and corporations as well as international organisations, which would create economic and political impact and attract the attention of the international public opinion, depending on the opportunities gained by terrorist organisations, particularly PKK and ISIS, and that also, attacks may be carried out in the form of attacks with knife and driving into crowds and running over people.

However, it is considered that the plebiscite of 16 April on a Constitutional Amendment will increase the security sensitivity during that period.



April 2017

## 5 Statistical Information Concerning the February 2017 Period

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

TYPE OF INCIDENT		NUMBER (FEBRUARY 2017)
<b>Public Order Incidents</b>	Number of Smuggling Cases	1.389
<b>Violence Against Women</b>	Number of Female Victims	1.542
	Number of Victims under Protection	465
	Number of Women Sheltered in Guesthouses	13
<b>Number of Children in Proceedings</b>	Dragged into Crime	332
	Victims of Crime	1.182
		124

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 01-28 February 2017, total (1.438) events occurred consisting of (1.389) smuggling, (12) organized crimes and (37) 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	NUMBER (NOVEMBER 2016)
Heroin (Kg)	156,13
Powdered Marijuana (Kg)	3.584
Powder Hashish (Kg)	2.051
Narcotic/Psychotropic Tablet (Pcs)	6.473
Fuel oil (Litre)	201.601
Smuggled Alcoholic Beverage (Litre)	8.919
Smuggled Tobacco (Pack)	2.140.287
Smuggled Tea (Kg)	77.638
Cultural and Natural Properties (Pcs)	3.481

The information reflects the data from the zone of responsibility of Gendarmerie General Command and obtained from the official website of the agency.

April 2017

## 6 Important Days and Weeks in April 2017

Date	Incident
04 April	NATO's Day
10 April	Anniversary of the establishment of the Police Force
14 April	Acceptance of National Anthem
16 April	Constitutional Amendment Plebiscite
23 April	National Sovereignty and Children's Day
25 April	Land Martyrs Memorial Day

Although not considered as highly sensitive in terms of security, the ongoing sensitivity in security in Turkey coupled with the Constitutional Amendment plebiscite of 16 April makes it imperative for security precautions taken during this period to be reviewed.

### Additional Measures

Given the sensitivities of the period, in addition to the existing measures, the measures to be taken in your duty areas will be presented to you in addition to "Securitas Security Review" by the Branch Managers.



## 7

### Highlight of the Month



### **Can artificial intelligence destroy us? Should we be afraid of it?**

You do not have to be afraid of artificial intelligence; machines are not becoming smarter or sentient beings. They only carry out the tasks we assign to them.

Artificial intelligence rebelling against humanity and inflicting serious damage on it has been the subject of many movies and series. Westworld, Person of Interests, Matrix and iRobot are only a few examples. Such science fiction works have worried people with respect to artificial intelligence. Sensational warnings by physicist Stephen Hawking and Bill Gates claiming that artificial intelligence may be misused and bring about the doom of humanity have strengthened these fears.

So, can artificial intelligence really start thinking like human beings? Can they decide to destroy humanity? Recently, the famous futurist (person making guesses on the future) and inventor Jerry Kaplan answered all of these worries: "You do not have to fear artificial intelligence; machines are not becoming smarter or sentient beings. They only carry out the tasks we assign to them." According to

April 2017

---

# 7

Highlight of  
the Month

---

Kaplan, the concept artificial intelligence is misleading, and should be replaced with human computation. With this explanation, Kaplan in fact points out a very important issue. Machines play chess, drive cars, translate, solve equations and do many things done by humans better than humans. But this does not mean that machines (artificial intelligence) are aware of the fact that they are playing chess, that they enjoy the game or have the will to play. Machines are calculators that carry out the tasks we assign to them through algorithms we write, in other words, through methods we determine. Just as a small calculator can multiply many seven or eight-digit figures when we cannot do that ourselves, and we do not think that the calculator has a consciousness to be aware of these figures, the same goes for artificial intelligence. Like calculators, artificial intelligence operates on algorithms we write, and are not aware of the work they do, just like the calculators. For this reason we support Kaplan in suggesting a concept as an alternative to the misleading concept of artificial intelligence. Just like a lawnmower being unaware of the smell of the grass, or a coffee machine of the taste of coffee, artificial intelligence is not aware of what it does. The famous Deep Blue (the name given to the famous artificial intelligence playing chess), which beat the world chess champion Kasparov, is aware neither of chess, nor of the pleasure of beating Kasparov in chess. It is just a well-programmed calculator using the algorithms very successfully. But awareness, which is a quality peculiar to real minds, is very different from being a machine in which many algorithms are processed.

A machine playing chess cannot suddenly decide to kill you. Will is not a quality possessed by computers. Will cannot be programmed, since programmes are made with algorithms; but even the most successful and complex algorithm cannot equal will and awareness. Of course, machines may be dangerous, they may destroy humanity; for instance, machines related to nuclear weapons may bring about the end of humanity. However, this can only happen if we provide them with such a purpose; otherwise it cannot happen by the machine's using its non-existent will.

Prof. Dr. Caner Taslaman-Dr. Enis Doko

## 8

### Securitas Guidelines for Secure Life



As a result of a decision made by the Banking Regulation and Inspection Board (BDDK), banks will send their customers credit cards with the online shopping feature disabled.

The objective of this precaution taken for security purposes is mainly to protect users who have become an open target for confidence tricksters, although not shopping online.

### **Precautions to be Taken When Shopping Online**

Nowadays, banking transactions, tax and traffic fine payments, shopping, job applications, registration with social networks, school and course enrolment and many such transactions can be done online. Naturally, certain personal information has to be provided to be used during these processes. Here are a few rules to abide by for carrying out safe transactions over the internet:

- Transactions must be carried out over well-known and safe websites.
- Connection to the shopping website must be directly through typing a website address rather than through links on another website address or in an e-mail.

April 2017

## 8

### Securitas Guidelines for Secure Life

- One must be cautious against all kinds of fake website threats. For instance, call centres of banks must be informed when suspicious e-mails are received claiming to arrive from banks.
- One must initiate necessary legal proceedings as soon as one realises that their e-mail addresses or social media accounts are used by others or in one's name.
- When carrying out transactions over jointly used or others' computers, one must prevent the automatic saving of passwords or personal information.

#### ***In transactions such as shopping and interactive banking:***

- Personal computers and cable/wireless networks must be used instead of spaces where the internet or the computers are used jointly, such as internet cafes.
- One must check that the payment page is a secure (https) website.
- A virtual keyboard must be used when entering personal information (such as user name, account number or password) or credit card information during payment.
- Payments made over the internet must always be checked against the credit card extract.
- If possible, virtual credit cards must be used for shopping, and the limit of these cards must be regularly checked.
- The username and passwords used for internet shopping must never be shared with anyone, including bank personnel.

Best Regards.



