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## Developments within the Period

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

#### **(1) Operation against DHKP-C in İstanbul**

It is reported that, counterterrorism police launched simultaneous operations at eight addresses to capture suspects preparing for attacks in İstanbul on January 09, 2018. Seven suspected members of the far-left Revolutionary People's Liberation Party-Front (DHKP-C) terror group were arrested. Police also confiscated one stolen motorcycle, two pistols and an automatic hunting rifle during the raid.

#### **(2) Suicide bomber detained in İstanbul**

On January 15, 2018, the İstanbul Counter-Terrorism teams detected that the ISIS terrorist organization have been in preparation of sensational attack in İstanbul, and have launched several operations at some of the addresses in Bağcılar and Küçükçekmece, where the ISIS use as cell houses. Within the scope of the operation, one member of the terrorist organization, who is identified as a suicide attacker, was taken into custody. Also numerous organizational digital materials were seized.

#### **(3) Explosives found in Mersin**

A hand-made explosive found in the suspicious package left on the road in Mersin on January 22, 2018. It has been assessed that the explosive was prepared to attack to the security forces. An operation launched to capture the suspects.



#### (4) Rocket attack to Kilis

Eight civilians were injured, two of them critically, when a rocket fired by PYD/PKK terrorists from Syria struck a mosque in the Turkish border province of Kilis on January 24, 2018. Another rocket hit a building 100m away from the mosque.

#### (5) Bombed attack in Adana

There has been a handmade bomb attack to the Dağlıoğlu Police Station in the Seyhan district of Adana on January 27, 2018. No dead or injured recorded in the attack. Security forces and ambulance were sent to the police station where the bombed attack took place. An operation launched to find the attackers.

#### (6) DHKP-C member caught in Ankara

On January 27, 2018, the member of terrorist organization DHKP-C was arrested in Ankara while in preparation of attack.

It is detected that the terrorist was in preparation of a major attack and was disguised as postman to conduct reconnaissance at various points in Ankara.

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

- 2 suspects were detained in the operation against ISIS terrorist organization in **Aydın** on January 03, 2018.
- On January 04, 2018, one Syrian, who was forwarded to the courthouse after the operation against ISIS, was taken into custody in **Manisa**.
- On January 04, 2018, two Syrians, who were detained after the operation against ISIS, was taken into custody in **Muğla**.

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## Developments within the Period



- 3 suspects were detained in the operation against ISIS terrorist organization in **Bitlis** on January 09, 2018.
- 3 suspects were detained in the operation against ISIS terrorist organization in Arnavutköy, **İstanbul** on January 20, 2018.
- Two Moroccan suspects, who were alleged to be the members of terrorist organization ISIS, were taken into custody in Kırıkhan district of **Hatay** on January 13, 2018.
- 2 Syrian suspects were detained in the operation against ISIS terrorist organization in **Adana** on January 23, 2018.
- 12 suspects, two of whom were sought with red notice, and 2 Syrians who helped them, were detained in the operation against the terrorist organization ISIS in **Şanlıurfa** on January 23, 2018. 13 of the suspects were arrested in court.
- On January 26, 2018, a Syrian was captured in an operation against ISIS terrorist organization in Akçakale district of **Şanlıurfa**.
- 9 Iraqi suspects were arrested in the operation against ISIS terrorist organization conducted in **Samsun** on January 25, 2018.

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- 2 suspects were detained in the operation against ISIS terrorist organization in **Gaziantep** on January 25, 2018.
- 10 foreign nationals were arrested over their links to the ISIS terrorist organization in **Eskişehir** on January 27, 2018.

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

### **(1) Suicide Attack in Kabul**

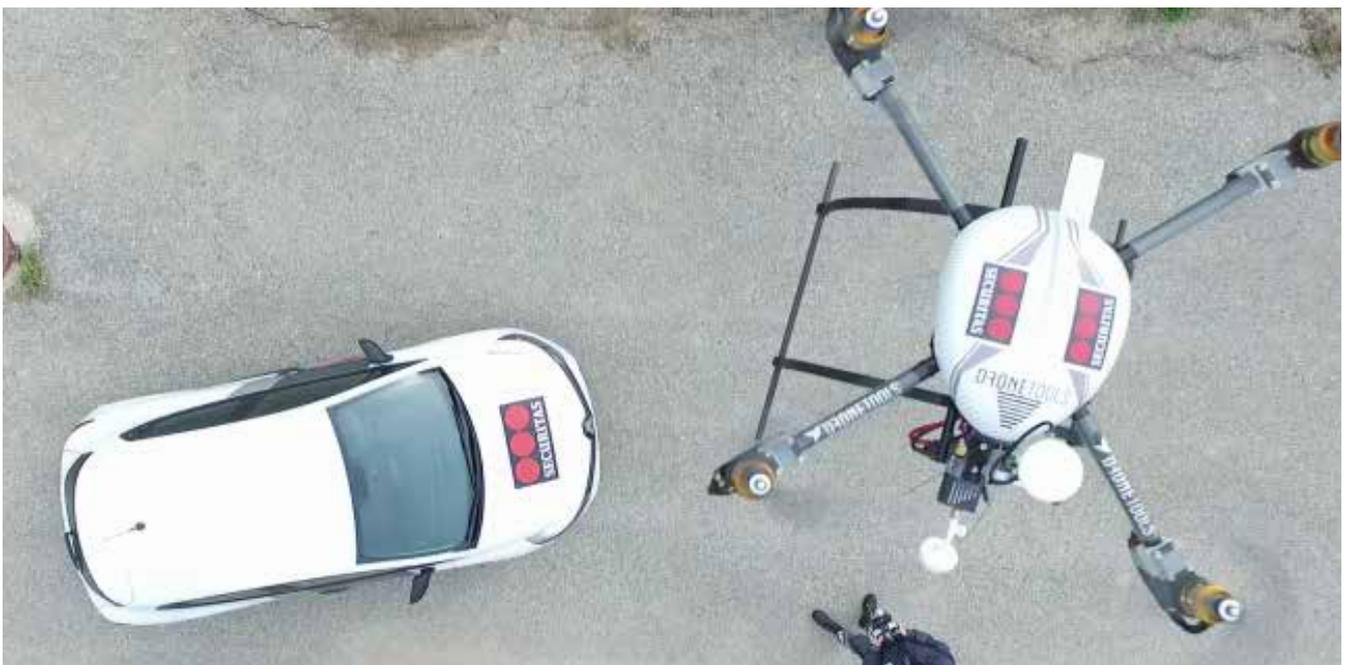
At least 95 people have been killed and 158 were wounded in a powerful suicide blast in the Afghan capital, Kabul on January 27, 2018. Attackers blew up an explosives-packed ambulance near an interior ministry building on a busy and heavily-guarded street in Kabul's centre in the afternoon.

Taliban claimed responsibility for the assault.

### **(2) Suicide Attack in Nigeria**

A double suicide bombing at a market in Nigeria's northern city of Maiduguri killed at least 12 people and wounded 48 others on January 17, 2018.

It is estimated that the attack is carried out by Boko Haram terrorist organization that caused thousands of death in Nigeria.



## 2 Cross-border Operations

### a. Turkish Armed Forces' Afrin Operation

The Turkish Armed Forces has started to launch an operation called "Olive Branch" 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.

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."

Totally 649 terrorists have been rendered ineffective since the beginning of the operation.

### b. Air operations from Turkish Armed Forces

On January 23, 2018, the Turkish Armed Forces (TAF) announced that the shelters and weapon emplacements belonging to the members of separatist terrorist organization PKK have been destroyed in Zap region in the northern part of Iraq.



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

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## Security Assessment



The Turkish Armed Forces has launched an operation in the Afrin region located on the north-west of Syria called "Operation Olive Branch" in order to provide border security and to neutralize the terrorists in the region. The security sensitivities are at high level in the neighborhoods of Hatay and Kilis, especially in Reyhanlı, due to the rocket attacks by the members of the terrorist organization.

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. Furthermore, when the operations against DHKP-C terrorist organization are taken into account, especially in Ankara and İstanbul; it has been assessed that the members of that organization are in search of attack as well.

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.

As a result; since February is considered as a critical period in terms of security sensitivities, it is important to continue to apply the existing security measures sensitively and to follow the latest developments closely.

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 January 2018 Period:

## a. Terror Operations;

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

- Between January 01-08, 2018, **17 terrorists**,
- Between January 08-15, 2018, **19 terrorists**,
- Between January 15-22, 2018, **12 terrorists**,

Totally **48 terrorists** have been rendered ineffective.

In addition;

- Between January 01-08, 2018; **112 PKK/KCK members, 46 ISIS members**,
  - Between January 08-15, 2018; **183 PKK/KCK members, 71 ISIS members**,
  - Between January 15-22, 2018; **170 PKK/KCK members, 27 ISIS members**,
- have been arrested.

## b. Public Order Operations;

Between 01-22 January, in the 7,443 operations conducted to fight against "Drug and Smuggling";



**7.504 kg** Marijuana,



**47 kg** Methamphetamine,



**1.580 kg** Heroin,



**103.609 pieces** Tablet drugs



**21 kg** Cocaine,



**8.041** Cannabis plant



**14 kg** Synthetic cannabinoid substance,

**were seized.** Total market value is 109.206.491 TL.

Besides,



**1.855.620 pieces** Smuggled tobacco,



**189.627 liter** fuel oil

**were seized.** Total market value is 13.880.852 TL.

Within the scope of the operations, 10,732 people were taken into custody.

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## 5 Important Days and Weeks in February:

DATE	EVENT
February 16, 1999	The capture of Abdullah Ocalan in Nairobi, the capital of Kenya and his return to Turkey.
February 18, 1952	Turkey's accession to NATO
February 28	Civil Defense Day
February 17, 2017	Viranşehir Attack (PKK / 2 death, 18 injured)
February 22, 2016	Damascus and Humus Attack (ISIS / 140 death, 178 injured)

The 16th of February is considered to be the highly critical day in February security-wise, it has been assessed that the security sensitivity will keep its importance across the Turkey.

### 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



### Location of Control Rooms

Where should your control room be located? Does it need to be co-located with operations or any other function? What are the main threats to the site that you protect? External factors such as availability of power or networks may limit your options.

If you locate the primary control room in the centre of the site's secure area, this can provide layers of protection for the control room, maximise security and reduce response time.

It's worth weighing up the pros and cons of locating a control room on the perimeter or near the site's reception area. The control room may be at greater risk from outside threats but it will be safer if an incident occurs at the centre of the site and senior managers might get there faster.

Ideally your control room should be located away from the site perimeter.

Where you choose to place it will depend on:

- the use of the control room - whether it needs to be co-located with operations or another function
- the threats to the site.

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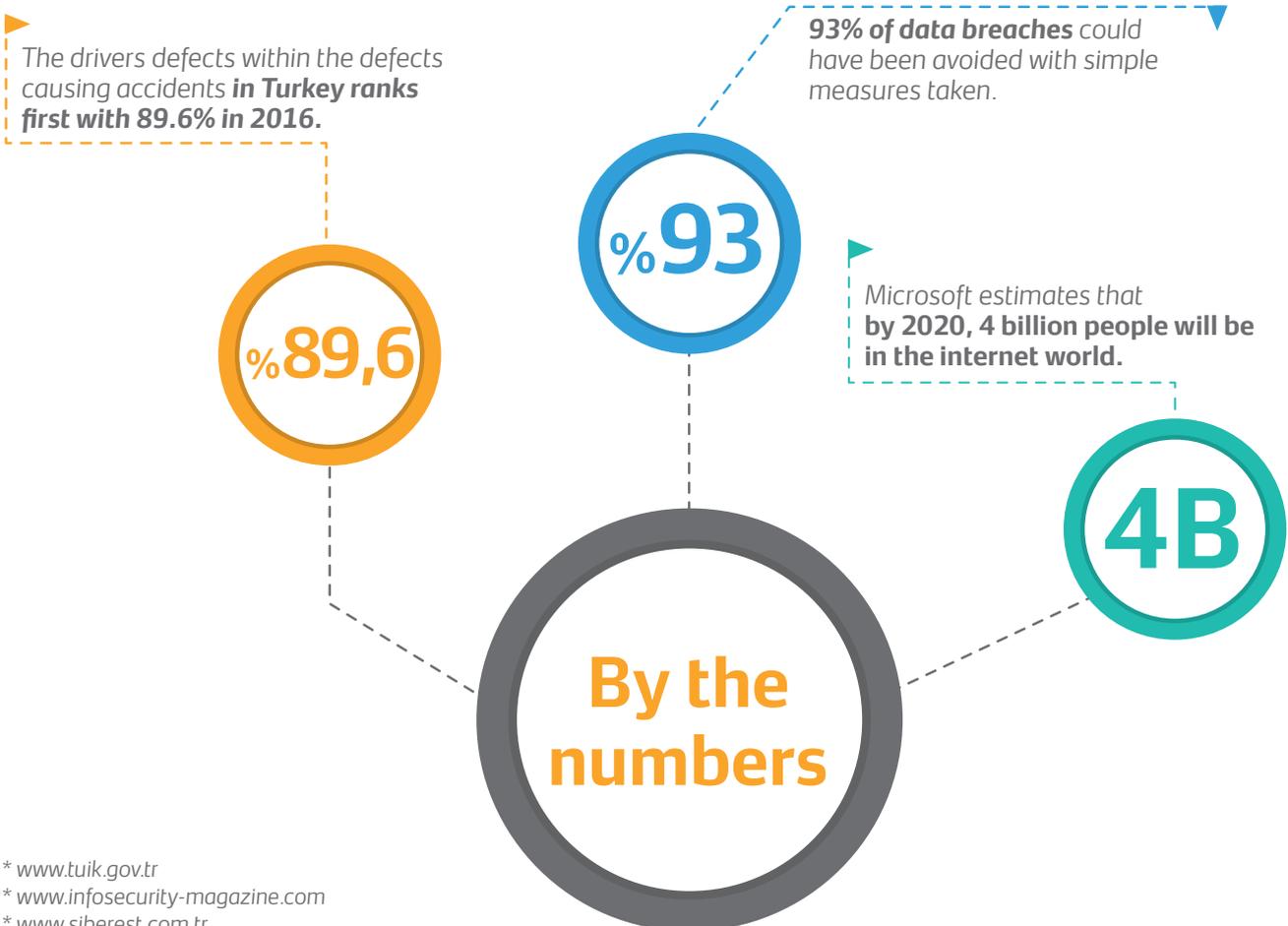
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It's a good idea to consider where to locate your backup control room, too. Your people are your prime asset: when you plan the physical design of your control room, it's important to consider their needs and comfort as well.

Plan a specifically designed backup room as well - don't just use any old left over space.

It's important that the IT connectivity is secure between the main control room and the backup. If your backup room is unmanned and only used for emergencies, it may be more vulnerable - so make sure it can only be accessed by authorised security officers.

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## Securitas Guidelines for Secure Life

Personal security is, in fact, an individual responsibility. An individual can mitigate the risks they may encounter in the field of security if they act with common sense and due prudence. The individual plays the most important role in providing for personal security. Individuals must adapt their knowledge of security in line with their own workplaces, residences, conditions, and abilities and use the same in their security planning.

Individuals must endeavour to take the measures necessary to eliminate any situations that may lead to danger before experiencing any event that may jeopardise their security. This situation can only be achieved through the ability of individuals to raise their security awareness and to arrange their own lives by taking into consideration their own lives and the risks posed by their environment.

The information in the present booklet addresses essential issues/pieces of knowledge required for an individual to provide for their security.

### **Essential Points of Consideration for Personal Security**

1. First of all, listen to your instincts. If you are restless in any environment or place, stay away from there.
2. Pay attention to the details in your environment. People, objects or events may be indicative of imminent danger.
3. While travelling/walking/driving alone, do not be afraid or panic in front of people around you; look confident.
4. Collect information on the district/neighbourhood/ street where you live. (The closes police station, markets, restaurants, workplaces, and their office hours, etc.) Learn about the spots you can reach and points of communication in the immediate vicinity. (Phone booth, etc.)
5. Watch out for signs of individuals keeping your residence, workplace or the route in between under watch. In general, serious security-threatening events happen after a period of time when such places have been kept under watch.
6. Most events happen on the way to or back from work. Thus, designate alternative routes and hours for your travel to work.
7. Identify your routine schedules including your regular activities such as sports and social activities. Change the time of such activities at certain intervals. Be careful with inevitable routine

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- programs including, as an example, you picking up your child from school.
8. If you feel you are in danger, try to attract others' attention by screaming or, if you are in a vehicle, honk your horn.
  9. Try to be in good physical condition. Get to know your abilities and physical capacity.
  10. Make sure that due security measures have been taken at your workplace; learn how to operate the communication system or to comply with emergency instructions, if any.
  11. Before travelling abroad, learn a few words and sentences to express yourself/your call for help in the language spoken at your destination. Plan ahead the steps you will take when faced with a dangerous situation.
  12. At the time of danger or attack, you have such alternatives as doing what has been requested, asking for help, trying to run away from the situation, or confront the source of such danger or attack. However, your priority must be security of your life regardless of the decision you have taken.

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

**Best Regards.**



