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## Developments within the Period

### a. In Turkey:

#### (1) Explosion in Adana

A powerful explosion has occurred near a police station in Seyhan province of Adana on December 28, 2017. It came to light that a blast bomb caused the explosion, which was heard from most part of the city. No one was hurt in the blast and the police started an operation to capture the suspect who left the the bomb.

#### (2) Bomb laden vehicle caught in İstanbul

On 13 December 2017, the İstanbul police blocked PKK's bloody plan after preventing the terrorist organization ISIS's attempt to a shopping mall in Bayrampasa. 60 kg explosives were seized in the parked truck in Bahçelievler.

It came to light that the explosives seized in the bombed vehicle were placed in the fire tubes. It was reported that the target of the terrorist organization, which followed the same method in Diyarbakır in 2015, was the soldier and the police.

#### (3) Operation against PKK in eastern part of Black Sea Region

Large-scale operations, which started especially in the rural areas of the region, upon the terrorist attacks in recent years are ongoing in the eastern part Black Sea Region.

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Unmanned aerial vehicles were also used in operations. A large number of materials for living and ammunition belonging to the terror organization were seized.

#### **(4) PKK's so-called top-level executives were killed in Şırnak**

Two terrorists have been rendered ineffective in the operation launched at Cudi Mountain in Şırnak. It is reported that the terrorists are so-called regional top-level executives of the PKK terrorist organization.

#### **(5) Operation against PKK in İzmir**

In an operation conducted by İzmir police on December 12, 2017, the member of the separatist organization Sinan D, who was sent to the city to carry out actions by PKK that is in preparation of simultaneous attacks across Turkey, and 5 people who helped him were arrested. Sinan D, the member of the organization, attempted suicide when he realized that he was going to be arrested.

#### **(6) The Ministry of Interior has disclosed the figures of the fight against terrorism**

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

- Between November 27- December 04, 2017, 32 terrorists,
- Between December 04-11, 2017, 7 terrorists,
- Between December 11-18, 2017, 28 terrorists,
- Between December 18-25, 2017, 25 terrorists,
- Between December 25,2017-January 01,2018, 13 terrorists,

Totally 105 terrorists have been rendered ineffective.

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## (7) Operations against ISIS terrorist organization

- On December 08, 2017, 5 people, 4 of whom are foreign nationals, claimed to be in preparation of action were detained in the operation carried out in Basaksehir, Pendik and Sultangazi in **Istanbul**. Numerous organizational documents and digital materials were seized in operations.
- On December 09, 2017, the teams carried out simultaneous operations on 6 addresses to catch suspects who were in preparation of attack on behalf of ISIS in **Istanbul**. 23 foreign national were detained. Numerous organizational documents and digital materials were seized in operations.
- On December 18, 2017, in the scope of anti-terror operation against ISIS, the top three cell members and 22 foreign nationals detected to be in preparation of an attack have been arrested.
- On December 21, 2017, operations against the terrorist organization ISIS was carried out in **Istanbul** and **Izmir**. 55 people were taken into custody during the simultaneous raids on the addresses.
- 23 foreign national suspects were detained in the operation against the terrorist organization ISIS in **Istanbul**.

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- On December 29, 2017, 29 people including foreign nationals were detained in the operation against the terrorist organization ISIS in **Ankara**. From the materials seized in the operation, it was determined that some of the suspects were making reconnaissance and preparing for an action in the beginning of the year.
- On 29 December 2017, two foreign national suspects were detained in the operation against the terrorist organization ISIS in the Yatağan district of **Muğla**.
- On december 31, 2017, 20 suspects, including 15 foreign nationals, were arrested in **Istanbul** over their links to the ISIS terror group. The police's anti-terror teams raided simultaneously at four addresses in **Istanbul**'s three districts after they were tipped off that the suspects were linked to the ISIS leaders in Syria and Iraq. According to the police, the suspects were planning an attack during the New Year's Eve celebrations in the city. Numerous documents and digital materials are seized in the operation

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

### **(1) Terror Attack in New York City**

An explosion occurred in the area of the Port Authority Bus Terminal in central Manhattan, New York on December 11, 2017. The station is also located close to Times Square.

The suspect, named by police as 27-year-old Akayed Ullah, "intentionally detonated" an improvised low-tech explosive device that he was wearing, officials told reporters.

The station has been evacuated due to the security measures after the incident in which at least four people, including the suspect, injured.

It is reported that the incident is described as an "attempted terrorist attack".

### **(2) Terror Attack in Russia**

There has been an explosion at the storage of a supermarket located in a shopping complex in St Petersburg, Russia on December 27, 2017.

It is reported that, a homemade explosive device with the power equivalent to 200 grammes of TNT filled with lethal fragments caused the explosion.

More than 10 people have been injured in the incident and more than 50 people evacuated from the store.

President Vladimir Putin announced the incident as "terrorist attack", while no organization has declared responsibility yet.

## 2 Cross-border Operations

### Air operations from Turkish Armed Forces

- On December 03, 2017, it was reported by the Turkish Armed Forces that the shelters which are used by the members of separatist terrorist organization in Gara, Zap and Avaşin-Basian regions in northern Iraq, were destroyed by air operations.
- On December 04, 2017, the Turkish Armed Forces (TAF) announced that 36 targets belonging to PKK in the Asos region of Iraq were destroyed.
- According to the statement made by the General Staff, in the air operation launched against the members of separatist terrorist organization who were detected to be in preparation of attack against bases on the border line on December 28, 2017. The armed terrorists in the Avasin-Basyan region in the north of Iraq have been rendered ineffective.

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



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## Security Assessment



It has been observed that, in the scope of operations carried out against ISIS terrorist organization, there is an increase in the number of detained members of terrorist organization in preparation of attack, in major cities such as Ankara, İzmir, Muğla, and especially in Istanbul as well.

It has been assessed that;

Due to the measures taken before the New Year's Eve, the possible actions of the terrorist organizations are prevented but they may be in search of carrying out actions when they have the opportunity in the coming period,

**Since the ISIS terrorist organization has lost the control of most of the areas dominated in Iraq and Syria, it may carry out actions that attract the attention of international public opinion in order to show its effectiveness and in this scope the public areas where people are together such as malls, airports, art and performance centers and touristic areas maintain their sensitivity for terrorist attacks,**

Besides,

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.

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## 4 Statistical Information Concerning the November 2017 Period:

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

TYPE OF INCIDENT		01-30 NOVEMBER 2017
<b>Public Order Incidents</b>	Number of Smuggling Cases	1.675
<b>Violence Against Women</b>	Number of Female Victims	2.116
	Number of Victims under Protection	508
	Number of Women Sheltered in Guesthouses	19
<b>Number of Children in Proceedings</b>	Dragged into Crime	1.608
	Victims of Crime	531
	Others	154

### Smuggling and Organized Crime Incidents:

Between 01-30 November 2017, total 1.726 events occurred consisting of 1.675 smuggling, 10 organized crimes and 41 cyber crimes in the responsibility zone of the General Command of Gendarmerie. 2.700 suspects were detained during the events happened in the period.

MATERIALS CAPTURED	01-30 NOVEMBER 2017
Heroin (Kg)	381,3
Powdered Marijuana (Kg)	9.341
Powder Hashish (Kg)	3.133
Narcotic/Psychotropic Tablet (Pcs)	257.425
Fuel oil (Litre)	90.218
Smuggled Alcoholic Beverage (Litre)	36.612
Smuggled Tobacco (Pack)	1.081.881
Smuggled Tea (Kg)	9.491
Cultural and Natural Properties (Pcs)	1.538

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

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## 5 Important Days and Weeks in January:

DATE	EVENT
January 06, 2015	Sultanahmet Attack (ISIS)
January 12, 2016	Sultanahmet Attack (ISIS)
January 7-14	White Walking Stick Blind's Week
January 10	Working Journalists Day

There is no day with high security sensitivity in January, however, it has been assessed that the security sensitivity will keep its importance across the Turkey and the terrorist organizations, mainly ISIS may carry out attacks to the public areas and entertainment centers.

### 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

### Protecting Your Networks from Ransomware

Ransomware is the fastest growing malware threat, targeting users of all types—from the home user to the corporate network. On average, more than 4,000 ransomware attacks have occurred daily since January 1, 2016. This is a 300-percent increase over the approximately 1,000 attacks per day seen in 2015. There are very effective prevention and response actions that can significantly mitigate the risk posed to your organization.

Ransomware targets home users, businesses, and government networks and can lead to temporary or permanent loss of sensitive or proprietary information, disruption to regular operations, financial losses incurred to restore systems and files, and potential harm to an organization's reputation.

Ransomware may direct a user to click on a link to pay a ransom; however, the link may be malicious and could lead to additional malware infections. Some ransomware variants display intimidating messages, such as;

"Your computer was used to visit websites with illegal content. To unlock your computer, you must pay a \$100 fine."

"You only have 96 hours to submit the payment. If you do not send money within provided time, all your files will be permanently encrypted and no one will be able to recover them."

### Preventive Measures

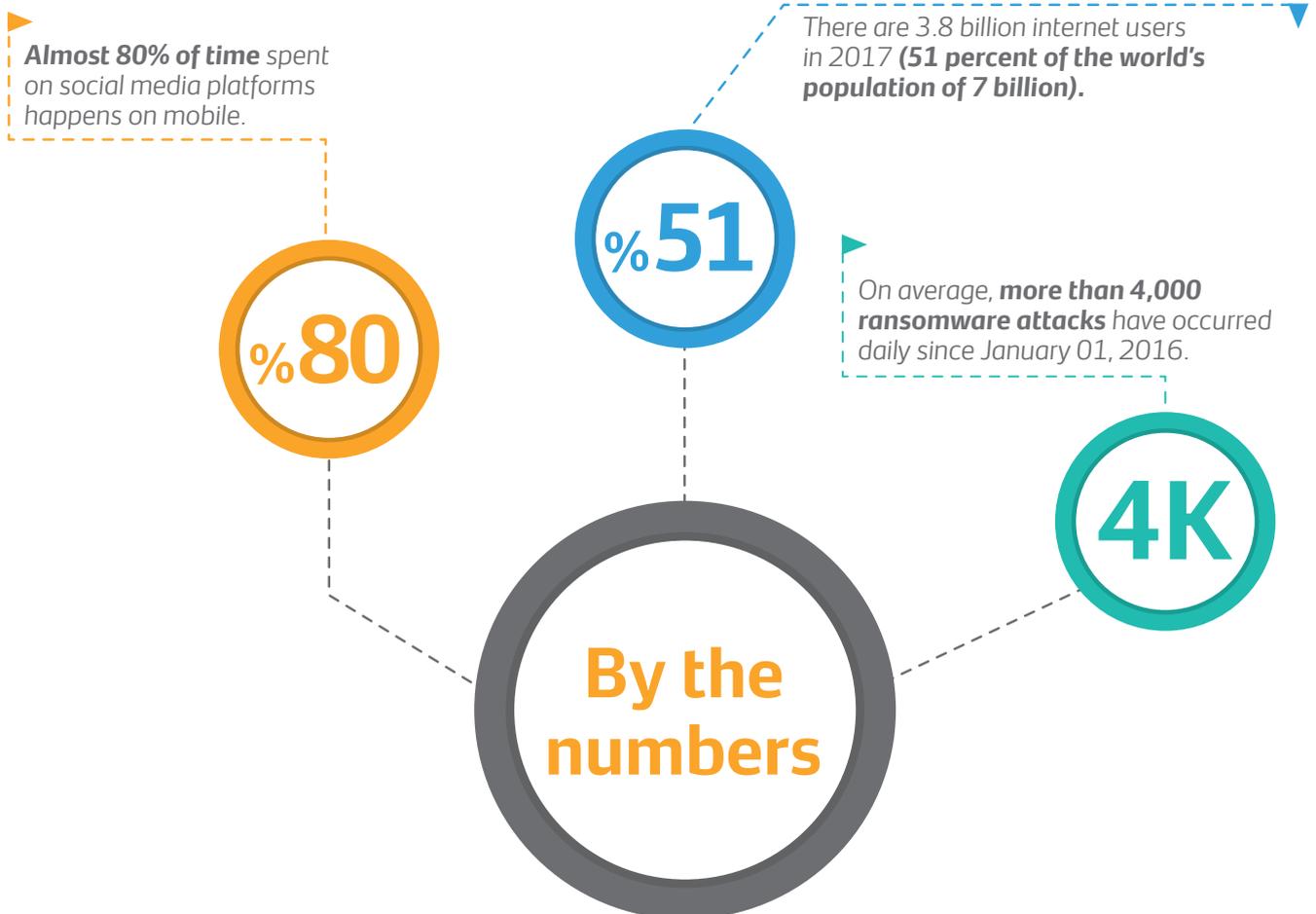
- Implement an awareness and training program. Because end users are targets, employees and individuals should be aware of the threat of ransomware and how it is delivered.
- Enable strong spam filters to prevent phishing emails from reaching the end users.
- Scan all incoming and outgoing emails to detect threats and filter executable files from reaching end users.
- Configure firewalls to block access to known malicious IP addresses.
- Patch operating systems and software on devices. Consider using a centralized patch management system.

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- Set anti-virus and anti-malware programs to conduct regular scans automatically.
- Manage the use of privileged accounts based on the principle of least privilege: no users should be assigned administrative access unless absolutely needed; and those with a need for administrator accounts should only use them when necessary.
- Configure access controls—including file, directory, and network share permissions— with least privilege in mind.
- Categorize data based on organizational value and implement physical and logical separation of networks and data for different organizational units.

\*www.us-cert.gov



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### Securitas Guidelines for Secure Life

In this section, we would like to inform you about practical security measures to be taken at home when you go on vacation or business trip.

Taking into account the following points will help to ensure your safety.

#### **Practical Security Measures to Take at Home During Holidays or Business Trips**

- Have 24-hour online Electronic Security Systems installed at home by certain centres.
- If you will be away from the house for extended periods of time on business or for pleasure, ask your neighbours to help you with the collection of newspapers, letters, invoices or similar documents piling up in front of your door or in your letter box.
- Use a "TIMER" to turn on the lights around the house and your radio or television automatically at certain intervals.
- Remove any names on the door or on the letter box.
- Never leave your spare key under the door mat, in letter boxes or in pots outside the house, etc.
- Do not let many people other than your close neighbours know that you will be out of the house for some time. Provide a telephone number and address for your destination only to people you sincerely trust.
- Before leaving your house, turn off all taps and valves including water and gas lines or LPG tank, etc.
- If your house has been subject to a robbing despite the measures you have put in place, call 155 Police Hotline or 156 Gendarmerie Hotline from the closest telephone without panicking or touching any furniture or door. Try to provide officials with as much information as you can.

**Wishing you a happy and safe year with your loved ones.**

**Best Regards.**



