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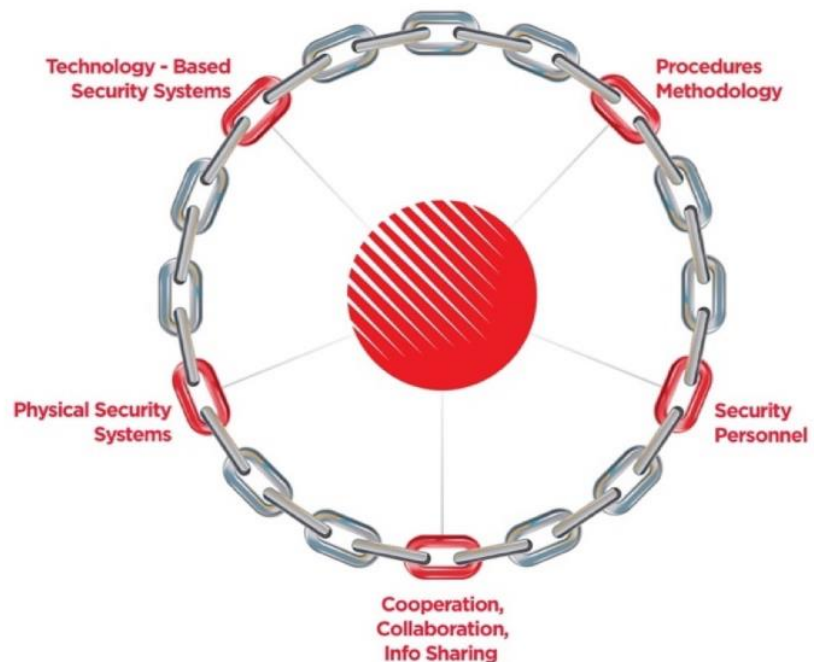
### Nature of Security Professionals:

As any other functionalities in a company structure, security department is there to support the business. Corporate security departments should be committed to business integration and align their goals with company's.

DRK's consultancy may help you to complete and to streamline the efficiency of your security applications. It links the gaps and avoids unnecessary repetitions and inconsistencies among the security service packages of different categories. Thus, the role of DRK's security consultancy is to harmonize your security system components in the best tailored and most cost-effective manner.

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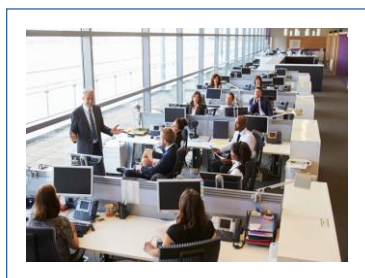
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*Corporate security can be achieved when everyone in the company is involved in the security processes. The communication has the utmost importance while the guidance by security department is required.*

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## Regional Developments

**Turkey and US agree to ease strained relations:** Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Çavuşoğlu welcomed US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson holding talks focusing on the future of the relations between two NATO allies. Speaking alongside his visiting US counterpart at a press conference in Ankara, Çavuşoğlu said, "We've reached an understanding to normalize our relations [with the US]." For his part, Tillerson said: "We stand shoulder to shoulder with Turkey against terrorist threats." The US will work on promises given to Turkey on Manbij, northern Syria, he added.

<https://www.trtworld.com/turkey/turkey-and-us-agree-to-ease-strained-relations-15231>

(Accessed on February 16, 2018)

**Turkish authorities participated in Munich Security Conference:** Prime Minister Binali Yıldırım paid a visit to Munich to participate in the 53rd session of the Munich Security Conference with Foreign Minister Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu on February 17-19, 2018. Çavuşoğlu delivered a speech at the panel entitled "Old Crises, New Middle East" and shared Turkey's views on recent developments in the region.

[http://www.mfa.gov.tr/disisleri-bakan%C4%B1-cavusoglundun-ziyareti-munih-konf\\_en.en.mfa](http://www.mfa.gov.tr/disisleri-bakan%C4%B1-cavusoglundun-ziyareti-munih-konf_en.en.mfa)

(Accessed on February 19, 2018)

**Syria pro-government forces enter Afrin to aid Kurds against Turkey:** Pro-Syrian government forces entered Syria's northwestern Afrin region on Tuesday to help a Kurdish militia there fend off a Turkish assault, raising the prospect of a wider escalation of the conflict. Turkish President Tayyip Erdoğan described the convoy as being made up of "terrorists" acting independently. He said Turkish artillery fire had forced it to turn back.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-syria-afrin/syria-pro-government-forces-enter-afrin-to-aid-kurds-against-turkey-idUSKCN1G41WG>

(Accessed on February 20, 2018)

**Turkey yet to issue Gazprom permit for TurkStream land pipeline:** Ankara is claimed to authorize Gazprom, which has a de facto monopoly on Russian gas exports by pipeline, to start building two undersea sections of the TurkStream project. If completed, the 7 billion euro (\$8.6 billion) pipeline would allow Russia to reduce its reliance on Ukraine as a transit route for its gas supplies to Europe.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-russia-turkey-gas-pipeline-exclusive/exclusive-turkey-yet-to-issue-gazprom-permit-for-turkstream-land-pipeline-sources-idUSKCN1G41SR>

(Accessed on February 20, 2018)

**Turkey extends blockade on South Cyprus's drilling activities in the Mediterranean:** By issuing a new Navtex (notice to mariners), Turkey effectively extended a blockade that prevents offshore drilling for natural gas by Italian energy firm ENI inside the South's exclusive economic zone. Two weeks ago Turkey sent warships to the region saying that they would be participating in military drills in waters off the east of the island, blockading the Saipem 12000 drillship while en route to Cuttlefish, a site in bloc 3 where it was scheduled to drill an exploratory gas well.

<https://olomoinfo.blogspot.com.tr/2018/02/turkey-extends-blockade-on-south.html>

(Accessed on February 22, 2018)



*The term "resilience" may more accurately reflect the range of Corporate Security Departments' responsibilities.*

**Turkish jets destroy PKK shelters in northern Iraq:** Turkish Armed Forces destroyed shelters and gun emplacements belonging to PKK terrorists in northern Iraq which were being used by terrorists, who were reportedly preparing to attack Turkish military posts and bases, as part of an operation targeting the terror group, the military said.

<http://aa.com.tr/en/middle-east/turkish-jets-destroy-pkk-shelters-in-northern-iraq/1073106>

(Accessed on February 25, 2018)

**2,083 terrorists have been neutralized in Operation Olive Branch:** A total of 2,083 PYD/PKK and ISIS terrorists have been "neutralized" since the launch of Operation Olive Branch in Syria's northwestern Afrin region, the Turkish General Staff said in a statement.

[http://www.tsk.tr/ZeytinDaliHarekati/ZDH\\_13](http://www.tsk.tr/ZeytinDaliHarekati/ZDH_13)

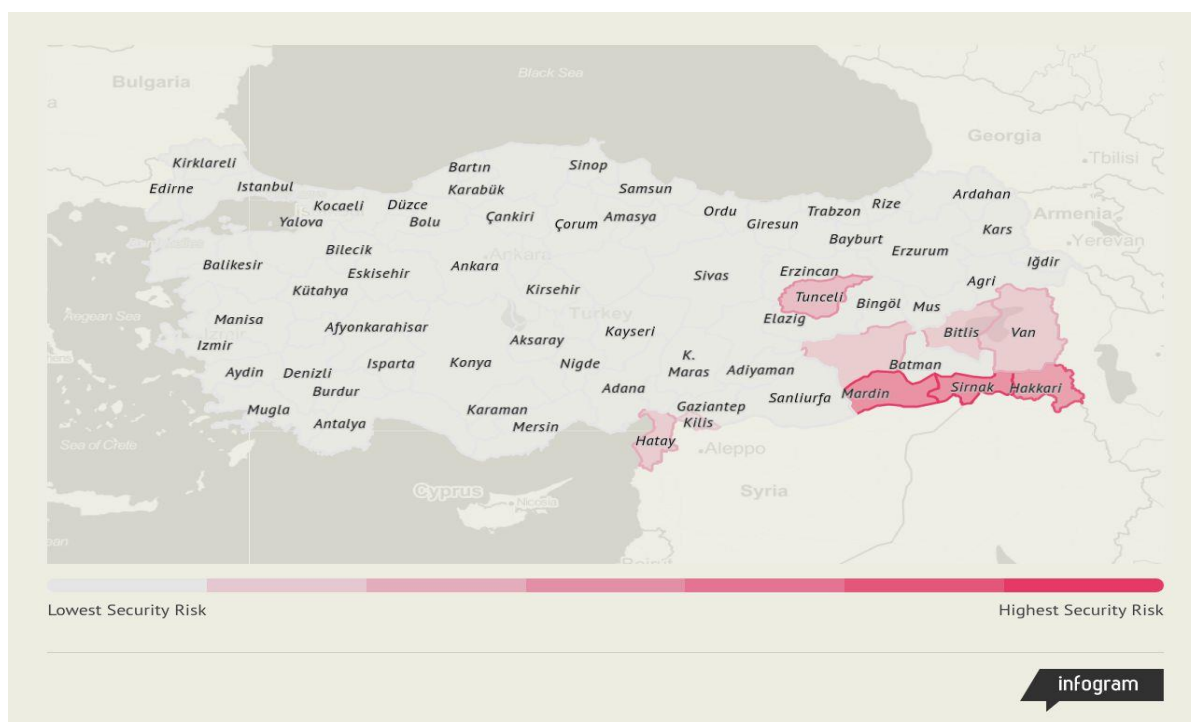
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**Czech court orders release of PKK-affiliate PYD's former leader Salih Müslüm despite Turkish extradition call:** Salih Müslüm was detained in Prague at the weekend at the request of Ankara, which accuses him of aggravated murder and disrupting the Turkish state. "The court ruled Mr. Müslüm will be released," said Marketa Puci, a spokeswoman for the Prague Municipal Court. The decision means Turkey can file an extradition request within a 40-day period, but Muslim is free to leave the country.

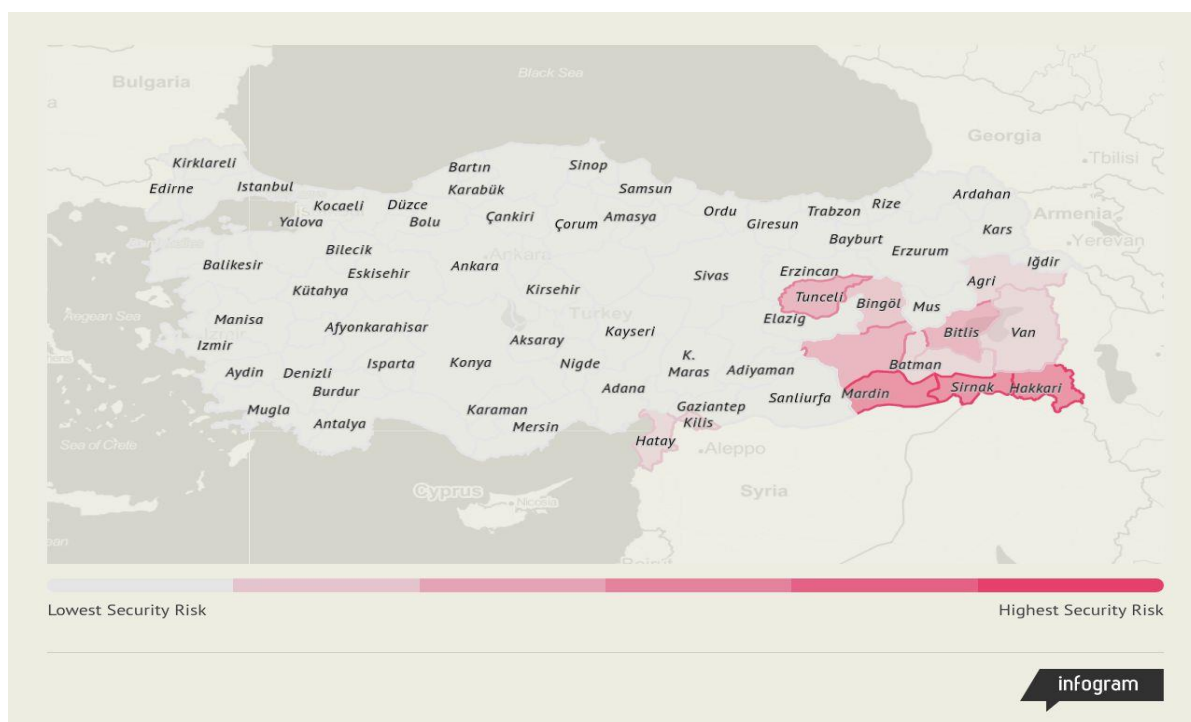
<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-syria-pyd-czech/czech-court-orders-release-of-syrian-kurd-leader-despite-turkish-extradition-call-idUSKCN1GB19A>

(Accessed on February 27, 2018)

## Turkey Security Incident Overview – 1 Month (February 1 – 28, 2018)



## Turkey Security Incident Overview – 3 Months (December 1, 2017 – February 28, 2018)





## Envisioning Russia's Relation with PYD within Syrian Context

Even though Russia had stated that "It is impossible to mention Syria's future without considering the involvement of the Kurds to the negotiations" and wanted to include PYD -whom Russia does not conceive as a terrorist group- to the process, the relationship between Turkey and Russia is getting stronger. The reason behind this is Russia's envision for Kurds in Syria which anticipates PYD is dependent on Damascus in most of the political areas unlike the United States' broader approach which enables PYD to act on its own. In that sense, Turkey's position seems to be more related to Moscow's. However, this strong relationship may collapse since Russia insists on continuing its terms with PYD even though Turkey has revealed its stance towards this situation. Thus, this may pave the way for a crisis between Russia and Turkey in the future because Russia could increase her support for PYD or could provoke the regime against Turkey. Besides, she may reconcile with the United States or awake PKK in order to convert Turkey's attention to Euphrates' East.




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*Security is not about manpower, legitimacy or technology, it is about wisdom of business, management skills and expertise on communication.*

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## Bridge Security

People and goods are moved through the bridges which are the choke points and vital part of the transportation system. Therefore, bridges are among the critical infrastructures which are vulnerable to crimes and terrorist threats. Threats to bridges can vary from precision demolition attack to fire. An aggressor can employ various tactics such as waterborne attack tactic to moving vehicle bomb tactic. The new security threats emerged in the age of terrorism introduce new challenges which cannot be met with the traditional security understanding.

Bridge security contains the wide-ranging issues that must be considered to ensure that adequate measures are taken to protect the asset and the people and goods that utilize the asset. In this regard, the bridge security has to be started with the initial design phase of the architectural project. Therefore, security operation management should focus on three phases: 1. Design, 2. Construction, 3. Operation. Each phase has special characteristics in terms of threat, risk, vulnerabilities, and priorities. DRK's security philosophy ensures the construction of a comprehensive bridge security architecture through the application of a distinct approach as framed below:

- Referring to Political/Security Analysis provided by high-level Strategic Experts and Academics,
- Using Special Concepts prepared on the ground of best practices and literature review,
- Conducting Security Surveys/Risk Analysis and Threat Assessment,
- Identifying Mitigation Strategies,
- Integrating the component of Security Architecture,
- Monitoring the Implementation of the Measures and Conduct,
- Training the staff and Testing of the Business Continuity Plan,
- Assisting in case of Emergency and Crisis.

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