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DRK is a Risk Consultancy and Security Management Company which provides sustainable security support to its clients with high accuracy risk assessments and security management in any region across Turkey and various areas in the neighboring countries.

Contrary to the classical narrow security approaches, DRK focuses in Business Continuity and Company Resilience throughout the project life cycle.

DRK's Vision;

- Security is an interdisciplinary area of; wider strategic vision, information gathering, established procedures, analysis, technology implementations and human resources,
- Risk and Security studies should be conducted by a holistic and top down approach to the security environment,
- Security should be devised throughout the whole "Project Life Cycle" rather than that of a specific project phase.
- Effective security management should mean a support for the "Continuity of Business."
- Security applications should be provided in the most cost effective manner.

DRK Insight and Studies

Snapshots

- Designating Turkey's Security Concerns in Syria: Ongoing Conflict in Idlib
- Unlawful Referendum Attempt of Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) and Its Implications
- Turkey - NATO Relations; Perspectives for the Future
- Egypt Mosque Attack: A Brief Analysis and Possible Consequences

Case Study & Insights

- A Strategic Target: Oil and Gas Pipelines
- The Increasing Tension Between Iran and S. Arabia and Its Possible Implications for Global Business
- Possible Business - Wise Repercussions of a Potential Turkish Army intervention into Afrin Region in Northern Syria
- PKK-PYD-ISIS, Interactions; Future Possibilities on the Regional Terrorism Developments

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Regional Developments

Turkey Sends Israeli Ambassador Home, Recalls Envoy from U.S.: Turkey expelled the Israeli ambassador in Ankara and recalled its own envoys from Israel and the U.S., as President Recep Tayyip Erdogan denounced both countries over the killing of Palestinians protesting the American embassy move to Jerusalem.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-05-15/turkey-sends-israeli-ambassador-home-recalls-envoy-from-u-s>

(Accessed on May 15, 2018)

Iraq election: Shia leader Muqtada al-Sadr alliance set to win: The Sairoon Alliance of Shia leader Muqtada al-Sadr is set to win Iraq's parliamentary elections in a remarkable comeback after being sidelined for years by Iranian-backed rivals. With over 91 percent of votes counted in 16 of Iraq's 18 provinces, Iran-backed Shia militia chief Hadi al-Amiri's Fateh (Conquest) Coalition was in second place, while Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi's Nasr (Victory) Coalition once seen as the frontrunner, came in third.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2018/05/iraq-election-shia-leader-muqtada-al-sadr-alliance-set-win-180515050447621.html>

(Accessed on May 15, 2018)

Trump Pulls Out of North Korea Summit Meeting With Kim Jong-un: President Trump pulled out of a highly anticipated summit meeting with Kim Jong-un, accusing the North Koreans of bad faith and lamenting that "this missed opportunity is a truly sad moment in history." The president made his announcement in a remarkably personal, at times mournful-sounding letter to North Korea's leader.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/05/24/world/asia/north-korea-trump-summit.html>

(Accessed on May 24, 2018)



DRK provides an advance emergency support for your company's employees and sites/work stations/facilities, via its country wide crisis management establishment and network.

Azerbaijan launches pipeline project to Turkey, eyes Europe: Azerbaijan launched the first phase of a pipeline project on Tuesday to supply gas to Turkey and southern Europe, part of a European effort to reduce reliance on Russian energy supplies. The Southern Gas Corridor pipeline project, which involved \$40 billion investment, will supply about 6 billion cubic metres (bcm) of gas a year to Turkey and, by the first quarter of 2020, it will supply a further 10 bcm a year to Europe.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/azerbaijan-gas-corridor/azerbaijan-launches-pipeline-project-to-turkey-eyes-europe-idUSL5N1T02VY>

(Accessed on May 29, 2018)

US says no agreement with Turkey on Syria's Manbij yet: The United States doesn't have any agreements yet with Turkey on Manbij in northern Syria, the State Department said. "We're continuing to have ongoing conversations regarding Syria and other issues of mutual concern. The two sides then had outlined the contours of a roadmap for further cooperation, and that includes on Manbij," State Department spokesperson Heather Nauert stated.

<http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/us-says-no-agreement-with-turkey-on-syrias-manbij-yet-132564>

(Accessed on May 30, 2018)

Turkey, Pakistan reach their largest-ever defense contract: Turkey and Pakistan have agreed on the sale of a batch of 30 Turkish-made T129 ATAK multirole combat helicopters, Turkish officials have said. Before the deal, the T129 went through various tests in Pakistan. Most recently, the T129 was showcased at a March 23 military parade for Pakistani National Day.

<https://www.defensenews.com/global/mideast-africa/2018/05/29/turkey-pakistan-reach-their-largest-ever-defense-contract/>

(Accessed on May 30, 2018)

Saudi Arabia Seeks to Form Kurdish-Arabic Militia in Syria: The YPG and Saudi officials discussed forming a new coalition with Arab forces in Syria that would be funded by the oil-rich kingdom. The new Arab force will be part of the North Syria Federation, which the YPG had unilaterally claimed on March 17, 2016. Saudi officials have reportedly set up communication checkpoints in Hasakah and Qamishli to recruit fighters and are promising \$200 to every fighter who joins the improvised force.

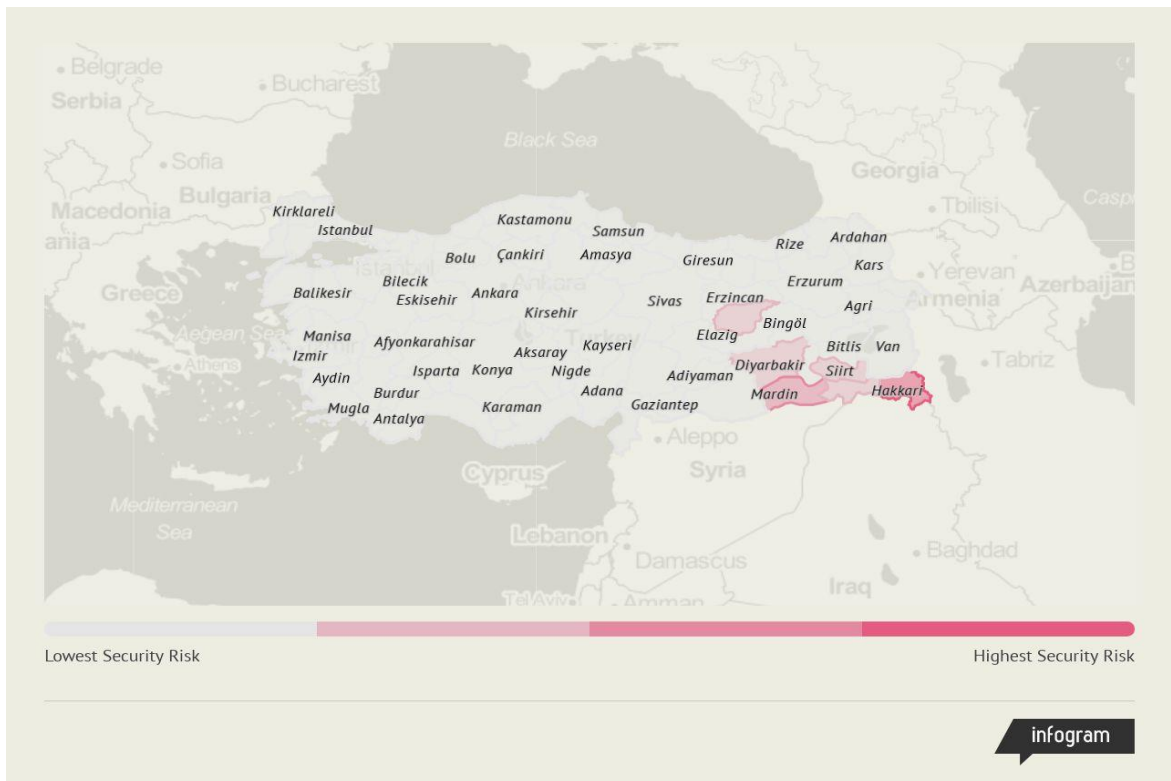
<http://alwaght.com/en/News/133693/Saudi-Arabia-Seeks-to-Form-Kurdish-Arabic-Militia-in-Syria>

(Accessed on May 30, 2018)

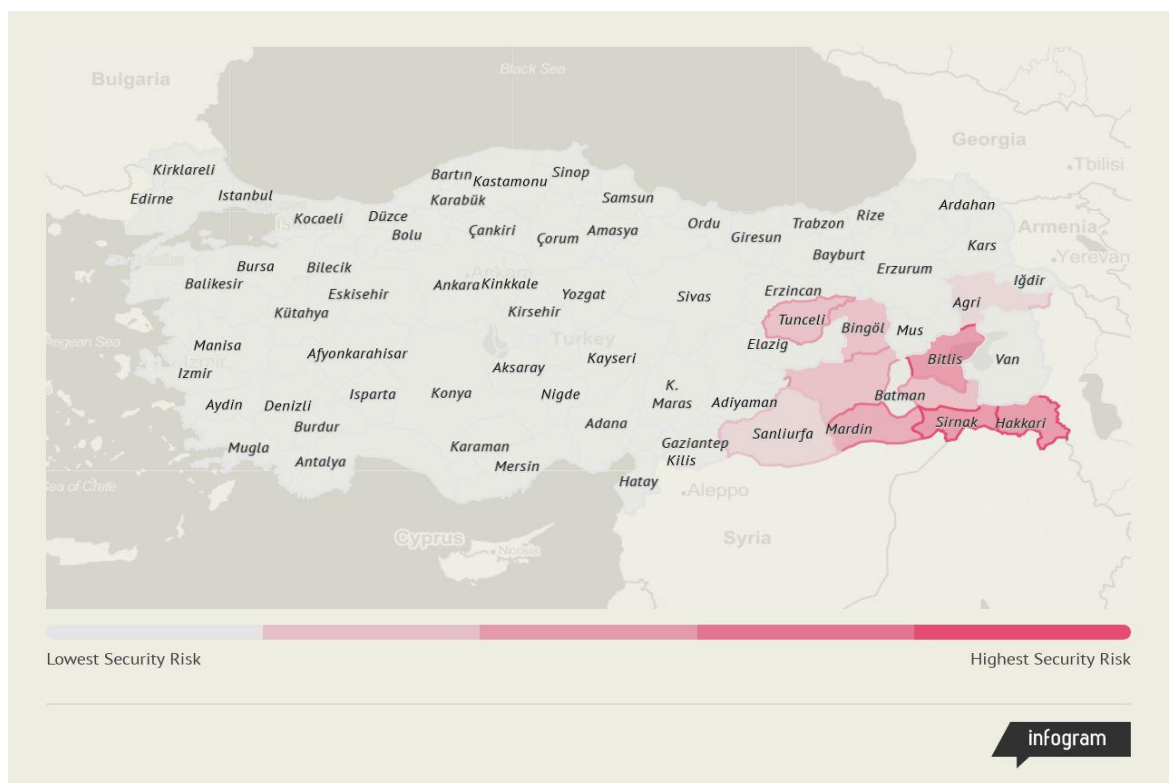


DRK supports your company in the creation and adaptation of individual, traveler, work station and site level crisis management procedures.

Turkey Security Incident Overview – 1 Month (May 1 – May 31, 2018)



Turkey Security Incident Overview – 3 Months (March 1 – May 31, 2018)



Turkey's Early Election Decision on 24 June 2018

DRK is going to publish a new piece on upcoming election's possible repercussions on Turkish economy and politics.

Key takeaway

The election will presumably lead Turkish regime to a more powerful and effective executive Presidential System from the current Parliamentary one. Apparently, in the face of the alleged economic dilemma, Syrian War, worsening international relations and FETO case, election results are expected to provide a basis for "political and economic stability" as the current President has long been voicing during his campaigns. On the other side, the implementation of elections in a fair, transparent and democratic fashion has been being reflected as the main point of concern by the opposition front.

Possible results of the election and their effects on Turkey's economic and political stability

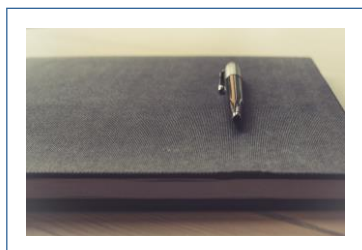
There are three possible scenarios regarding the results of the upcoming early elections.

The first scenario is the victory of the current president Recep Tayyip Erdogan as the joint candidate of the Public Alliance and at the same time winning the majority of the parliament along with MHP. In this case, President Erdogan, being the head, both of the government and of the state, will have the full power to strengthen his position and to rule the country for a five-year period almost without an opposition. This may expect to yield more regular political and economic environment at least in the short term.

The second possibility would be the re-election of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan but without the majority support within the parliament. In this case the stability of the country may be negatively affected by the disputes of powerful president and tough opposition majority.

In such a case, a renewed election wouldn't be a surprise due to the amendment of the Article 116 of Law 2709 which gives to the parliament (with the 3/5 majority of the votes) and also to the president himself a right, to renew the presidential and parliamentary elections. This may potentially deepen the political crisis and may lead to economic instability in the mid and long term.

Third possibility may be that the Nation Alliance wins both elections. This may be a scenario full of more question marks in the short term at least. This is valid not necessarily due to a potential insufficiency of the new cadre but mainly due



Company management provides the clients with site-area specific security and risk reports on periodic and desired time basis.

DRK's Proactive and Adaptive Security Management System (PASMS)



We incorporate the very top (strategic) and very end (practical) security variables while operating.

Today, globalization made the world business more interconnected and vulnerable to the developments in other parts of the world. Thus, organizations are subject to a variety of risks that might turn into a devastating crisis, which can take down an unprepared business in a short time.

To avoid such a disaster, an organization should employ proactive and adaptive security management system (PASMS) to ensure organizational resiliency. In this regard, DRK's approach to PASMS consisting of following phases:

- Prediction,
- Detection,
- Prevention,
- Response,
- Design

Contrary to the classical security understanding, DRK included prediction and design phases in the security management system. Thus, DRK established a proactive and adaptive security system that can deal more effectively with the risks and their consequences.

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