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Introduction: About DRK

DRK's ultimate aim is to ensure the resilience of its clients through the formation of an integrated security structure called "True System Security Architecture". It begins with the establishment of "Situational Awareness" in its preliminary phase. This phase adequately provides security managers with information about either micro or macro level parameters surrounding any security project. Following phases are comprised respectively of;

- The establishment of security procedures, regulations, and methodologies,
- Technology-based security systems,
- Physical security systems
- Security personnel manning.

DRK Insight and Case Studies

Snapshots

- Turkey's Strategic Positioning Amidst the Rising Tension with the United States
- 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

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

U.S. halts F-35 equipment to Turkey, protests its plans to buy from Russia: The United States has halted delivery of equipment related to the stealthy F-35 fighter aircraft to Turkey, marking the first concrete U.S. step to block delivery of the jet to the NATO ally in light of Ankara's planned purchase of a Russian missile defense system.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-turkey-f35-exclusive/exclusive-u-s-sends-message-to-turkey-halts-f-35-equipment-shipments-sources-idUSKCN1RD316>

Accessed on April 1, 2019

Algerian Leader Bouteflika Resigns Under Pressure From Army: The president of Algeria resigned under pressure from the army following weeks of mass protests, closing out the reign of North Africa's longest-serving leader but not ending a political impasse in a country where the street is demanding revolutionary change.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/02/world/africa/Abdelaziz-Bouteflika-resigns.html?partner=rss&emc=rss>

Accessed on April 2, 2019



DRK offers you niche assessments, field/facility surveys and observations to define the security sensitivities and vulnerabilities, as well as plans for mitigation measures and protective precautions in any location of Turkey for site, facility, regional levels.

Russia and Turkey will jointly patrol Syria's Idlib: Putin: Russia and Turkey will jointly patrol Syria's Idlib province, Russian President Vladimir Putin said after talks with Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan in Moscow. "We are basically entering joint patrolling, at least patrolling from two sides," Putin said.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-russia-turkey-syria-idlib/russia-and-turkey-will-jointly-patrol-syrias-idlib-putin-idUSKCN1RK205>

Accessed on April 8, 2019

Trump Designates Iran's Revolutionary Guards a Foreign Terrorist Group: President Trump said that he was designating a powerful arm of the Iranian military as a foreign terrorist organization, the first time that the United States has named part of another nation's government as that type of official threat.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/08/world/middleeast/trump-iran-revolutionary-guard-corps.html?partner=rss&emc=rss>

Accessed on April 8, 2019

Turkey to invest \$11 billion in energy efficiency: Turkey aims to invest some \$11 billion in energy efficiency over the next five years, cut its primary energy consumption by 14%, and reduce 66 million tons of CO2 emissions, Turkey's Deputy Energy and Natural Resources Minister Alparslan Bayraktar said.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/energy/2019/04/09/turkey-to-invest-11-billion-in-energy-efficiency>

Accessed on April 9, 2019

Turkey says it will look elsewhere if U.S. won't sell Patriots, F-35s: Turkey warned that it could buy jets and additional air defense systems from Russia if it cannot get Patriot missile shields and F-35 jets from Washington, raising the prospect of ever deeper defense ties between Moscow and a NATO member.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-turkey-security-usa/turkey-says-it-will-look-elsewhere-if-u-s-wont-sell-patriots-f-35s-idUSKCN1RM0D2>

Accessed on April 10, 2019

Russia, Turkey, Iran back Syrian territorial integrity: Lawmakers from Russia, Iran and Turkey are calling for Syria's territorial integrity to be preserved as remarks from Israel and the United States have renewed long-standing land disputes. The legislators from parliament foreign affairs committees met in Moscow for a special session on Syria.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/middle_east/russia-turkey-iran-back-syrian-territorial-integrity/2019/04/10/2ed9867e-5ba2-11e9-98d4-844088d135f2_story.html?noredirect=on&utm_term=.334338039ec2

Accessed on April 10, 2019

Turkey slams France decision on 1915 events: Turkey has strongly condemned French President Emmanuel Macron's declaration of April 24 as day commemorating the 1915 events between Turkey and Armenia. In a written statement on April 11, Turkey's Foreign Ministry warned that France's decision will inevitably damage relations with Turkey.

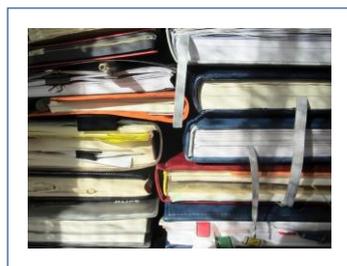
<http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/turkey-condemns-recognition-of-1915-events-in-italy-142578>

Accessed on April 11, 2019

Syrian tribes ask for Turkish military's help to return to their homes: Representatives of Syrian tribes called on Turkey to carry out a military operation against PKK-affiliated People's Protection Units (YPG) in northern Syria to take back their stolen lands from the terrorist organization.

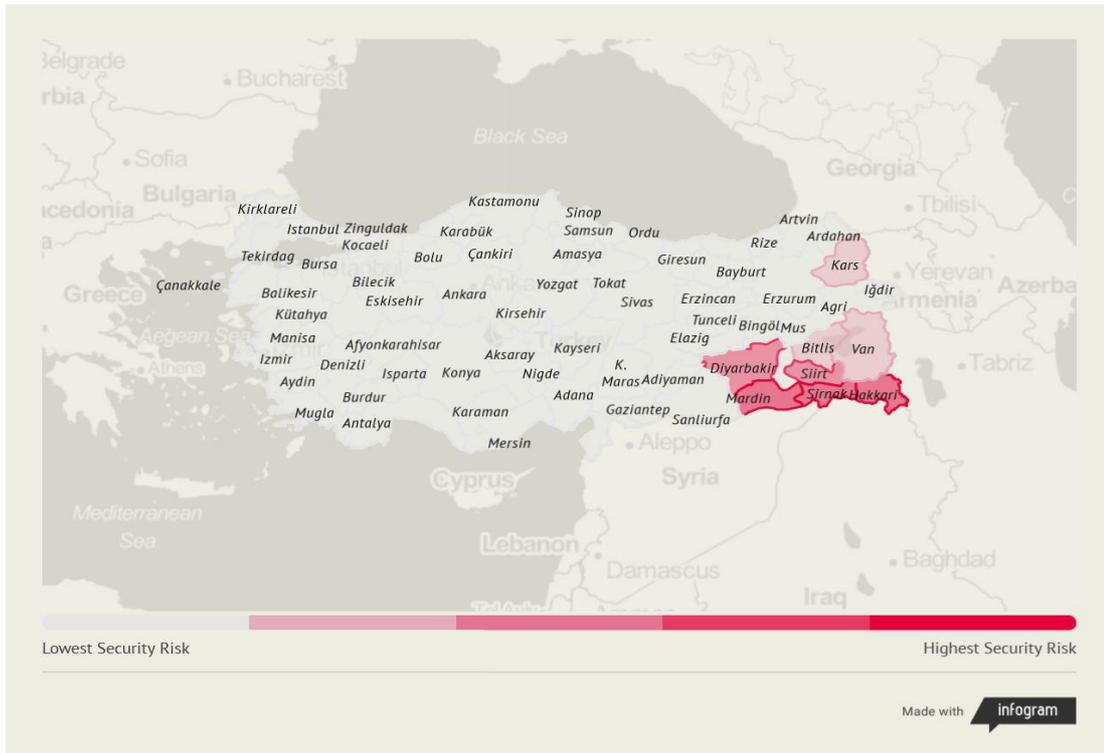
<https://www.dailysabah.com/war-on-terror/2019/04/15/syrian-tribes-ask-for-turkish-militarys-help-to-return-to-their-homes>

Accessed on April 15, 2019

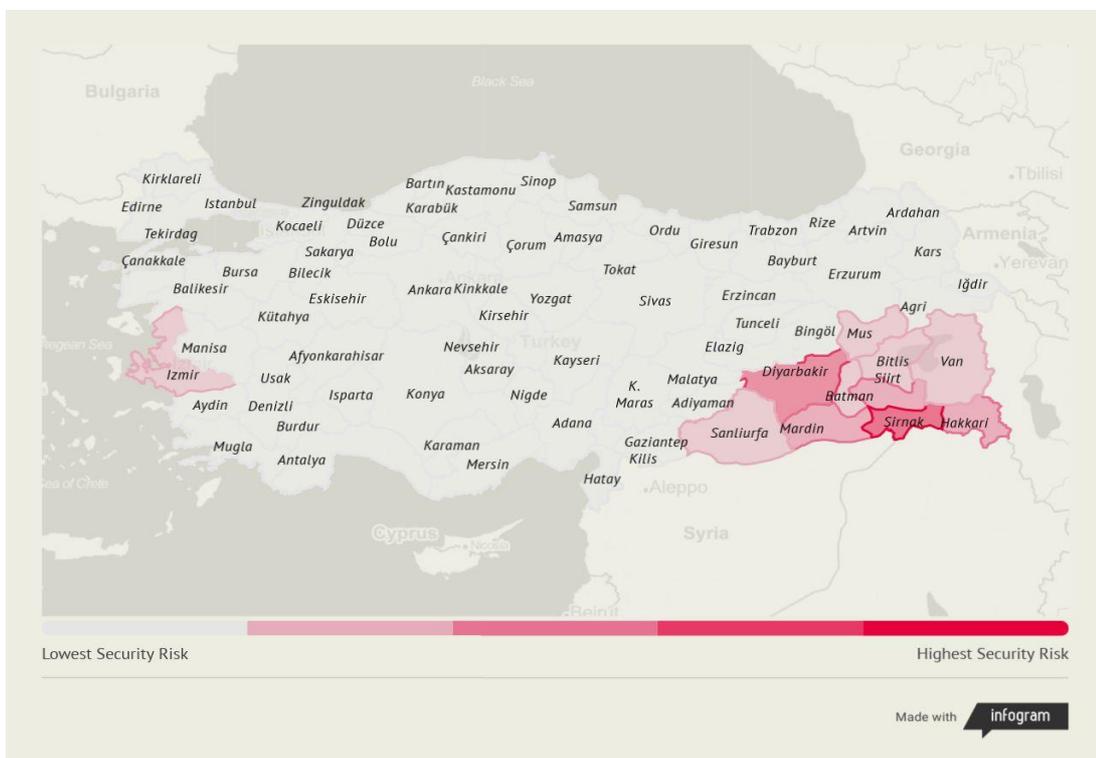


DRK also provides company/project leaders and managers with reports & analysis and security trainings as to contribute in the business continuity and resilience of the corporations.

Turkey Security Incident Overview – 1 Month (March 15 – April 15, 2019)



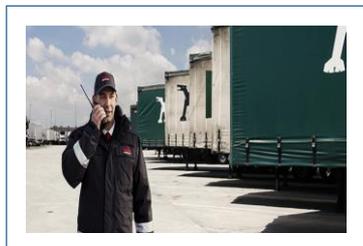
Turkey Security Incident Overview – 3 Months (January 15 – April 15, 2019)



Prominent Regional Security Issue

Turkey's Strategic and Political Positioning Amongst the USA and Russia in Syria

As a regional power, Turkey has certain national security concerns related to Syrian conflict. Syrian territorial integrity and the elimination of the terrorist groups YPG/PYD, ISIS, etc. are the prominent Turkish foreign policy objectives. Although there have been policy fluctuations about Syrian conflict, Turkey has so far achieved to manage a balanced foreign policy with US and Russia.



DRK advices on how to plan and implement the security measures during the site operations, transfers, travels and logistics operations.

Despite the fact that Turkey is a NATO member, growing political and military cooperation between Turkey and Russia is an indicator of a wider strategic military relationship. Above all, Astana process ensured that Turkey was one of the guarantors in Syrian conflict along with Russia. In this context, joint patrols have started near Tel Rifat, in the north of Aleppo City on February 14. Both states' officials declared in Moscow that Russian and Turkish troops would jointly patrol Syria's Idlib soon also.

Similarly, in the context of Turkish Navy "Blue Motherland 2019" exercise, joint naval maneuvers were held in the Black Sea on March 8, 2019. On the other hand, on April 9, both leaders in Moscow have shown determination on cooperation in Syria and in S-400 procurement process as well. Energy investments, deepening military and political relationship, close coordination in Syria has indicated that Turkey-Russia relations would be promising.

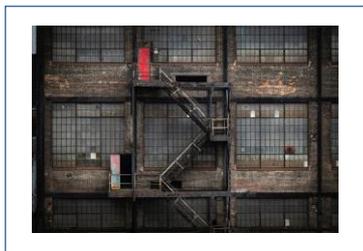
PYD/YPG, declared as a terrorist organization by Turkey and EU, has been an obvious threat for Turkey in the northeastern Syrian border including Manbij. Ankara decisively reiterated that ongoing US support to PYD/YPG units was unacceptable. There has been disaccord about how to establish a "buffer" or "safe" zone in the northeastern part of Syria. As known, Turkey's medium/long range missile defense requirement has fallen on deaf ears in Washington. As such, Turkey has decided to procure the S-400 systems. US have been strongly opposing the process and threatened Turkey to apply some economic sanctions and to reevaluate the F-35 purchase process.

On the other hand, discussions on Patriot systems procurement by Turkey have been ongoing with US officials. Turkish security officials declared that patriots would not be a replacement of S-400 systems but would be additional defense systems. There has been conflict of interest between Turkey and USA in Syria. Despite the sharp fluctuations and deep odds in mutual relations, Turkey and USA have been patrolling along the Northeastern part of Turkish- Syrian border.

Except for swirling moments in mutual relationship with US and Russia, Turkey has achieved to be vigilant and unflappable in Syrian policy and found a way to cooperate with two parties.

DRK Highlight

Physical security is defined as the combination of measures which are designed to deny unauthorized access to corporate's facilities, to deter the hostile intruders and to protect personnel and property. Physical security components provide isolation of the security project from the outer world and designate the area of responsibility for security managers.



Corporate level risk and security assessments to improve security for your employees and business operations are one of DRK's core functions.

Physical security measures, in harmony with an appropriate security plan, are one of the most important parts of a security project. However, physical security components and measures solely are meant to be passive precautions and to serve only for detection and delay. It should be noticed that any barrier could be breached with sufficient time and equipment. Therefore, all physical measures should be observed or checked with personnel or technology-based equipment.

DRK's True System Security Architecture presents close conjunction with all security system components in a project. "Harmony" and "integration" are two keywords while realizing the appropriate security architecture. Some physical security system components are shown below:

- Underground detectors
- Plate recognition systems
- Road Blockers
- X-ray systems
- Fence Protection Sensors
- Barriers
- Biometric Recognition Systems
- Metal Detectors.
- Explosive Detectors.
- Narcotic Detectors.

Latest Developments in Security World

Physical security components are the visible part of the security system and play a crucial role as a disincentive factor. Screening technology, especially X-ray detection system, is one of the main parts of physical security devices. X-ray devices have developed and varied from size and shape since it has been used in daily life. Portable x-ray devices which weigh less than 4 kgs can be used in different environments such as temporary checkpoints, defusing IED/explosives, etc. It is possible to detect guns, explosives, drugs, etc. with such equipment. A suspected case is placed between an x-ray generator and a flat part. With a wireless connection, any suspicious material can be seen on the remote computer which has special software.



DRK's mission is to improve the security and resilience of our clients by managing the risk and security needs through niche intellectual capabilities in the imminent time and location as necessary, both on ad hoc or permanent basis.

Screening systems are widely used in malls, ports, airports, and customs. Such systems provide continuity and precision. Experts have been working for better technologies. Technology that could speed up and enhance security checks at airports is being developed by researchers. Shoe scanners analyze shoes and when the machine detects something that should not be a part of them, the system warns the guards.

Another research subject is to search passengers with their coats on with full pockets. It is a combination of artificial intelligence and body scanners which is still in use in airports. The system will learn daily which is suspicious and normal. It will eventually speed up the passenger inspection process. Technologic integration to security project will surely empower the capability of all security components.

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