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## Introduction: About DRK

DRK is a Risk and Security Consulting Company which provides sustainable support to its clients with high accuracy risk definition and security management in any region across Turkey. The services that DRK provides include, but are not limited to, providing security workforce, procuring CCTV and physical systems and consultations based on dedication, reliability, and knowledge.

DRK's mission is to improve the security and resilience of its clients by managing the risk and security needs through intellectual capabilities depending on the time and the location. To improve the consultancy gap in Turkey, DRK wishes to implement an interdisciplinary approach of different layers and functions of security to meet the high standard security requirements of the foreign global corporations operating in Turkey.

## 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

**Turkey's first fighter jet makes debut in Paris:** The mockup of Turkey's first national combat jet-the Turkish Aerospace Industries' (TAI)-developed TF-X made debut in the Paris Air Show, the largest aerospace-industry event in the world. With the TF-X, Turkey aims to meet the operational needs of the Turkish Armed Forces (TFA) in the mid-term.

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/europe/turkeys-first-fighter-jet-makes-debut-in-paris/1506658>

Accessed on Jun 17, 2019

**Unemployment rate at 14.1% in March:** Turkey's unemployment rate stood at 14.1% in March this year, the unemployment rate rose by four percentage point's year-on-year, TÜİK (the country's statistical authority) said.

<http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/unemployment-rate-at-14-1-in-march-144251>

Accessed on Jun 17, 2019

**EU May Freeze Customs Union Talks With Turkey Over Drilling:** The European Union is set to threaten Turkey with retaliation over its drilling activities in the Eastern Mediterranean, adding to signs of deteriorating relations between Ankara and Brussels.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-06-17/eu-may-freeze-customs-union-talks-with-turkey-over-drilling-jx0b7yeo>

Accessed on Jun 17, 2019

**Twelve killed as migrant boat sinks off western Turkey:** Twelve people were killed after a dinghy carrying migrants sank off Turkey's western coast, the Turkish coast guard said, adding that 31 others had been rescued.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-europe-migrants-turkey/twelve-killed-as-migrant-boat-sinks-off-western-turkey-coast-guard-idUSKCN1T10PB>

Accessed on Jun 17, 2019

**Erdoğan says Turkey will receive Russian defense system 'very soon':** President Erdoğan said that Turkey would take delivery of a Russian S-400 missile defense system "very soon" after telling Russian President Vladimir Putin there was "no turning back" on the deal, which has strained ties with Washington.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-turkey-usa-security-erdogan/erdogan-says-turkey-will-receive-russian-defense-system-very-soon-idUSKCN1TJ20U>

Accessed on Jun 18, 2019

**Pompeo: US forces in Persian Gulf just a deterrent:** Secretary of state says Trump isn't looking for war with Iran, but American military ready to respond to any attack on US interests.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/pompeo-us-forces-in-persian-gulf-just-a-deterrent/>

Accessed on Jun 18, 2019

**Turkey Defies EU by Sending Second Ship to Drill off Cyprus:** The Turkish government sent a second energy exploration vessel to contested waters off Cyprus, defying European Union threats of retaliation.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-06-20/turkey-defies-eu-by-sending-second-ship-sent-to-drill-off-cyprus>

Accessed on Jun 20, 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.*

**Congress advances bill sidelining Turkey on Mediterranean gas dispute:** The US Senate advanced a bill rebuking Turkish attempts to drill for gas near Cyprus.

<https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2019/06/congress-bill-sideline-turkey-gas-dispute-cyprus.html>

Accessed on Jun 25, 2019

**New military service law approved:** President Erdoğan signed into law sweeping changes in the Turkish military system, cutting men's mandatory military service period in half, as well as making paid military service permanent. With the new system, the period of conscription is reduced from 12 months to six months for private and non-commissioned soldiers, and at least one month of basic military training is required for all male Turkish citizens.

<http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/turkish-parliament-ratifies-new-military-service-law-144475>

Accessed on Jun 25, 2019

**New U.S. Defense Chief Renews Warning to Turkey on Russia S-400:** Acting Secretary of Defense Mark Esper reaffirmed the U.S. warning that it will stop providing F-35 fighter jets to Turkey if the NATO member goes through with its planned purchase of the Russian S-400 missile defense system.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-06-25/new-u-s-defense-chief-renews-warning-to-turkey-on-russia-s-400>

Accessed on Jun 26, 2019

**Turkey mulls permanent military presence in northern Iraq:** Turkey is planning to maintain a permanent presence in northern Iraq in the aftermath of the ongoing land and air operations against the Kurdish militants there, security sources told Al-Monitor. Turkey's Operation Claw against outlawed Kurdish militants Iraqi Kurdistan's northern Hakurk region has been going on for nearly a month.

<https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2019/06/turkey-iraq-kurdistan-ankara-plans-to-stay-in-northern-iraq.html>

Accessed on Jun 26, 2019

**Turkish soldier martyred in northern Syria:** A Turkish soldier was martyred and five others injured in a clash with PKK/YPG terrorists in northern Syria, Turkey's National Defense Ministry said. The casualties were reported in the area of Turkey's Operation Olive Branch.

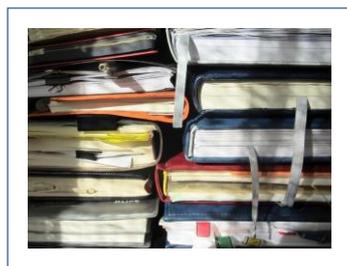
<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/middle-east/turkish-soldier-martyred-in-northern-syria/1516215>

Accessed on Jun 26, 2019

**Turkish soldier dies in attack on military post in Syria's Idlib:** A Turkish soldier was killed and three others were wounded when their observation post in Syria's Idlib region was attacked by shelling and mortar fire from Syrian troops. Attacks were launched from territory controlled by Syrian government forces and were judged to have been carried out deliberately, Turkey's Ministry of National Defense said.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2019/06/turkish-soldier-dies-attack-military-post-syria-idlib-190628055001892.html>

Accessed on Jun 28, 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 (Jun 1 – July 1, 2019)



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## Turkey Security Incident Overview – 3 Months (Apr 1 – July 1, 2019)



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## DRK Highlights: True System Security Architecture

DRK's Security System Architecture has five steps, being respectively; Situational Awareness, Procedures and Methodology, Technology Employment, Physical Measures and Personnel Employment. Situational awareness enables security managers to understand either micro level parameters of the relevant business project or regional, national and international factors beyond the project scale.

Close coordination with academicians; regular meetings, joint subject-based researches are certainly helpful to security managers to attain a wider understanding of the factors which may affect the project. Depending on such studies, security managers can revise project requirements dynamically upon this continuous process of analysis.

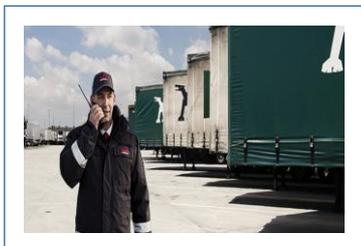
All precautions taken by project security managers, in fact, enhance the eyes and arms of security forces/agencies in the region. Information sharing on the regional and local developments might be one of these contributions provided by security forces.

There is a distinctive interaction among legal considerations, procedures and regulations. Legal issues specify the boundaries, identifications and terms that are overarching to the conduct of security projects. Security managers should prepare procedures and regulations (internal and external) in accordance with the legal prerequisites. Procedures eventually guide the implementation of security project.

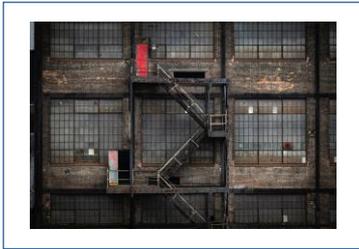
DRK strongly believes that technological systems should primarily be used while constructing appropriate security architecture. Security needs should be met by technological equipment at the utmost level. Advanced technological equipment in a security project surely reduces human intervention, human-based faults and increase threat detection capability.

Physical security components provide isolation of the security project from the outer world and designate the area of responsibility for security managers. Physical security measures, in harmony with an appropriate security plan, are one of the most important parts of a security project. 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. Best way to manage such a complicated and detailed security project with harmony is to have well-trained security personnel. It is without doubt that security project would run smoothly by means of appropriate personnel employment.



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



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

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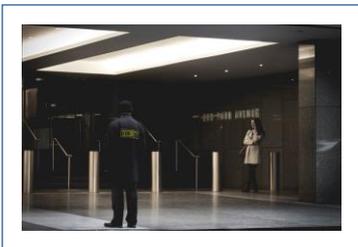
## Technology in Security World: Road Blockers

Road Blockers are well-known and most visible part of a security project. Thanks to the latest technology, road blockers have become tough, reliable and uncompromising for prevention of unauthorized access in parking areas.

The rising curbs are fully automatic and curbs which are powered by hydraulics can immediately become upright position within 3-4 seconds. In case of emergency, failure road blocker can be lifted or lowered by manually. In this case, raise /lower time can be as low as 1.5 seconds for some models. These systems can be easily integrated with access control options and traffic light systems.

Road blockers, depending on versions, are able to provide ultimate security against cars, vans, half trucks and trucks. The field tests have proved that blockers would withstand a VBIED attack of a 7,5 tone vehicle driving at a speed of 80 km/h. It should be bear in mind that explosive mass would definitely affect the project area to a certain extent. As such, the installation spot is crucially important.

Blockers may be visible or invisible depending on the updated security perception of the project area. The blockers position (downright/upright) should be determined by the following items: The traffic of the parking area, threat level, existence of convenient speedy avenue of approach for intruders, possibility of VBIED attack in vicinity.



*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.*

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