



The Importance of Iraq in The PKK Terrorist Organization's Drugs Traffic

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ABSTRACT

Turkey for a long time PKK, ISIS, etc. fight against terrorist organizations. The PKK terrorist organization has a feature that distinguishes it from other terrorist organizations; The PKK terrorist organization is a terrorist organization for many countries, but these countries can tolerate the PKK terrorist organization for their international purposes. The PKK terrorist organization is dangerous not only for countries with its armed actions, but also for countries because of its drug dealing. For this reason, young people and children under the age of 18 are adversely affected by the PKK's drug activities. Young people who are addicted to drugs in Turkey and Iraq because of the PKK can take their place with the PKK terrorist organization. In this study, the drug activities of the PKK terrorist organization in Turkey and Iraq are discussed. The PKK terrorist organization ideology was announced by the Marxist and Leninist (Communist) PKK terrorist organization. The PKK terrorist organization, which defends communism, the peasants, and the working class, is killing peasants and workers in Iraq. In this study, it has been tried to explain that the fake ideology of the PKK terrorist organization has transformed from communism to Kurdish nationalism and also to the PKK. It is a terrorist organization that has abandoned its ideology of "Kurdish Nationalism" and has no ideology with this exemplary incident.

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ÖZ

Türkiye uzun süredir PKK, İŞİD vb. terör örgütleriyle mücadele etmektedir. Ancak PKK terör örgütünü diğer terör örgütlerinden ayıran bir özelliği vardır. Bu özellikler arasında en belirgin olanı ise PKK terör örgütü birçok ülke için terör örgütü olmasına rağmen, yine bu ülkeler tarafından uluslararası amaçları için PKK terör örgütünün terörist faaliyetlerine müsamaha gösterilmektedir. PKK terör örgütü silahlı eylemleri haricinde yapmış olduğu uyuşturucu ticareti ile de PKK'nın tehdit ve tehlike seviyesi artmıştır. PKK'nın uyuşturucu üretimi ve satışını artırması pek çok ülke de 18 yaş altı çocukları ve gençleri olumsuz etkilemektedir. PKK'nın uyuşturucu üretimi ve satışı sebebiyle Türkiye ve Irak'ta uyuşturucu bağımlısı olan gençler, PKK terör örgütünde yer almaya başlamaktadır. PKK terör örgütü Marksist ve Leninist (Komünist) bir ideolojik yapıda olduğunu belirtmektedir. PKK terör örgütü ideolojisinin komünizmden Kürt milliyetçiliğine dönüşmüştür. Ancak geçen zaman zarfında "Kürt Milliyetçiliği" ideolojisini de terk eden PKK terör örgütü, ideolojisi olmayan bir terör örgütü haline gelmiştir. Irak'ta yaşayan Kürt halkı, PKK'nın uyuşturucu tarla ve fabrikalarında da zorla çalıştırılmaktadır. Bu doğrultuda PKK terör örgütünün sözde ideolojisi ve yasa dışı ekonomik faaliyetleri birbiriyle çelişmektedir. Komünizmin, köylü ve işçi sınıfını savunan PKK terör örgütü, Irak'ta köylü ve işçileri katletmektedir. Bu çalışmada PKK terör örgütünün Türkiye ve Irak'taki uyuşturucu faaliyetleri ele alınmıştır.

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Introduction

Terror groups are a striking problem for governments. Terror organizations groups are more than 40 on average in the world. In addition, terror groups can big problem for the local and global conjuncture. For example, People from Afghanistan are living Taliban problem for a long time or the ISIS terror organization can danger for Syria, Iraq, and other countries. The PKK (Kurdistan Workers’ Party) can threaten Turkey, Iraq, and every country (Institute for Economics and Peace, 2020: 17-20).

According to the PKK’s terrorist administrators, an ideology of the PKK is communism, but Marxism, Leninism, Maoism, etc. so, communist ideology struggle against capitalism and imperialism, against this, France’s administration and some politician from the USA support publicly to the PKK. For example, the France army teaches how to use modern guns to PKK in Syria, moreover, the USA grants new guns to the PKK in Syria Also, according to Operation Inherent Resolve Report 2020, a lot of Arabic governments financially support the PKK that they want to PKK be mercenary in Syria (TGB, 2020; U.S. Department of State, 2020: 6).

PKK is a dangerous illegal organization for Turkey, Europe, and other countries that sell billions of dollars of drugs all over the world. Because of this, academic works of literature explain narco-terrorism PKK, additionally; PKK was growing drugs in Bekaa Valley while living, after, the PKK was transferring their drugs from Bekaa Valley to Europe between 1980 to 1990 whiles using a way of South Cyprus. But Afghanistan is important for the PKK supplying drugs after the September 11 terrorist attacks. Afghanistan is the world leader in drug production. For example, Mexico productions 1 thousand tons per year but Afghanistan productions more than 8 thousand tons per year (Manaz, 2017: 111-112; UNODC,2020: 2).

PKK sells drugs to children in Turkey and Iraq. Children of using drugs are not being able to pay, because of this; children can take part in the PKK. In this way, children pay their debts to the PKK (Çetinöz, 2019: 12-13).

General Situation of the PKK Terror Organizations Activity in Turkey

Turkey has had problems with the PKK (Kurdistan Workers’ Party) terror organization since the 1980s. Because of this, Turkey develops a methodology of counterterrorism. The counterterrorism of Turkey may have a positive effect on its security. But politics, economics, and academics should be considered by Turkey.

Communism is important for the PKK (Kurdistan Workers’ Party). PKK (Kurdistan Workers’ Party) wants support from people. In this way, the PKK can affect while terrorists activating. Because of this, the PKK (Kurdistan Workers’ Party) says their ideology. According to the PKK (Kurdistan Workers’ Party), they have the ideology of Marxism. But, the ideology (communism) of the PKK (Kurdistan Workers’ Party) has changed since the 1990s. Because Soviet Socialist Republic Union rose to the dusty shelves of history. Because of this, the communist ideology discredits by PKK (Kurdistan Workers’ Party) sympathizers. In addition, the PKK (Kurdistan Workers’

Party) needs a new ideology; they want to be a Kurdish nationalist ideology. For this reason, the PKK (Kurdistan Workers’ Party) removes sickle-hammer on their flag. Today, “a star” is a symbol on the PKK’s flag. (Karabulut, 2014: 112).

Ideological briefing of the PKK (Kurdistan Workers’ Party), they want to social and economic rights of Kurdish people from Turkey. But the PKK (Kurdistan Workers’ Party) can attack terror in Anatolia since 1980. In addition, a lot of Kurdish people die because of the PKK (Kurdistan Workers’ Party) terrorist activity. For example, more than 100 thousand Kurdish people died because of the PKK (Kurdistan Workers’ Party) activity between 1980 and 2020. Also, Turkey loses 240 billion dollars because of the PKK (Kurdistan Workers’ Party) activity in Turkey. For example, the PKK (Kurdistan Workers’ Party) destroys schools, hospitals, etc. in the southeast and east Anatolia (Sayan,2020)

PKK (Kurdistan Workers’ Party) want to have autonomous regions Diyarbakir. The PKK (Kurdistan Workers’ Party) terror organization digs a hole in Diyarbakir in August 2015. In this way, the PKK (Kurdistan Workers’ Party) terror organization could battle with the Turkish army in Diyarbakir. This battle methodology is guerilla tactics for the PKK (Kurdistan Workers’ Party). 314 civilians died in Diyarbakir because of the PKK (Kurdistan Workers’ Party) terrorism activity in 2015. In addition, 145 thousand immigrated to other areas (Küçük, 2019: 363).

Table.1. Property Damage Because of PKK Terror Organization Activities In Diyarbakir At 2016

Total	Type
105	Workplace
1778	House
4	Public Building

Source: Hurriyet, “Trench barricade balance sheet: 451,117 victims” Release Date: 07.03.2016 <https://www.hurriyet.com.tr/gundem/hendek-barikat-bilancosu-451-117-magdur-40127335> Date of Access: 11.29.2020.

Turkey develops new buildings, workplaces, houses, and public buildings in Diyarbakir. For this, Turkey decided to expropriate many areas in Diyarbakir who builds a fast new building. This reason is that billion dollars cost for Turkey (Union of Turkish Engineers and Architects Chambers Report, 2019: 27-18-19).

People from Turkey are exposed to terror activity because of the PKK terror organization. For example, the PKK (Kurdistan Workers’ Party) cause material damage to Turkey. Everybody can be a target for the PKK (Kurdistan Workers’ Party), they kill a baby named Bedirhan on 31 July 2018 while attacking a bomb. In addition, The Report on Trafficking in Persons published by the United States of America in 2015 high point that the children get together the PKK (Kurdistan Workers’ Party). Also, Kurdish children were kidnapped by the PKK (Kurdistan Workers’ Party). Children under 18 ages may be terrorists with the PKK (Kurdistan Workers’ Party) (T.C. Ministry of Interior,2017: 22-23).

Table 2. The Range of Ages of the Terrorists Having Joined The STO

Age of Participation	Number of Participation	The rate in comparison with the Overall %
10 and under	15	0.13
11	6	0.05
12	17	0.15
13	52	0.47
14	162	1.46
15	352	3.16
16	697	6.26
17	993	8.92
Under age 18	2.294	20.60

Source:T.C. Ministry of Interior, "Exploitation of Children and Women by PKK/KCK Terrorist Organization Report", 2017, Ankara, P.23

Children under age 15 are reported to have been involved in conflicts and deployed at checkpoints or used for cleaning and preparing the ammunitions (T.C. Ministry of Interior, 2017:11).

The PKK Terror Organizations In Iraq

The PKK (Kurdistan Workers' Party) terror organization activities in Iraq for a long time. Because the security of the Baghdad Administration is not effective in northern Iraq. The Baghdad Administration wants to be a sovereign state in the international area, but many terror organizations live in Iraq. Because of this, according to academics, Iraq is not a sovereign state (Dalar: 2015: 3-4-5).

According to Iraq old prime minister el-Abadi the PKK (Kurdistan Workers' Party) gives donations from Kurdish people are living in Europe. Whereas the PKK (Kurdistan Workers' Party) earns money from Kurdish people in Iraq while racketeering.

In this way, the PKK's revenues increased (Ali and Aso,2018).

The PKK's Drug Traffic In Iraq

A lot country knows nationalist organizations to the PKK organizations like Provisional Irish Republican Army, but the PKK terror organization has complex organizations more than terror groups. For instance, drug trafficking in Europe, but cooperating with the traditional Kurdish criminal networks already there, sought to drive them out of the market and replace them because this, the PKK and Kurdish criminal organizations was characterized not by cooperation but by a series of turf wars (Williams and Brown, 2012: 25-30).

The PKK (Kurdistan Workers' Party) earns billions of dollars through drug traffic. According to EU Drug Markets Report, The Kurdistan Workers' Party separatist movement is involved in criminal activities in the EU, from which it is estimated to gather annual proceeds of around EUR 20 million, besides that, the PKK (Kurdistan Workers' Party), along with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), is one of only a few organizations worldwide designated by the U.S. government as both a terrorist organization and a significant foreign narcotics trafficker (EUROPOL, 2013: 120; Freedman and Levitt. M.,2009).

The Kirkuk Police Drug Head of Struggle Branch Colonel Nevzad Salahaddin, the PKK (Kurdistan Workers' Party) sells drugs and smoking drugs in Kirkuk. The PKK (Kurdistan Workers' Party) supplies drugs in Baghdad and after selling them to other cities in Iraq. Children fewer than 18 ages can addict to drugs because of the PKK. In addition, the quantity of heroin seized in Turkey every year across Europe is approximate twice the total amount of heroin seized. This number corresponds to 20% of the heroin seized worldwide, because of this, ranked among the financial resources of the PKK (Kurdistan Workers' Party) terrorist organization area drug trade became the second major source of income, after income from funds (Karabulut, 2014:135).

The PKK (Kurdistan Workers' Party) generates revenue of 1.5 billion dollars a year while selling drugs. For example, the PKK (Kurdistan Workers' Party) generates revenue while drug production and transit transport in Iraq, in addition, the PKK (Kurdistan Workers' Party) terrorist organization can find raw materials of drugs Taliban in Afghanistan. Also, Mafia from Italy can teach how to make drugs to the PKK (Kurdistan Workers' Party). Because of this, the Italy administration canscounter terrorism for the PKK (Kurdistan Workers' Party) (Karabulut, 2014: 133-134; Üstün, 2010:71; AA,2018).

The PKK terror organization drug trafficking only 21 st centuries, they drug trafficking in 1995. In addition, PKK earned German frank of 56 billion while selling the drug; also, it was linked to 23 of the 41 narcotics operations organized by the police in 1992. In 2005, the PKK had 25% of the drug market in Europe (Demir, 2017: 296).

The PKK (Kurdistan Workers' Party) wants to have Talafar and Sinjar cities because Talafar and Sinjar are significant to drug transit for the PKK (Kurdistan Workers' Party).

If the PKK (Kurdistan Workers' Party) can control Talafar and Sinjar cities, they can connect with PYD in Syria, also Talafar and Sinjar cities on bridge duty between Iran and Syria for drug transit (alkhaleejonline.net, 2017).

The PKK (Kurdistan Workers' Party) terror organization finds drug material in Afghanistan that can transit from Afghanistan to north Iran in Iraq. Furthermore, they transport transit drugs from Turkey to Europe. The PKK (Kurdistan Workers' Party) earns billions of dollars from drugs in Europe. The PKK (Kurdistan Workers' Party) can change illegal money to legal money thanks to the PKK (Kurdistan Workers' Party) terrorist organization member's businessmen. The autonomous administration of Erbil and Baghdad Administration sign an agreement their security forces to remove the PKK (Kurdistan Workers' Party) out of Sinjar. In this way, Erbil and Baghdad administrations can control the PKK (Kurdistan Workers' Party) (Bayrakli, Yalçın and Yeşiltaş, 2019: 17-18).

Iraq's leading news agency, using drugs number of young people from Iraq is increasing every year. According to Dhi Qar Governorship Training and Security Services Directorate, drug fields are near Erbil, drug factories are in Baghdad. In addition, statements of deputy Faiq Şeyh Ali from Iraq, there are poppy farms in the south of Iraq (Al-Aqili, 2019).

Iran is important for the PKK can drug medicine. The PKK transfers illegally medicine from Iran's border to Iraq. Iraq Administration captured 100 tons of illegal

medicine in Iraq. In addition, Iraq Military Intelligence Directorate captured 7 billion dollars of drug in Iraq in 2020 (Karkhi, 2020).

According to the Central Intelligence Agency of the USA, the PKK is substantial, a terror group in Iraq. Also, Armenian terrorists groups are working with the PKK terror organization in Iraq. Explanation to the Central Intelligence Agency of the USA, Syria is an important government for drug traffic, the CIA's explanation is important because the PKK terror organization has been living in Syria. Besides, the PKK diffuses in Syria because of the civil war. By this way, the PKK can easily drug transfer in the Europe (2006), 2012: 3-4-5).

-How does narcotics diffuse in Iraq?- According to Anmar Nizar, narcotic has diffused in Iraq since 2003 because the USA army attacked in Iraq in 2003 because of this, young people from Iraq found economic crisis and they do not have a job. By this way, young people from Iraq turn to drug use. In addition, Drug production and trade have become more organized in Iraq. Statement of Anmar Nizar, terror organizations encourages drug to young people (Nizar, 2017).

In Iraq, according to the description Faik El Seyh Ali of Member of Parliament opium production increased, in the continuation of the statement, there are facilities producing drugs worth 1 million dollars outside of Erbil (Bassem,; 2016). Ideology of The PKK terror organization is communism but it is a steely approach, because if sympathizers do not sell drug in Iraq, Turkey and other countries so they are killed by the PKK terror organizations. In addition, the PKK terror organizations make threat and blackmail to Kurdish people for does not produce drugs in Iraq. According to Professor Mehmet Sahin, the PKK terror organization killed 25 thousand Kurdish young people. So we should understand about ideology of the PKK terror organization and drugs financial system of the PKK in Iraq, the PKK terror organization are without ideology (AA, 2018).

In 12.20.2021, Iraq Police Office made secret operation to produce drugs in Baghdad, Basra, Diyala, and other cities. 16 kilograms of crystals (drugs), 8 kilograms of marijuana, 8 thousand Captagon pills are captured a operation in Iraq by Iraq Special Teams. 50 Percent of young people from Iraq can addict drugs in the next 10 years (Iraq Ministry of Justice, 2017: 10-25).

Finally

The PKK organization is a very big problem for the region and globally. Many countries are living with terror attacks by the PKK. By this way, the PKK can find terrorists while terror attacks in many countries. But finance is important for terror attacks, because of this, the PKK focuses on illegal finance material.

The PKK terror organization is making or drug traffic from the Middle East to Europe. Afghanistan is important to produce drugs, and Europe is important to sell drugs for the PKK. The PKK has a sophisticated and complicated organization. Erbil and Baghdad state cannot counter-terror against the PKK, because of this; the PKK has drug fields in Iraq.

The PKK earn a billion dollars while selling drug in Europe, by this way, the PKK earn money and they kill innocent citizens in Iraq and Turkey.

Finally, countries should counter-terror at a high level, and they should increase cooperation for counter-terrorism and counter drug. Global counter-terror cooperation should have a high budget and right of operation in other countries for drug traffic.

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