**THE WAR ON NARCO-TERROR** **AND THE ROLE AND IMPORTANCE OF POLICE TRAINING IN COMBATING THE THREAT OF NARCO-TERRORIZM**

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**Abstract**

The concept of narco-terrorism originates from an understanding that the two phenomena of narcotics trafficking and terrorism are interconnected and subsequently that a coordination of anti-drug and anti-terror policy can be used, and is necessary, to effectively deal with both threats. As a result, the confluence of the war on terror with the war on drugs has culminated in the war on Narco-Terror.

The first aim of this article is to analyse the phenomena of narco-terrorism and the practical measures utilised to counter this threat. In this respect the article will outline the similarities and dissimilarities of narcotics trafficking and terrorism in order to provide a more nuanced perspective on the concept of narco-terrorism. The second aim of this article is to analyse the narco-terrorist organizations, such as the PKK/KCK, FETÖ/PYD, DHKP/C and TKP-ML, which operates in Turkey, Middle East and Europe. The third aim of this article is to evaluate the role and importance of police training in combating the threat of narco-terrorism. In the last part of the article existing flaws in governmental policies against narco-terrorizm is discussed and recommendations, one of them is a new police training model in combating the threat of narco-terrorizm, are presented for policy makers.

**Keywords:** Narco-terrorism, Narcotics trafficking, Terrorism, War on terror, War on drugs, PKK/KCK, FETÖ/PYD, DHKP/C and TKP-ML, Police Training in Combatting Narco-Terrorizm.

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