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Aka DHKP/C; Dev Sol; Dev Sol Armed Revolutionary Units; *Dev Sol Silahlı Devrimci Birlikleri*; *Dev Sol SDB*; *Devrimci Halk Kurtulus Partisi-Cephesi*; *Devrimci Sol*; Revolutionary Left.

Description: The Revolutionary People's Liberation Party/Front (DHKP/C) was designated as an FTO on October 8, 1997. DHKP/C formed in 1978 as *Devrimci Sol*, or *Dev Sol*, a splinter faction of *Dev Genc* (Revolutionary Youth). It was renamed in 1994 after factional infighting. "Party" refers to the group's political activities, and "Front" alludes to the group's militant operations. The group advocates a Marxist-Leninist ideology and opposes the United States, NATO, and the Turkish establishment. It strives to establish a socialist state and to abolish Turkish prisons.

Activities: Since the late 1980s the group primarily has targeted current and retired Turkish security and military officials. In 1990 the group began conducting attacks against foreign interests, including U.S. military and diplomatic personnel and facilities. DHKP/C murdered two U.S. military contractors, wounded a U.S. Air Force officer, and bombed more than 20 U.S. and NATO military, diplomatic, commercial, and cultural facilities. In 2001, DHKP/C began conducting its first suicide bombing attacks against Turkish police. Since the end of 2001, DHKP/C has typically used IEDs against official Turkish and U.S. targets.

In 2015, DHKP/C claimed responsibility for a suicide bombing that killed one police officer and wounded another. That year, Turkish prosecutor Mehmet Selim Kiraz was taken hostage and died from multiple gunshot wounds inflicted by DHKP/C after police attempted to rescue

him. Also that year, two women opened fire on the U.S. Consulate General in Istanbul; one woman was identified as a DHKP/C member. In mid-2019, two individuals linked to DHKP/C were arrested by Turkish security forces after they had entered the Turkish Parliament and taken a staff member hostage. There have been no known attacks by DHKP/C since mid-2019.

In May, German police arrested three senior members of DHKP/C for organizing the group's propaganda, recruitment, and funding activities across Germany, and are believed to have supplied fake passports to DHKP/C members. In November, Turkish security forces arrested Gülten Matur, the DHKP/C leader responsible for Türkiye.

Strength: DHKP/C is estimated to have several dozen members inside Türkiye, with a support network throughout Europe.

Location/Area of Operation: Türkiye and Europe.

Funding and External Aid: DHKP/C finances its activities chiefly through donations and extortion. The group raises funds primarily in Europe.

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