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ALERT:

**POSSIBLE UAV “RAMMING ATTACK” AGAINST TURKISH
MILITARY HELICOPTER**

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SUMMARY

☉ February 11, 2019 - *Four soldiers killed in helicopter crash in Istanbul: city governor* – Reuters

- “Four soldiers were killed when a military helicopter crashed in a residential neighborhood on the Asian side of Istanbul on Monday, the governor of Turkey’s biggest city said.”
- “There were no civilian injuries or casualties, Yerlikaya told reporters, adding that the cause of the crash was not yet known.”

☉ March 25, 2019 - *‘Vengeance Teams’ claim the action against Turkish soldiers* – ANF News

- “a group calling themselves “Martyr Çiyager and Martyr Zeryan Vengeance Teams” announced that their units downed the helicopter that crashed in the Cekmekoy Kirazli neighborhood of Istanbul on February 11.”
- “In their statement released on 13 March, the group said; “The helicopter was downed with an RC model drone, which was guided to fly into the propellers.”
- (full article on slide 4)

KEY POINTS

- There have been no other reports to corroborate the claim by this group.
- The last couple seconds of it “falling” to the ground were captured on CCTV video. This indicates that it was not flying “nap of the earth”. Also, its position over a residential area indicates it was likely not hovering.
- In the likely flight regime of the helicopter it would be difficult for a UAV/drone to ram it. That being said, the rapid fall to Earth indicates a catastrophic failure which could support an attack ramming the propellers.
- This is the first time an intentional ramming attack of an aircraft by an unmanned aerial vehicle has been claimed.
- The group making the claim appears to be a subset of the PKK. It is unknown why the main PKK body is not making the claim.
- I am skeptical that the ‘ramming attack’ occurred, but the claim indicates the idea and interest. This idea could be pick-up by or thought of independently by other terrorist groups.

'VENGEANCE TEAMS' CLAIM THE ACTION AGAINST TURKISH SOLDIERS – ANF NEWS

'Vengeance Teams' claim the action against Turkish soldiers

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What the Turkish media claimed to be an accident turned out to be a sabotage action in Silopi, Şırnak.

A group calling themselves "Martyr Islam Gever and Martyr Ronahi Vengeance Teams" has announced having carried out a sabotage action against a Turkish military vehicle in the countryside of Şırnak province at 10 am on 24 March.

The Vengeance Teams stated that as a result of the sabotage action which targeted the Turkish military vehicle as it headed towards the Ercüment Barracks, at least 2 soldiers were killed and some 20 others were wounded.

As part of its campaign to distort the truths in the war between the Turkish army and the PKK, the Turkish media reported the incident as an accident, claiming that one soldier had died and 20 had been wounded.

On the other hand, Martyr Sorxwin Roboski Vengeance Unit has announced having set fire to two cars belonging to AKP people in Esenyurt district of Istanbul on 18 March.

While the Turkish state had similarly reported the crash of a Turkish helicopter in Çekmeköy, Istanbul as an "accident", a group calling themselves "Martyr Çiyager and Martyr Zeryan Vengeance Teams" announced that their units downed the helicopter that crashed in the Cekmekoy Kirazli neighborhood of Istanbul on February 11.

In their statement released on 13 March, the group said; ""The helicopter was downed with an RC model drone, which was guided to fly into the propellers. Two captains and two officers were killed in the action, which was carried out to support the hunger strikes and to protest against the isolation imposed upon Leader Apo [Öcalan]."

Turkish state authorities claimed that the helicopter had crashed in an accident and announced that the Pilot Captain Umit Ozer, Captain Semih Ozcan, Officer Sergeant Major Ilyas kaya and Officer Staff Sergeant Yakup Avsar had died in the crash.