



# TURKISH GENERAL STAFF

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Due to the mines laid along the border zones by Turkey in the late 50's, which had been marked and fenced according to the international norms, the casualty level caused by such mines have been minimal. However, mines and booby traps which were laid by the KADEK (PKK) terrorist group are aimed at inflicting losses to the Security Forces and intimidating the civilian population.

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The Turkish armed forces, fighting against the terrorists, have seen that the KADEK/PKK mainly lays mines around areas which are of strategic importance to them. And through their activity KADEK/PKK terrorist group continues to death and injury in the region.

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**Between 1993-2003, 299 members of the Armed Forces and 289 civilians died due to anti-personnel landmines. For the same period 793 civilians and 1,524 members of the Armed Forces were maimed because of landmines.**

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**Turkey emphasizes the importance, which it attaches to the global and regional peace, by ratifying the Ottawa Convention, and presents a model for its neighbors, which are not a party to the Convention.**

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**The TAF Rehabilitation and Care Centre, which was inaugurated in 2000, was built by the TAF Solidarity Foundation at world standards with the capacity of handling 300 patients. People harmed by the mines, including the civilians are treated in this Centre.**

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**1005 soldiers and 96 civilians have been treated and returned to normal life by using 10 different prostheses, so far. I would like you to see the five minutes film on the TAF Rehabilitation and Care Centre.**





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