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2 senior FETÖ figures brought to Turkey after intelligence operations in Azerbaijan, Ukraine

Два учасники угрупування FETÖ були привезені до Туреччини після проведення розвідувальних операцій в Азербайджані, Україні

У результаті проведення операцій Національною розвідувальною організацією (MIT) в Азербайджані та Україні, були затримані два громадянина Туреччини, підозрювані в участі у бойових терористичних операціях. Зокрема, Іса Оздемір був схоплений в Азербайджані, а підозрюваний Саліх Зекі Йгіт був доставлений до Туреччини після операції в Україні.

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Two senior Gülenist Terror Group (FETÖ) figures have been captured and brought to Turkey after operations conducted by the National Intelligence Organization (MIT) in Azerbaijan and Ukraine, security sources said Thursday.

According to the sources, suspect Isa Özdemir was caught in Azerbaijan, while suspect Salih Zeki Yiğit was brought to Turkey after an operation in Ukraine.

Both were sought with an arrest warrant for "being member of an armed terrorist group," a charge that carries a sentence of at least 10 years in prison.

Özdemir was reportedly responsible for the terror group's finances in Azerbaijan, managing a shell company in the construction sector. He was also known as FETÖ's "Azerbaijan safe box."

Yiğit, on the hand, had close contacts with FETÖ-linked businessmen residing in southern Turkey's Mersin province. He was responsible for collecting funds to be transferred to the terror group's headquarters in Pennsylvania and its schools mainly located in Africa. He fled Turkey after an arrest warrant was issued in the aftermath of the 2016 coup attempt.

Turkey's intelligence agency has so far brought back at least 80 members of FETÖ from 18 countries in a global manhunt.

Both before and after the 2016 coup attempt, hundreds of FETÖ members fled abroad. Ankara now seeks greater cooperation from the international community to bring them to justice. A joint operation between Kosovar security services and Turkey's MIT recently resulted in the arrest and deportation of six senior FETÖ members, who were visiting Kosovo at the time of the operation.

FETÖ, run by U.S.-based Fetullah Gülen, orchestrated the July 15, 2016 coup attempt that killed 250 people. The terrorist groups runs a global network of schools and companies.

It has long disguised itself as a charity organization with religious affiliations before attempting to seize power in Turkey in 2013. FETÖ suspects mostly live in the U.S., Germany, Canada and the U.K. A majority of Turkey's allies in Africa and Asia have shut down FETÖ-linked schools and have already extradited wanted suspects.