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Turkey's fight against terrorism is an issue that has a long history and goes back to before the problem emerged as a global one after the 9/11 terror attacks. Turkey's struggle with terrorism began in the 1960s, with extreme left/right-wing political movements, internationalized when ASALA (Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia) started to target Turkish diplomats outside the country in the 1970s.[1] Later on, with the emergence of the PKK (Kurdistan Workers' Party) in 1978, and with its attacks on Turkish security forces and civilians since 1984, terrorism became a huge domestic problem with international connections. As for the recent wave of global terrorism in the 21st century, Turkey became the target of both al-Qaida and ISIL (Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant) terror attacks.

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