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Ali Yeşilirmak (Vice President, Ibn Haldun University)
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11:15 – 12:30 Keynote Speaker/Ana Konuşmacılar ÖM 2-24 Hyflex Class 09
Vasa Laszlo (Hungarian Institute of International Affairs) - Middle Corridor: Force of the Integration of Central Eurasian Countries
Raushan Abylkasymova (Central Asia Barometer) - United Central Asia: Obstacles, Opportunities, Prospects

13:00 Lunch/Öğle Yemeği

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Gabit Zhumatay (Narxoz University) - War in Ukraine and Its Impact on Central Asia: Neocolonial and Neo-Imperial Discourses
Jakub Korejba (AVİM Center) - Central-Eastern Europe after the War in Ukraine: Modifications in Sub-regional Order and Its Interdependence with Eurasian Trends
Kamer Kasım (Bolu Abant İzzet Baysal University) - Policy of the People's Republic of China towards the Russia-Ukraine War

14:00 – 15:30
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Nigora Khodzhamberdieva (Uludağ University) - Ukraine and Kosovo: Double Standards through A Realist Lens

14:00 – 15:30
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Chair: Sümeyye Kaya Uyar
Ozhet A. Shegirbayev (Informational and Analytical Department of the Senate of the Republic of Kazakhstan) - Kazakhstan-Turkish Trade-Economic Cooperation at the Current Stage
Sümeyye Kaya Uyar – Mustafa Yıldırım (İbn Haldun University) - Profiling VoMa: Assessing the Threat of an Armenian Paramilitary Group to the Region
Ehteshamul Haque (Ankara Yildirim Beyazit University) - Armenia-India Military Engagement and Potential Implications for Türkiye-Azerbaijan-Pakistan Trilateralism
Eldaniz Gusseinov (Heydar Aliyev Center for Eurasian Studies) - Strategic Diplomacy and Regional Interplay: Kazakhstan's Role as an Active Architect in Eurasian Geopolitics
15:30 – 15:45 Coffee Break / Kahve Arası

15:45 – 17:15
Panel B1 - Education in Eurasia ÖM 2-24 Hyflex Class 09
Chair: Yunus Emre Gürbüz

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Yunus Emre Gürbüz (Kyrgyzstan-Türkiye Manas University) - Educating Young Generations in Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan: Can We Talk about Decolonization?

Suat Beylur (Ahmet Yesevi Üniversitesi) Common Higher Education Space in Turkic States:
Current Situation and Future Prospects

Ablimit Baki Elterish (University of Manchester) - Shaping the Identity of Uyghur Children through Education

Dinara Kozhabekova (L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University) - Internationalization of Higher Education: The Kazakh Context

15:45 – 17:15

Panel B2 – Türkiye'nin Yakın Komşuları İle İlişkileri ve Avrupa Birliği

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Chair: Burulkan Pala

Burulkan Pala (Kırşehir Ahi Evran Üniversitesi) - Türkiye ve Macaristan'ın Avrupa Birliği-Türk Devletleri Teşkilatı İşbirliğindeki Önemi

Aygün Turan (Bursa Uludağ Üniversitesi) - II. Karabağ Savaşı Ek-seninde Türkiye-İran İlişkileri ve Avrasya Coğrafyasına Yansımaları

Tuba Çebi (Ankara Üniversitesi) -Avrupa Birliği'nin Genişleme Politikaları Bağlamında Gürcistan'ın Adaylık Statüsü

Mehmet Çakran (Bursa Uludağ Üniversitesi) - Avrasya'nın Kalbinde Türk Dış Politikası: Şuşa Beyannamesi ve Bölgesel Etkileri

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Ana Yousefian (Center for Middle East Strategic Studies) - Digital Transformation and the Opportunity to Move from Regionalism to Open Regionalism in Eurasia
Olga Zalesskaya (Blagoveschensk State Pedagogical University) -The Role of Chinese Entrepreneurship in the Development of Russian-Chinese Border Ties in the Context of Global Regionalism
Orkhan Valiyev (Khazar University) - Rethinking Politics of Nationalism and Rewriting History in the Post-Conflict Azerbaijan
Yaşar Sarı (Ibn Haldun University) - Re-Defining and De-Colonizing Idea of Eurasianism in IR

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Chair: Chountagi Bekir
Marek Stych (University of the National Education Commission in Krakow, Poland) To vaccinate or not to vaccinate children? (Pre-COVID-19 and Post-COVID-19 periods)The Case of Poland
İbrahim Akkuç (İbn Haldun University) - The Emerge of China and Its Impact on the Middle East in the First Quarter of the 21st Century: Turkey, Saudi Arabia, and Iran's Cases
Mohammad Hossain (İbn Haldun University) - Disease and Health in Eurasian Societies: a Case Study of Early Cholera Pandemics (1817-1860)
Perihan Ünal (Ankara Üniversitesi) - AGİT Minsk Grubu'nun Azerbaycan-Ermenistan Krizindeki İşlevi
Chountagi Bekir (İbn Haldun University) - Geopolitical Orientations of the Balkans in the Light of the Ukraine-Russia War
Bella Bekova (L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University) - Prospects for Turkey's Membership in the European Union: Pro and Contra
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22 May/Mayıs 2024

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Dilfuza Turaeva - Amir Mohammad Esmaeili (One Belt One Road Research Centre, Hongkong Chu Hai College of Higher Education, China School of International Relations and Public Affairs) - Economic Infrastructure and Regional Integration in Central Asia: An Analysis within the SCO Framework
Zhanibek Arynov (Nazarbayev University) - Illegitimate and Unpopular? Perceptions of the Eurasian Economic Union among the Armenian, Kazakh, and Kyrgyz Publics
Firdavs Kobilov (University of Glasgow) - Uzbekistan's Regional Foreign Policy after the Leadership Change
Nilufar Akdodova (Tajik State University of Finance and Economics) - Influence of Globalization on the Business culture of Tajikistan

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Orhan Karaoğlu (Türkiye Cumhuriyeti Cumhurbaşkanlığı) - Türk Devletleri Teşkilatı'nın Jeopolitik Önemi
İshak Turan (Yalova Üniversitesi) - Avrasya'da Değişen Dengeler Doğrultusunda Çin-Rus İşbirliğinin ve Rekabetinin Yeniden Değerlendirilmesi
Mehmet Gökhan Özçubukçu (Bakü Devlet Üniversitesi) - 21. Yüzyılda Avrasya'nın Stratejik Önemi Bağlamında Zengezur Koridoru

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Stephen Siu On Kay (Ibn Haldun University) The Ecological Crisis and the Global Political Economy
Evgenii Gamerman (Institute for Comprehensive Analysis of Regional Problems of the Far Eastern Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences) Energy Security in Northeast Asia at The Present Stage (In the Context of a New Cold War)
Najiba Mustafayeva (Ibn Haldun University) - Human Rights in Climate Change Governance
Seyit A. Avcu (Ankara Yıldırım Beyazıt University) - Globalization and Development in Central Asia: A Comparative Analysis of Five Central Asian Countries
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Profiling VoMa: Assessing the Threat of an Armenian Paramilitary Group to the Region

Sümeyye Kaya UYAR*

Mustafa YILDIRIM**

This paper undertakes a comprehensive analysis of the paramilitary entity known as VoMa in Armenia, emerging as a novel threat and presenting challenges to regional stability. Despite its lack of scholarly attention, the group's potential regional implications for Azerbaijan and Türkiye necessitate focused examination. This research aims to shed light on VoMa's inter-group relations, foreign supporters and reported military activities to discern potential ramifications for regional security. Commencing with a comprehensive examination of VoMa's inter-group relations and external supporters, the study explores the latent threat posed by the group, which could significantly shape its trajectory and impact.

The paper delves into VoMa's reported military activities, as acknowledged by the Republic of Azerbaijan, to highlight any underreported incidents or trends that might hold implications for regional stability. By reassessing the threat posed by VoMa, this research seeks to address potential gaps in understanding and contribute to a more comprehensive appraisal of the group's regional significance. This

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paper serves as a timely reminder of the importance of scrutinizing emerging threats that may have been overshadowed by more prominent issues within academic studies. By drawing attention to the VoMa paramilitary group, the research aims to encourage a reevaluation of regional security priorities and foster a proactive approach to addressing potential challenges posed by this entity. Furthermore, the study provides an in-depth analysis of news coverage of VoMa available in the LexisNexis database. Through a meticulous examination of news reports, VoMa's website, and official statements from the Republic of Azerbaijan, the research seeks to provide a nuanced assessment of the tactical and strategic aspects of VoMa's operations and their impact on the security dynamics of the region.

Keywords: Non-state armed groups, paramilitary groups, early warning