MEMORANDUM FOR: SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
COMMANDERS OF THE COMBATANT COMMANDS
DIRECTORS OF THE DEFENSE AGENCIES
DIRECTORS OF THE DOD FIELD ACTIVITIES

SUBJECT: Ordered Departure – Adana, Izmir, and Mugla, Turkey

The Department of State (DOS) has approved an ordered departure from Adana, Izmir Province, and Mugla Province, Turkey, and designated the United States as the safe haven for DOS-eligible family members (EFMs). The Department of Defense (DoD) has approved the ordered departure of DoD eligible family members (EFMs) from the Adana, Turkey, area, including Incirlik Air Base, as well as from Izmir and Mugla provinces. For DoD EFMs, the safe haven has been designated as the United States (anywhere in the 50 United States or the District of Columbia). I will consider other alternate safe haven requests on a case-by-case basis.

Stop Forward Movement: U.S. Government-funded travel to the Adana (including Incirlik Air Base), Izmir, and Mugla, Turkey, areas for all DoD dependents of Service members and civilian employees, and for all non-emergency personnel is suspended. The ordered departure will remain in effect until terminated by DOS, and the stop forward movement will remain in effect until terminated by my office.

EFMs of DoD military personnel will be processed for safe haven allowances in accordance with Joint Travel Regulations (JTR), Chapter 6, Part A1. DoD civilian employees and their EFMs will be processed for allowances in accordance with JTR, Chapter 6, Part B. It is highly possible that the stop forward movement will be extended beyond the prescribed tour lengths of EFMs’ sponsors. As such, sponsors should consider that their EFMs may not return to Turkey and should consider their future permanent duty station when selecting their EFMs’ safe haven location. Sponsors may be required to select a designated place (for EFMs of DoD Service members) or final safe haven (for EFMs of DoD civilian employees) in the near future.

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