



## ELECTION DRIVEN WAR PLANS – I

### PART 1

Ahmet Davutoğlu:

“Prime Minister said that in current conjuncture, this attack (on Suleiman Shah Tomb) must be seen

as an opportunity for us.”

Hakan Fidan:

“I’ll send 4 men from Syria, if that’s what it takes. I’ll make up a cause of war by ordering a missile

attack on Turkey; we can also prepare an attack on Suleiman Shah Tomb if necessary.”

Feridun Sinirlioğlu:

“Our national security has become a common, cheap domestic policy outfit.”

Yaşar Güler:

“It’s a direct cause of war. I mean, what’re going to do is a direct cause of war.”

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### FIRST SCREEN:

Ahmet Davutoğlu: I couldn’t entirely understand the other thing; what exactly does our foreign ministry supposed to do? No, I’m not talking about the thing. There are other things we’re supposed

to do. If we decide on this, we are to notify the United Nations, the Istanbul Consulate of the Syrian

regime, right?

Feridun Sinirlioğlu: But if we decide on an operation in there, it should create a shocking effect. I

mean, if we are going to do so. I don’t know what we’re going to do, but regardless of what we decide, I don’t think it’d be appropriate to notify anyone beforehand.

Ahmet Davutoğlu: OK, but we’re gonna have to prepare somehow. To avoid any shorts on regarding

international law. I just realized when I was talking to the president (Abdullah Gül), if the Turkish

tanks go in there, it means we’re in there in any case, right?

Yaşar Güler: It means we’re in, yes.

Ahmet Davutoğlu: Yeah, but there’s a difference between going in with aircraft and going in with

tanks...

### SECOND SCREEN:

Yaşar Güler: Maybe we can tell the Syrian consulate general that, ISIL is currently working alongside

the regime, and that place is Turkish land. We should definitely...

Ahmet Davutoğlu: But we have already said that, sent them several diplomatic notes.

Yaşar Güler: To Syria... Feridun Sinirlioğlu: That's right.

Ahmet Davutoğlu: Yes, we've sent them countless times. Therefore, I'd like to know what our Chief

of Staff's expectations from our ministry.

Yaşar Güler: Maybe his intent was to say that, I don't really know, he met with Mr. Fidan.

Hakan Fidan: Well, he did mention that part but we didn't go into any further details.

Yaşar Güler: Maybe that was what he meant... A diplomatic note to Syria?

Hakan Fidan: Maybe the Foreign Ministry is assigned with coordination...

THIRD SCREEN:

Ahmet Davutoğlu: I mean, I could coordinate the diplomacy but civil war, the military...

Feridun Sinirlioğlu: That's what I told back there. For one thing, the situation is different. An operation on ISIL has solid ground on international law. We're going to portray this is Al-Qaeda,

there's no distress there if it's a matter regarding Al-Qaeda. And if it comes to defending Suleiman

Shah Tomb, that's a matter of protecting our land.

Yaşar Güler: We don't have any problems with that.

Hakan Fidan: Second after it happens, it'll cause a great internal commotion (several bombing events

is bound to happen within). The border is not under control...

Feridun Sinirlioğlu: I mean, yes, the bombings are of course going to happen. But I remember our

talk from 3 years ago...

Yaşar Güler: Mr. Fidan should urgently receive back-up and we need to help him supply guns and

ammo to rebels. We need to speak with the minister. Our Interior Minister, our Defense Minister.

We need to talk about this and reach a resolution sir.

Ahmet Davutoğlu: How did we get specials forces into action when there was a threat in Northern

Iraq? We should have done so in there, too. We should have trained those men. We should have sent

men. Anyway, we can't do that, we can only do what diplomacy...

Feridun Sinirlioğlu: I told you back then, for God's sake, general, you know how we managed to get

those tanks in, you were there.

Yaşar Güler: What, you mean our stuff?

Feridun Sinirlioğlu: Yes, how do you think we've managed to rally our tanks into Iraq? How? How did  
manage to get special forces, the battalions in? I was involved in that. Let me be clear, there  
was no  
government decision on that, we have managed that just with a single order.

FOURTH SCREEN:

Yaşar Güler: Well, I agree with you. For one thing, we're not even discussing that. But there  
are  
different things that Syria can do right now.

Ahmet Davutoğlu: General, the reason we're saying no this operation is because we know  
about the  
capacity of those men.

Yaşar Güler: Look, sir, isn't MKE (Mechanical and Chemical Industry Corporation) at minister's  
bidding? Sir, I mean, Qatar is looking for ammo to buy in cash. Ready cash. So, why don't  
they just  
get it done? It's at Mr. Minister's command.

Ahmet Davutoğlu: But there's the spot we can't act integratedly, we can't coordinate.

Yaşar Güler: Then, our Prime Minister can summon both Mr. Defence Minister and Mr.  
Minister at  
the same time. Then he can directly talk to them.

Ahmet Davutoğlu: We, Mr. Siniroğlu and I, have literally begged Mr. Prime Minister for a private  
meeting, we said that things were not looking so bright.

FIFTH SCREEN:

Yaşar Güler: Also, it doesn't have to be crowded meeting. Yourself, Mr. Defence Minister, Mr.  
Interior Minister and our Chief of Staff, the four of you are enough. There's no need for a  
crowd.

Because, sir, the main need there is guns and ammo. Not even guns, mainly ammo. We've  
just talked  
about this, sir. Let's say we're building an army down there, 1000 strong. If we get them into  
that war  
without previously storing a minimum of 6-months' worth of ammo, these men will return to us  
after  
two months.

Ahmet Davutoğlu: They're back already.

Yaşar Güler: They'll return to us, sir.

Ahmet Davutoğlu: They've come back from... What was it? Çobanbey.

Yaşar Güler: Yes, indeed, sir. This matter can't be just a burden on Mr. Fidan's shoulders as it is now.

It's unacceptable. I mean, we can't understand this. Why?

SIXTH SCREEN:

Ahmet Davutoğlu: That evening we'd reached a resolution. And I thought that things were taking a

turn for the good. Our...

Feridun Sinirlioğlu: We issued the MGK (National Security Council) resolution the day after. Then we

talked with the general...

Ahmet Davutoğlu: And the other forces really do a good follow up on this weakness of ours. You say

that you're going to capture this place, and that men being there constitutes a risk factor. You pull

them back. You capture the place. You reinforce it and send in your troops again.

Yaşar Güler: Exactly, sir. You're absolutely right.

Ahmet Davutoğlu: Right? That's how I interpret it. But after the evacuation, this is not a military necessity. It's a whole other thing.

SEVENTH SCREEN

Feridun Sinirlioğlu: There are some serious shifts in global and regional geopolitics. It now can spread

to other places. You said it yourself today, and others agreed... We're headed to a different game

now. We should be able to see those. That ISIL and all that jazz, all those organizations are extremely

open to manipulation. Having a region made up of organizations of similar nature will constitute a

vital security risk for us. And when we first went into Northern Iraq, there was always the risk of PKK

blowing up the place. If we thoroughly consider the risks and substantiate... As the general just said...

Yaşar Güler: Sir, when you were inside a moment ago, we were discussing just that. Openly. I mean,

armed forces are a "tool" necessary for you in every turn.

Ahmet Davutoğlu: Of course. I always tell the Prime Minister, in your absence, the same thing in

academic jargon, you can't stay in those lands without hard power. Without hard power, there can

be no soft power.

## EIGHTH SCREEN

Yaşar Güler: Sir.

Feridun Sinirlioğlu: The national security has been politicized. I don't remember anything like this in

Turkish political history. It has become a matter of domestic policy. All talks we've done on defending

our lands, our border security, our sovereign lands in there, they've all become a common, cheap

domestic policy outfit.

Yaşar Güler: Exactly.

Feridun Sinirlioğlu: That has never happened before. Unfortunately but...

Yaşar Güler: I mean, do even one of the opposition parties support you in such a high point of national security? Sir, is this a justifiable sense of national security?

Feridun Sinirlioğlu: I don't even remember such a period.

## NINTH SCREEN:

Yaşar Güler: In what matter can we be unified, if not a matter of national security of such importance? None.

Ahmet Davutoğlu: The year 2012, we didn't do it 2011. If only we'd took serious action back then,

even in the summer of 2012.

Feridun Sinirlioğlu: They were at their lowest back in 2012.

Ahmet Davutoğlu: Internally, they were just like Libya. Who comes in and goes from power is not of

any importance to us. But some things...

Yaşar Güler: Sir, to avoid any confusion, our need in 2011 was guns and ammo. In 2012, 2013 and

today also. We're in the exact same point. We absolutely need to find this and secure that place. Ahmet Davutoğlu: Guns and ammo are not a big need for that place. Because we

couldn't get the

human factor in order...

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