Kurdish Insurgency Militants (KIM) Dataset v.2 – Individual Observations

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This dataset provides information about 9,196 PKK (*Partiya Karkerên Kurdistan*) militants who lost their lives between 1984 and 2016. The PKK is a Kurdish nationalist insurgency and has had military operations in Turkey, Syria, Iraq, and Iran. The information about PKK militants are obtained primarily from the PKK's printed publications (i.e., *Serxwebûn* and *Berxwedan*) and online publications (i.e., www.hpg-sehit.com).

For data visualization, visit www.tezcur.org/kim.

The earlier version, KIM v.1 has information about 8,011 militants died between 1984 and 2012. For the KIM dataset v.1, please consult

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The only condition for accessing the KIM v.2 dataset is to cite "A Path out of Patriarchy?" in any publication (online or printed, peer reviewed or otherwise) using or referring to information contained in the dataset.

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Variable	Explanation	Values
kimno	Unique ID of each militant	Range: 1-9,201
gender (not included in KIM v.1)	Gender of the militant	0: Female; 1: Male
deathyear	Death year of the militant	Range: 1984-2016
deathmonthday	Death month and day of the militant	
deathperiod	Five different periods when the militant was killed	1: 1984-89; 2: 1990-4; 3: 1995-9; 4: 2000-4; 5: 2005-12; 6: 2013-6
birthyear	Birth year of the militant	Range: 1935-1999
recruitmentyear	Recruitment year of the militant	Range: 1975-2016; Mode: 1992
recruitmentperiod	Six different periods when the militant was recruited	0: Pre-1984; 1: 1984-89; 2: 1990-94; 3: 1995-99; 4: 2000-4; 5: 2005-12; 6: 2013-6
recruitmentperiod2	Four different periods when the militant was recruited	0: Pre-1984; 1: 1984-89; 2: 1990s; 3: 2000s
recruitmentperiod3	Three different periods when the militant was recruited	1: pre-1990; 2: 1990s; 3: 2000s
Recruitmenperiod4	Nine different periods corresponding to electoral cycles	1: Pre1984; 2: 1984-7; 3:1988-91; 4: 1992-5; 5: 1996-8; 6: 1999-2002; 7: 2003-6; 8: 2007-10; 9:2011-5; 10: 2016-
post99	Dummy variable, whether the militant joined in or after 2000	0: No; 1: Yes
estpost99	Dummy variable, whether the militant's recruitment period is estimated to be post-1999 (most of the estimated militants were killed after early 2012)	0: No; 1: Yes
recruitage	The age when the militant was recruited	Range: 7-61
deathage	The age when the militant was killed	Range: 9-75
yearsinranks	The number of years spent in the ranks before the militant was killed	Range: 0-37
birthprovince	The birth location (Turkish provinces and other countries) of the militant	
birthprovinceclash	The intensity of clashes in the birth provinces of the militants (measured by the number of total PKK fatalities)	Range: 0-247.8
birthprovincenu	The recoding of birthprovince into fewer categories.	

bornturkey	Dummy variable, whether the militant was born in Turkey.	0: No; 1: Yes
bornsyria	Dummy variable, whether the militant was born in Syria.	0: No; 1: Yes
borniraq	Dummy variable, whether the militant was born in Iraq.	0: No; 1: Yes
borniran	Dummy variable, whether the militant was born in Iran.	0: No; 1: Yes
lobvil	Dummy variable, whether the militant was born in village.	0: Not born in village; 1: Born in village
education	Education level of the militant at the time of recruitment	0: None; 1: Primary school; 2: Middle school; 3: High school; 4: University
occupation	Occupation of the militant at the time of recruitment	1: Villager; 2: Worker; 3: Student; 4: Professional (white collar); 5: Conscript; 6: Homemaker
familses	Socioeconomic status of the militant's family	1: Low income/poor; 2: Middle income; 3: Well-off/higher income
lor	Location of the militant's recruitment	1: Village; 2: Kurdish city; 3: Big city in Turkey; 4: Europe; 5: Middle East (excluding Iran, Iraq, Syria, and Turkey)
localrecruit	Recode of lor	0: Big city, Europe, Middle East; 1: Village, Kurdish city
prevrecruits	Militants known to have previous recruits among their family	Given the nature of available information, this variable takes a single value
familyvictim	Militants known to have their family victimized at the hands of the state	Given the nature of available information, this variable takes a single value
familyact	Political stance of the militant's family	0: Family opposing Kurdish nationalism; 1: Family supporting Kurdish nationalism
prevact	Militants known to participate in political activism prior to their recruitment into the PKK	Given the nature of available information, this variable takes a single value
detention	Militants known to detained or arrested by the state prior to their recruitment	1: Detained; 2: Arrested/Imprisoned
married	Militants known to be married	1: Married; 2: Married with children
conscript	Militants known to be forcefully recruited by the PKK	Given the nature of available information, this variable takes a single value

militia	Militants known to be active PKK members while continuing their civilian lives prior to their recruitment	Given the nature of available information, this variable takes a single value
suicidecod	Militants known to engage in suicide	1: Hunger strike; 2: Self-immolation; 3: Suicide; 4: Suicidal attack.
interview	Militants whose family members were interviewed	This variable takes a single value
rank	Militants whose ranks in the PKK known at the time of their death	1: Platoon commander and similar; 2: Company commander and similar; 3: Battalion commander and similar; 4: Regional commander and similar; 5: Central committee member and similar.
rankcodednew	Ranks of all militants	Same with rank except for other militants who are assigned a value of 0. This variable replaces rankcoded in KIM v.1 that had inaccuracies.
Version	Whether the militant was added in the KIM v.2 dataset.	1: Included in KIM v.1; 2: included in KIM v.2 but not in KIM v.1