

Police probe into fraud allegations centred on PKK funding



Police have carried out a number of raids in Edinburgh as part of a financial probe into allegations of fraud centred on the PKK, known as the Kurdistan Workers' Party who are based in Turkey and Iraq.

The PKK was formed in the late 1970s and has Marxist-Leninist roots. It calls for an independent Kurdish state within Turkey.

Officers have reassured the public that no-one was in danger at any time.

Detective Chief Superintendent Gerry McLean, head of Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism Unit, said: "As part of a police investigation along with partner agencies, we executed a number of search warrants in relation to financial investigation and suspected fraud.

"Matters have now been reported to the procurator fiscal, and as such it would be inappropriate comment further at this time.

"I would like to reassure the public that there was no danger to them at any time."