



ICT Newsletter, winter 2008

Welcome to the winter 2007-2008 edition of The International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) E-Newsletter. We are pleased to present you with highlights from ICT events that took place over the course of the past months. This recent period has been characterized by our intensive activity around the globe, emphasizing the international cooperation that is fundamental to our world-view. Please visit our website at www.ict.org.il for more updates.

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ICT's Seventh International Conference on Terrorism's Global Impact

This year's conference was conducted under the title "***The International Campaign against Global Jihadi Terrorism: Current Assessments***". Over 1,000 participants from 56 countries attended the conference, coming from the realms of academia, security organizations, military, NGO's and the private sector. Among the keynote speakers in the conference, were General Wesley Clark, formerly Supreme Allied Commander Europe (NATO) and former Democratic Party Presidential Candidate; MK Tzipi Livni, Israel's Minister of Foreign Affairs; MK Avi Dichter, Israel's Minister of Internal Security; MK Benjamin Netanyahu, formerly Prime Minister of Israel; Professor Irwin Cotler, Canadian Member of Parliament and Dr. Daniel Pipes.

Seventeen professional workshops were conducted, with the participation of more than 100 panelists. In the workshops, a wide range of issues was covered, including *Radical Islamic Ideology, Public Resilience and Counter-Terrorism; Narcotics and International Crime; CBRN Terrorism; Financing of Terror and its Impact on Global Economy; Democratic Dilemmas in Counter-Terrorism and Cyber Space as a Platform for Global Jihad*. Special attention was devoted to terrorism and insurgency campaigns in different regions, including *South East Asia, Iraq, the Horn of Africa, North Africa*, and many more. During the conference, the ICT facilitated a solidarity meeting and lunch with the families of the three Israeli soldiers kidnapped in 2006.



NATO Advanced Research Program: Coping with Radicalism and Terror Activities among Inmates

More than 20 professionals in the fields of terrorism, corrections, human rights, journalism and psychology gathered in Eilat from December 3rd - 5th for an intensive research workshop sponsored by NATO, the International Corrections and Prisons Association (ICPA) and ICT. Lt. General (Ret.) Orit Adato, former commissioner of the Israeli Prison Service, 1st International Vice President of ICPA and ICT Research Associate, headed the discussions with Mr. Tony Cameron, former commissioner of the Scottish Prison Service and the ICPA President.

The workshop addressed the issue of human rights versus public security in NATO countries, with a focus on how prison authorities can cope with radicalism and terror activities among inmates. After three days of presentations, discussions and lively debate, workshop participants produced a series of recommendations on how prison authorities can minimize the spread of radical ideology, prevent terrorist recruitment and halt other terrorist activities within prison while respecting the human rights and dignity of all inmates.



During a supplementary day trip, workshop participants had the opportunity to visit the Sharon Prison Complex, where they toured the maximum security Haderim Correctional facility. Participants received an on-site overview of the facility by the Israeli prison commissioner and prison authorities. As they toured the high-security block of the prison, participants interacted with security prisoners and observed the daily workings of the prison.

Counterinsurgency and Radicalism in a Global World

The seminar on *“Counterinsurgency and Radicalism in a Global World”* took place on the 2nd and 3rd of October, 2007. It was organized by the University of Granada in cooperation with ICT, The Doctrine Department of the Spanish Army, the Granada branch of the Andalusia Institute of Criminology and sponsored by the Dept. of Institutional Relations of the Spanish Ministry of Defense. Representing the Spanish perspective, Prof. Javier Jordan and Prof. Humberto Trujillo from the Universidad de Granada, conducted the seminar. Several other lecturers were members of the Spanish Army.



ICT was represented by Dr. Boaz Ganor, Executive Director, Dr. Eitan Azani, Deputy Director, Dr. Ely Karmon, Senior Researcher and Col. (res.) Jonathan Figchel, Senior Researcher. Some 100 participants came from the Spanish Army, Spanish Police, Guardia Civil, National Intelligence Center, the Ministry of Justice, Ertzaintza (the Police of the Basque Province) and academia. The seminar was opened by the Doctrine Chief and Military Commander of Granada and Jaen, Army Major General Ricardo Martinez Isidoro. The two days seminar was **the beginning of a close cooperation on the bilateral and European levels between ICT and the University of Granada** in the fields of terrorism, counter-terrorism and counterinsurgency research and training.

Global Terrorism and International Crime



The special cooperation between the ICT and the Israeli Minister of National Infrastructures, Binyamin (Fouad) Ben-Eliezer, facilitated the third International conference of the World Anti-Criminal and Antiterrorist Forum (WAAF) on "Global Terrorism and International Crime". Held on November 13th, 2007, the conference participants included MK Avi Dichter, Minister of Internal Security; MK. Tzipi Livni, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Mr. Ehud Barak, Minister of Defense; and Mr. Anatoliy S. Kulikov, Chairman of the WAAF Board. The discussion included surveys of international perspectives and analysis of case studies focusing on Hizballah, Iraq, Palestinian Authority and Post-Soviet territories.



Joint Think Tank Team on Terrorism, Narcotics and International Crime

Special Lecture Tours in the United States

ICT and Counter-Terrorism Solutions (CTS) Ltd., the consulting and training arm of ICT, conducted advanced "Road Show" workshops in the United States, titled "Combating International Terrorism: Current and future trends and domestic implications" in March 22-29, 2007. The workshops were designed for security agencies, such as the Department of Homeland Security, Department of Defense, law enforcement agencies, first responders, decision makers, international and local business corporations, heads of security departments, and more.



New Battlefields, Old Laws - From the Hague Conventions to Asymmetric Warfare

The ICT, together with the Lauder School of Government and in cooperation with the Institute for National Security and Counter Terrorism (INSCT), Maxwell School of Government and Syracuse University, runs a unique project intended to adapt the international legal system for dealing with the challenges posed by asymmetric warfare. To mark 100 years since the establishment of the Hague Convention that defined the laws of war. the project examines the adaptation of

The Threat of Terrorism to Stability in the Middle East

The first bi-lateral Italian-Israeli conference on "The Threat of Terrorism to the Stability of the Middle East", under the sponsorship of the Italian embassy and with the support of the Israeli MFA, took place between 11 – 12 June 2007 at the ICT, Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) in Herzliya. The goal of the conference was to analyze the influence of terrorism and large scale violence on the political processes and the policies of states and non-state actors, during this crucial period for the stability of the region. Five renowned Italian and eight Israeli experts in the fields of terrorism and counter-terrorism in the Middle East participated in the conference,

Marshall Center Students Visit ICT for a Special CT Course

A special delegation of approximately 80 senior military, government and law-enforcement officials in the field of counter-terrorism from various countries around the world came to Israel as part of a special Marshall Center course between June 23rd-25th. The George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies based in Garmisch, Germany, is a German-American organization working to strengthen security cooperation between North American, European and Asian countries at the international level, especially in the field of defense



A one day seminar on the issue of the link between Terrorism and Narcotics was conducted at the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC), Herzliya, together with the Israeli Anti-Drug Authority (IADA), in May 2007. Following the conclusions of the seminar, a joint ICT and IADA Think Tank Team was established. The Team is manned by ICT researchers and associates, former high ranking commanders in the Israeli Police, the Israeli Security Agency and the IDF. One of the Think Tank Team's creations was a key workshop entitled "*Terrorism, Narcotics and International Crime*", held during ICT's seventh International Conference. The workshop commenced with remarks by the Israeli Minister for Strategic Affairs, MK Avigdor Liberman.



Based on the discussion conducted both prior to the conference and during the workshop, the Team's next project was to publish a position paper for leading decision makers on this issue. The position paper calls for elevated awareness by decision makers with regard to threats that stem from the combination of these trends, and for in-depth research to enhance the understanding of the phenomenon.

laws and conventions added over the years, to the current conditions in the battlefield. This is especially important in light of the use made by terrorist organizations of civilians and residential neighborhoods as human shields.



As part of this project, a series of video conferences were conducted between American and Israeli experts, joined by international experts in the fields of law, military and academia. The video conferences produced a special workshop on this subject, held in Israel in July 2007. Workshop participants were divided into five discussion teams, covering the subject from a variety of perspectives: *Moral authority and incentives, Definition dilemmas, Improving standards in the Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC), State responsibility for third-party terrorist actions, and Private security companies in asymmetric conflicts*. The workshop's conclusions were presented in Washington D.C., on October 2007, prior to the anniversary of the Hague Convention.



The Executive Certificate Program in Counter-Terrorism Studies

In its five sessions, ICT's Executive Program in Counter-Terrorism admitted a diverse group of high caliber participants. A truly international group of approximately 200 participants represented more than 30 different countries. The participants' backgrounds varied extensively, each adding to the quality of the course by incorporating their own unique cultural, professional and academic experience. The Program is unique in that it creates a special atmosphere which enables an international group of professionals from a cross section of military, government, private and academic institutions to come together, speak freely, and learn from one another's experiences.

The 6th Executive Program in Counter-Terrorism will open on January 27th, 2008. True to their core value of keeping knowledge relevant and practical, the program's courses endeavor to combine the highest level of academic research and understanding with the experience of well seasoned practitioners from the field. The program provides the international community with a gateway to understanding the essence of the current wave of radical Islamic terrorism in order to derive the most effective means of countering it.



ICT's Internship Program

As part of our global reach, ICT is conducting a unique internship program for foreign students from different academic backgrounds. More than 20 interns worked with us during the last summer and fall, among them students and graduates from Canada, Germany, Italy, Russia, Slovenia, Sweden, Turkey, the U.K., and the U.S.A. We are already planning internships for next summer. Some of the interns' work has been published on ICT's website: Milena Uhlmann (Germany): *Germany's foiled terror plot – a closer look*; Stefania Benaglia (Italy): *MacGyver Syndrome: a Jihadist with a laptop and fertilizer*; S.B. (Sweden): *Swedish "Mohammed Dog" Stirs up Muslim Rage*

Online Internship applications can be submitted throughout the year on our website, at the ['contact us' webpage](#).

Educating for Public Resilience

One of ICT's goals is to strengthen the public's resilience in the face of the threat of terrorism, since it is mainly moral-psychological warfare. In recent years, ICT has hosted lectures, seminars, and courses for students and teachers, both in lower and higher levels of high schools throughout Israel. The goal of this activity was to present accurate facts about the threat of terrorism, while putting the perceived threat into realistic proportions. Based on the accumulated experience gained over the years, ICT has concluded that there is a particular need to provide the teachers, who influence public opinion – especially that of teenagers - with relevant information regarding terrorism. This will enable them to better address the questions and doubts in the minds of the students. These teachers will become centers of knowledge in various schools in Israel.

For these purposes, ICT and the CET (Center for Educational Technology) have developed an interactive website in Hebrew, designated for high school teachers, educational staff and students. The website, called **'Resilience - Dealing with Terrorism Together'**, is a dynamic website that contains several elements. The core purpose of the website is to provide tools for the teachers, as a set of class outlines on the following subjects: the importance of a definition of 'terrorism', the media and terrorism, terrorism's influence on personal and national morale, terrorism and democracy, etc. ICT experts will participate in a new chat room to allow students to present questions troubling them on the subject. In addition to its ongoing activity, the chat room will open up for discussion following mass-casualty terror attacks. Among other tools in the website is a database of articles, pictures, caricatures etc., as well as a template for publishing a newspaper in order for the students to experience editing a newspaper following a terrorist attack while using their judgment regarding the significance of publishing difficult events that influence individual and national morale.

The website address is <http://ict.cet.ac.il/> (in Hebrew)

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