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About ICT

Founded in 1996, the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) is one of the leading academic institutes for counter-terrorism in the world, facilitating international cooperation in the global struggle against terrorism. ICT is an independent think tank providing expertise in terrorism, counter-terrorism, homeland security, threat vulnerability, risk assessment, intelligence analysis, national security and defense policy.

ICT also serves as a joint forum for international policymakers and scholars to share information and expertise through research papers, situation reports and academic publications for worldwide distribution. A number of international seminars, workshops and conferences are organized monthly by ICT to discuss and educate on global and regional issues of security, defense, and public policy in order to better facilitate the exchange of perspectives, information and proposals for policy action. Finally, ICT administers one of the largest public domain research databases on the Internet encompassing global terrorist attacks, terrorist organizations and activists in addition to situational reports.

ICT draws upon a comprehensive and international network of individuals and organizations with unique expertise on terrorism and counter-terrorism research, public policy analysis and education, dispersed all over the world, including the United States, Europe and Israel. An acclaimed management and research staff at ICT spearheads the Institute's efforts to coordinate the struggle against global terrorism and leads a worldwide team of affiliates and academic partners working to encourage cooperation among experts and disseminate innovative ideas for policymakers in the fight against terrorism.

ICT is a non-profit organization located at the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC), Herzliya, Israel which relies exclusively on private donations and revenue from events, projects and programs.



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Meet ICT's New Professional Advisory Board

The Professional Advisory Board acts as a reference point for emerging directions by identifying research opportunities for ICT and initiating cooperation towards future research in combating the phenomena of terror.



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In early 2014, the ICT made several changes to its structure. As part of these changes, the ICT now operates a number of academic desks which address current and important challenges to counter-terrorism.

Terrorism Database Desk

The ICT's Incidents and Activists Database is a comprehensive survey of Open Sources of Intelligence (OSINT). The ICT's Database is one of the most all-encompassing non-governmental resources on terrorist incidents in the world. Based on comprehensive and integrated information compiled since 1975, the database records over 35,000 incidents, including successful terror attacks, foiled attacks, and counter-terror operations, along with background and follow-up information.

Summary of Terrorist Incidents and CT Operations: February 2014

The February report covers terrorist incidents throughout the world, with special emphasis on Pakistan, where official figures reported that nearly 40 attacks occurred during this month, killing a total of 95 people and injuring 388 others. Among the most significant attacks were a series of grenade attacks targeting cinemas in Peshawar on February 2 and 11, and a suicide bomb attack on a bus carrying police personnel in the country's southern port city of Karachi on February 13, which killed 14 people and injured 58 others. Authorities said it was unclear whether the blast was set off by a suicide bomber or a roadside bomb. No group claimed responsibility for the attacks but authorities blamed the Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP). February 2014 was also marked by terrorist incidents in Afghanistan, Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, Mali, Nigeria, Pakistan, Syria, Somalia, Thailand, Yemen and the United Kingdom.

This month's report also covers counter-terrorist incidents throughout the world, with particular emphasis on events in Lebanon, where the arrest of Naim Abbas, a senior Al-Qaeda linked militant with ties to the Al-Nusra Front in Lebanon and the Abdullah Azzam Brigades, on February 12 led to a major counter-terrorism sweep. This included the discovery of two car bombs as well as the arrest of Nidal Sweidan, a Syrian national with ties to Abbas who was the alleged financier of many recent car bombings on Hezbollah strongholds in Beirut. The interlocking links between these militants illustrate the complex web of networks that pose a challenge to Lebanese security services struggling to contain the spillover of the war in Syria. February 2014 also saw counter-terrorist efforts in China, France, Greece, Israel and the West Bank, Kenya, Lebanon, Mexico, Pakistan, Russia, Tunisia, United Kingdom, United States of America and Yemen.

For the full report >>

Jihadi Websites Monitoring Group (JWMG) Desk

The Jihadi Websites Monitoring Group (JWMG) is a specialized research and analysis team at the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT). Composed of researchers fluent in Arabic, the JWMG monitors websites that support and serve Global Jihad organizations. The unique characteristic of JWMG publications is the team's integration of diverse materials from a wide variety of Arabic sources. JWMG connects each source to larger trends, providing a complete understanding of events on both a local and a global scale. The JWMG records and analyzes Fatwas by radical Islamic clerics and relevant news items from Arabic media.

Sheikh Abu Muhammad al-Maqdisi's Letter as Evidence

During January 2014, there was another indication of the deep rift between the Islamic State of Iraq and Al-Sham (ISIS), and the Al-Nusra Front and Al-Qaeda, with the publication of a letter written by Sheikh Abu Muhammad al-Maqdisi. Al-Maqdisi is considered the father of the Salafi-jihadist movement in Jordan and a senior spiritual authority within the movement in general. Today he is imprisoned in a Jordanian jail, accused of involvement in terrorism, aiding terrorism, and supporting the Afghani Taliban.

On January 14, 2014, the Al-Jazeera media network published a letter that al-Maqdisi wrote, in which he explicitly admonished ISIS for its irresponsible operations in the arena of jihad in Syria, which he not only considered to be a subversion against Al-Qaeda, led by Ayman al-Zawahiri, but also a potentially damaging threat against the mujahideen's efforts to topple the Syrian regime and establish an Islamic state based on shari'a [Islamic law] on Syrian soil.

For the full report >>

Periodic Review: Summary from the Jihadi Forums - The Second Half of January 2014

This report summarizes notable events discussed on jihadist Web forums during the second half of January 2014.

For the full report >>



Dr. Eitan Azani
 Head of the
 Cyber Desk

Directed by Dr. Eitan Azani, the Cyber-Terrorism Desk issues a periodic review that addresses two main subjects: cyber-terrorism and cyber-crime. The desk also offers, as part of its MA in Government with Specialization in Counter-Terrorism, a MA Cluster in Cyber Terrorism. Finally, the desk cooperates with Cyber-Gym to offer courses to executives & practitioners.

Cyberspace has become an important battlefield, and an integral part of current and future conflicts. Recent years have seen increasing cyber-attacks on political targets, critical infrastructure, and websites of commercial corporations. These attacks, which are also, increasingly, receiving international attention, are perpetrated by nation-state actors; groups of hackers (such as Anonymous); criminal organizations; and lone hackers. Nation-state actors are becoming ever more aware of the cyber threat, and are assessing its effect on their national security. To this end, many of them are finding (and funding) ways to develop the defense mechanisms to cope with the threat, as well as their own offensive capabilities.

Terrorist organizations are also a part of this dynamic, mutable environment. During the past two years, global jihad groups have also been honing their ability to act in the cyberspace. They are extending their activities from “typical” use of the Internet for communication, recruitment of operatives, fundraising, propaganda, incitement to hatred and violence, intelligence gathering, and psychological warfare, to attacks the enemy’s critical infrastructure using cyber warfare techniques. Increasingly, terrorist organizations are integrating the information available to them from the virtual world with that available to them in the real world, and using the former to develop offensive capabilities in the latter - i.e. “electronic jihad”.

MA Cluster in Cyber-Terrorism

Through our Collaboration with the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, we offer a 10 credits specialization in Cyber-Terrorism as part of our MA Program in Government with Specialization in Counter-Terrorism & Homeland Security Studies.

The Cyber Desk Review

The Cyber Desk Review is a periodic report and analysis that addresses two main subjects: cyber-terrorism (offensive, defensive, and the media, and the main topics of jihadist discourse); and cyber-crime, whenever and wherever it is linked to jihad (funding, methods of attack). The Cyber Desk Review addresses the growing significance that cyberspace plays as a battlefield in current and future conflicts, as shown in the recent increase in cyber-attacks on political targets, critical infrastructure, and the websites of commercial corporations.

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ICT Cyber-Desk Review: Report #7

The ICT Cyber-Desk Review: Report #7 covers among others the following issues:

- The technical committee of Al-Qaeda’s Al-Fajr Center for Media announced the launch of a new encrypted media program titled, “The Mujahid’s Security”, after putting considerable efforts into its development.
- On December 29, 2013, a hacker group posted a propaganda video, in English, on YouTube in which it announced its intention to launch a cyber-attack against Israeli websites on April 14, 2014. According to the group, the attack, which it named “Op Israel Birthday”, would be part of a series of cyber-attacks in protest of Israel’s actions against the Palestinians.
- Multiple warnings were issued by the European Union regarding bitcoin and there were even calls to ban the currency in China, which caused its value to drop.

[For the full report >>](#)



Dr. Ely Karmon
Head of the CBRN Desk

Directed by Dr. Ely Karmon, the CBRN Terrorism Desk engages in research in the fields of chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear terrorism in all its aspects (strategic, operative and technological). The desk monitors continuously the data concerning events and developments in the field of CBRN terrorism.

The CBRN Terrorism Desk is engaged in long term research concerning the threat of chemical and biological terrorism stemming from the situation in the Syrian civil war. In this framework the ICT has published two papers: "Syria's Chemical Weapons - The Terrorism Threat" by the CBRN Team and "Syria's Chemical Attacks: the Strategic Significance" by Dr. Ely Karmon. Publications from the CBRN Desk have been picked by leading international media such as: Fox News, Reuters, CNN, the Huffington Post, Bloomberg and The New York Times.

The ICT CBRN Terrorism Desk has also entered in cooperation with the Institute for Security Policy (ISPK) in Kiel, Germany in order to study the phenomena of Foreign Fighters in Syria, which includes CBRN aspects.



"Syria's Chemical Weapons - The Terrorism Threat" by the CBRN Team

Since the uprising began in Syria in March 2011, more than 100,000 people have been killed, 2 million people have fled the country becoming refugees, and 4.25 million people are internally displaced. The will of Assad's forces to fight is still there, but they are struggling to combat the Syrian rebel's gains until recently. It is believed that the al-Assad regime is desperate enough to use anything in its power to stay the ruling government, including use of any of its poisonous gases, as was the case this past March through May. Besides the use of chemical warfare by the Syrian government there is a real and immediate threat that chemical weapons, agents or precursors, could fall in the hands of terrorist organizations, be it Hezbollah (in which case the regime itself could be willing to provide them to its staunch ally), pro-Syrian Palestinian organizations, the Free Syrian Army and its local units or the various Islamist and jihadists factions like Jabha al-Nusra.

This report is the first part of an ICT project intended to evaluate the threat of proliferation of Syrian chemical weapons to local and regional terrorist organizations and beyond. The report includes information on the status of chemical weapons in Syria and their use as of mid-June 2013 and an addendum presenting the main points of the United States and French intelligence communities' evaluation concerning the August 21, 2013 chemical attacks in the suburbs of Damascus.

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Syria's Chemical Attacks: the Strategic Significance by Dr. Ely Karmon

After the deadly chemical attack in Ghouta, last August 2013, the Syrian government agreed to destroy all of its chemical weapons.

By April 2014, 92.5% of Syria's chemical arsenal had been destroyed, and Syria approached the end of the chemical arms removal program. Despite this, the world has witnessed a sudden resurgence of chemical strikes, with a marked hike last April.

This report summarizes the latest chemical attacks and concludes that the Assad regime is using chemical terrorism to advance its military goals, becoming a non-conventional terrorist actor.

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Dr. Amichai Magen
 Head of the Governance & Political Violence Desk

Directed by Dr. Amichai Magen, the ICT's Governance & Political Violence Desk is now a leading source of interdisciplinary academic and policy research, teaching, and outreach on the relationship between questions of governance (sovereignty, statehood, democracy, the rule of law, and development) and political violence (terrorism, insurgency, civil conflict, and radicalization). Combining Israel's vast practical experience of confronting different forms of political violence with cutting-edge research and collaboration with outstanding international partners.

Building Bridges with Europe

The International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) partners with European institutions to enhance the European-Israeli relationship.

In July 2013, Dr. Eitan Azani, deputy director of the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) at IDC Herzliya, was the only Israeli expert invited to testify before a formal hearing of the European Parliament in the matter of branding Hezbollah as a terrorist organization.

Dr. Azani's advocacy was essential in making the case against Hezbollah, and ultimately, Hezbollah's military wing was blacklisted by the European Union. This is only one example of how the ICT is helping to build bridges between Israel and Europe, on the diplomatic, academic, and strategic fronts. The

relationship between Israel and Europe, while strong, is at times fraught with tension, and it is often non-governmental institutions' partnerships with peer institutions in Europe that help clarify the positions of both sides and lead to improved cooperation and new avenues of partnership.

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Republic and now director of the Prague Center for Transatlantic Relations at the CEVRO Institute. The gatherings aim to convene leading experts, academics, students and opinion makers for workshops, and through subsequent publications, make a timely and enduring contribution to Israeli-European dialogue on critical issues of shared interest. In January 2008, the ICT helped found the International Center for the Study of Radicalization (ICSR) at Kings College, London, and has worked closely with it since. Over the last two years, the ICT established an important foothold in southern Europe by reaching an initial cooperation agreement with CeMiss, the think tank of the Italian Defense Ministry, and, most recently, by developing a partnership with the CEVRO Institute in the Czech Republic.



One of the ICT's most valued relationships in Europe is with the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, a globally active German think tank dedicated to international dialogue and the exchange of ideas. The ICT has held three important conferences in cooperation with KAS over the past few years. In October 2012, the first KAS-ICT workshop was held at IDC Herzliya, on the subject "The Crisis of Governance in the Middle East: Implications for Democracy, Development, and Security." The workshop featured leading decision-makers and experts from Israel and Europe. In July 2013, another joint KAS-ICT conference on was held on law and security. The conference covered topics such as cyber-warfare, security at sea, and the role of law in complex and volatile conflicts. Most recently, in February, the ICT and KAS convened a workshop titled "Areas of Limited Statehood and Armed Non-State Governors: Exploring the Terrorism-Governance Nexus." This workshop brought together an expert group of scholars and practitioners for structured brainstorming exercises. The keynote speaker was MK Lt. Gen. (ret.) **Shaul Mofaz**, former Israeli defense minister and IDF chief of staff. Later in the evening, the expert group of scholars and practitioners held a dinner with Sen. **Alexandr (Sasha) Vondra**, (former defense minister of the Czech

In February, the ICT and CEVRO signed a memorandum of understanding, with Sen. Vondra signing for CEVRO. The two institutions plan to develop academic cooperation in the field of security. They will organize joint conferences, visits of experts, summer schools, and the issuing of common positions.

According to Dr. **Amichai Magen**, head of the Governance & Political Violence Desk and senior researcher at the ICT, "Europe and Israel face tremendous shared security challenges in North Africa, the Middle East and Central Asia, so there is a powerful imperative to strengthen dialogue and cooperation between us. At a time when EU-Israeli discourse has become rather narrow and negative, the ICT is redoubling its efforts to both deepen academic and policy ties with our existing European friends, and to build new bridges between IDC Herzliya and peer institutions across Europe. We are extremely fortunate to have such brilliant partners and supporters in this endeavor."

For the full report in the IDC Herzliyan>>

Find out more>>



Dr. Daphné
 Richemond-Barak
 Head of the
 IHL Desk

Directed by Dr. Daphné Richemond-Barak, the Terrorism and International Humanitarian Law (IHL) Desk is a leading research program. The desk's purpose is to enhance awareness and understanding of humanitarian law among counter-terrorism experts and bring the ICT's knowledge to the broader legal community.

The fight against terrorism challenges military strategy, calls for new technology, and imposes unprecedented burdens on intelligence gathering. On this increasingly complex and wide battlefield, states have had to contend with a diffused enemy acting in blunt violation of the laws of war.

The laws of war, which govern primarily the conduct of states in time of war, have struggled to adapt to this new battlefield. At the time the laws were drafted, non-state actors only played a peripheral role in war, with states acting as protagonists. Today, non-state actors take part in war as full-fledged belligerents, often making non-compliance their sole *modus operandi*.

Though the enemy does not abide by international law, states fighting terror have pledged to continue to apply it – for a combination of moral, legal, and political reasons. The ICT's International Humanitarian Law Desk seeks to understand and research the application of the laws of war to the fight against terror. Regardless of whether one understands international law or believes in its importance, modern wars can no longer be fought, let alone won, in disregard of this body of law. This new battlefield weighs heavily on the public's perception of the legitimacy of states' actions, and, as such, must form an integral part of states' strategy and policy.

IHLToday.com is a collaborative effort of the ICT and INSCT and part of the acclaimed New Battlefield, Old Laws project. The site is intended to provide a new digital format to advance the international legal framework that has evolved for modern warfare. By combining the perspectives of scholars, practitioners, students and the media, IHLToday.com will be the premiere outlet for formal, comprehensive discourse on contemporary International Humanitarian Law (IHL).



Conference : Law & Security: Perspectives from the Field and Beyond

The conference was a joint effort of the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) at IDC Herzliya, the Institute for National Security and Counter-Terrorism (INSCT) at Syracuse University, and the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung. It began on June 30th with a keynote speech and a dinner, followed by two days of panels on topics including: the rule of law, maritime security, cyber-warfare, drones, and the role of courts in balancing law and security.

The objective of the conference was to encourage dialogue between various experts on questions related to law, security, and counter-terrorism. Experts included lawyers working for governments, prosecutors at international tribunals, judges on national courts dealing with terror, UN officials, representatives of the private sector, and military legal advisers. All of these experts deal with law and security using different tools, and look to achieve different goals.

The conference provided a unique opportunity for a discussion on the challenges they face, and the solutions they have found. Speakers included Professors Michael Schmitt, Eric Jensen and Gad Barzilai, UN Special Rapporteur Ben Emmerson, Judge Maraga of the Kenyan Court of Appeal, Israeli security and military experts, and more.



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Special Project – Israel Counter-Terrorism Strategy

The project, led by Dr. Boaz Ganor, includes 12 professional teams with a total of 60 experts who analyze the dilemmas and challenges associated with counter-terrorism in order to draw the relevant conclusions and draft a comprehensive counter-terrorism strategy. The project is comprised of some of the best Israeli experts in counter-terrorism and includes Former General Commissioner of Police, Former Director of the Mossad, Former Director of the Israeli Security Agency (ISA), Former Director of the National Security Council, Former Director of the Counter-Terrorism Bureau, Former Commanders in the Military Intelligence Directorate, Former Commanders in the Israeli Air Force, leading scholars and theoreticians.

Experts are divided into 12 professional teams, including:

- Cyber-Terrorism
- Defensive Measures
- External Threats
- Domestic Threats
- Intelligence
- International Cooperation
- Law and Justice
- Offensive Measures
- Prevention
- Public Diplomacy
- Public Resilience
- Terrorism Financing



Special Report – Terrorism Threats to the Health Industry

Dr. Miri Halperin Wernli (Vice President, Deputy Head Global Clinical Development, Head of Global Business & Science Affairs at Actelion Pharmaceuticals, Switzerland) and Dr. Boaz Ganor undertook several research projects analyzing the risk of terrorism to the pharmaceutical industry. They have published various articles on the subject of terrorism and counterfeited medicine, the involvement of Hezbollah in the industry and terrorist attacks against hospitals. Additionally, they have completed a short documentary which aims at raising awareness on these dangerous recent developments. The result of their research has led them to advise and brief governmental and non-governmental bodies; including the Israeli Ministry of Health, the Israeli National Security Council and United States Security and Health agencies.

The research presents unique data which demonstrates that at least one terrorist organization – Hezbollah - is already involved in manufacturing and distributing counterfeit medications.

Hezbollah is liable to use its production centers, international smuggling and distribution networks, and ties to international crime syndicates to insert deadly fake drugs into the pharmaceuticals market.

This poses new and different challenges which need to be recognized and addressed by decision-makers, security agencies and the global pharmaceutical industry. By understanding the potential gaps and the associated risks, and by taking the recommended measures, the pharmaceutical industry can prevent or minimize the possibility of potentially severe consequences for the public and the industry.



Pharmaceuticals: Target For terrorism

Written by Dr. Miriam Halperin Wernli and Dr. Boaz Ganor

Slowly and steadily, terrorism, like a malignant cancer, has entered our lives. What once was an occasional event on the other side of the world can no longer be ignored as someone else's problem. Terrorists, alone, in cells, or part of expanding international networks, are affecting the way we live, the way we think, and the way we do business. Government facilities, planes, trains, ship, oil refineries, and luxury locations have all taken the biggest and most publicized hits.

[For the full Article >>](#)

Pipeline of Terror

Written by Dr. Miriam Halperin Wernli and Dr. Boaz Ganor

As the knowledge of manufacturing drugs and the processes behind it increase, the industry could be leaving itself wide open to a potential terrorist attack if proper security controls are not implemented.

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[For more Articles on Pharma & Terror >>](#)



Research Fellows and Associates

Associate Spotlight: Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Dubi Yung



Brigadier General (Res.) Yung has held many key positions where he has gained an extensive range of experience, including: enforcing riot control and counter-terrorism measures, dealing with all forms of public disorder and terrorism, as well as sniper shooting and serving as an instructor. He served in the "YAMAM" Israeli National Police Counter-Terrorism Unit, has written and developed Counter-Terrorism combat doctrines, has trained thousands of Combat Border Guard soldiers, and took part in hundreds of operations undertaken as a combat fighter, as part of the Command, or as a Commander. He established the YASAM Border Police undercover unit. Yung is a member of the NATO Advanced Training Course, Member of the DTRA (U.S. Department of Defense, Threat Reduction Agency). The mission of the United States Department of Defense (DoD) International Counter Proliferation (ICP) Program is to counter the threat of the proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) related materials and technologies across the borders and through the independent states of the former Soviet Union, the Baltic region and Eastern Europe. To achieve this mission, the ICP Program provides a range of law enforcement and border security training and equipment to participating countries. One of Yung's latest activities was the attendance in a unique workshop collaborating NATO, DTRA and the European Space Agency (ESA). The workshop in question referred mainly to counter-terrorism issues at the Winter Olympics in Russia. He also participates in ongoing research and projects conducted by the ICT.

More information on ICT Associates >>



Visiting Fellow: LTC Steven R. Berger

Lieutenant Colonel Steve Berger is the first US Army War College Fellow assigned to the IDC's International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT). Prior to his assignment in Israel, LTC Berger commanded the Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion (HHB) for I (U.S.) Corps at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington. LTC Berger began his career as an Armor officer and served in South Korea and Fort Stewart, Georgia. LTC Berger is a 1993 graduate of the University of Illinois where he earned a Bachelor of Science in General Engineering and a 2000 graduate of Cameron University where he earned a Masters in Business Administration. LTC Berger's research was focused on the growth of Salafi-Jihadism in the Sinai and its threat to the Middle East. The paper was designed to help influence United States policy in the region and the paper is pending publication following its review by a US Army War College review board, where it received an excellence in writing award.

"ICT introduced me to subject matter, experts in their field, and guided me in my research. I was able to speak to several high ranking members of the government in the current capacity or their former capacity now that they have retired. So in addition to having the academic experience here I also had an academic experience outside of the classroom"

More information on ICT Research Fellows>>

EVENTS

February, 2014

The ICT provided briefings and held meetings with:

- Military Intelligence Directorate (AMAN), IDF
- Joint Special Operations University, Special Operations Combating Terrorism, United States Special Operations Command
- Representatives from the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD)
- Representatives from the United States Embassy
- The Think Tank of the Italian Ministry of Defense—CeMiss
- H.E. Avigdor Lieberman, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Israel

Conference : The New Terrorism-Governance Nexus: Areas of Limited Statehood, Non-State Armed Groups, and the Transformation of the Middle East: The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) and International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) convened a specialized conference titled: The New Terrorism-Governance Nexus: Areas of Limited Statehood, Non-State Armed Groups, and the Transformation of the Middle East. The conference convened an expert group of scholars and practitioners for a structured brainstorming exercise on the terrorism-governance nexus.

March, 2014

The ICT provided briefings and held meetings with:

- Dr. Günter Krings, Parliamentary State Secretary at the Ministry of the Interior, Germany
- Mr. Jonny Cline, Executive Director at Israeli Fund for UNICEF
- ICT Roundtable Discussion on International Terrorism and the Far East with the distinguished delegation from the Institute for National Security Strategy (INSS), Republic of Korea led by President Seong-Ok, Yoo, Ph.D. (Former Director of Korean Intelligence).
- Dr. Boaz Ganor, Dr. Eitan Azani, Col. (Res.) Yoni Fighel and Dr. Amichai Magen traveled to the United States for a series of briefings, roundtable discussions and public lectures:
 - ◆ Senior Officials from the FBI, NYPD and LAPD
 - ◆ Roundtable discussions at the RAND Corporation, USC CREATE, Stanford and John Jay College
 - ◆ Meetings with Senior Officials at the United Nations



April, 2014

The ICT provided briefings and held meetings with:

- Israeli Police
- Seminar for the Jewish Community in Germany with Dr. Ely Karmon
- Delegation from the US School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS) with Dr. Boaz Ganor
- Roundtable discussion with UK Parliament Members on current security issues in the Middle East.
- Lecture and a tour of the new HBS Security System at Ben-Gurion Airport



May, 2014

The ICT provided briefings and held meetings with:

- Israel Police force on "Terrorism Threats to Israel" with Dr. Boaz Ganor
- GOC Army Conference with Dr. Boaz Ganor
- Mr. Dan Meridor, Former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Intelligence who recently joined ICT Professional Advisory Board
- Senior Diplomats from Kenya, the Philippines, India, United States and France



Dr. Ganor Meeting with Kenya and Philippine Ambassadors
and Chief Supt. (Ret.) Asher Ben-Artzi

UPCOMING EVENT

World Summit on Counter-Terrorism

Terrorism's Global Impact



The ICT's 14th International Conference – World Summit on Counter-Terrorism, will address 'Terrorism in a Shifting Context – Current and Future Challenges'. This year's conference will be convened from September 8-11, 2014, and will revolve around the following topics: Evolution of Global Jihad, the Israeli – Palestinian Conflict, Iran's Involvement in Terrorism, Foreign Fighters in Syria, Terrorism Innovation, Cyber-Terrorism, CBRN Terrorism, and Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism Challenges.



For early [Registration](#) or more information please contact: ictconference@ict.org.il

ICT's Internship Program

ICT offers unpaid year round internships for undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate students. The Internship provides the opportunity to contribute to the ICT's daily research activities and events, while under the supervision of a senior ICT researcher or staff member. The Internship takes place at the ICT, at the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC), Herzliya. The ICT Internship lasts a minimum of three months and participants work a minimum of 28 hours a week. Interns also have the opportunity to attend seminars and lectures lead by prominent academics, practitioners and decision-makers.

What projects are available for ICT Interns?

- Articles on current events related to terrorism and counter-terrorism
- Jihadi Websites Monitoring Group
- ICT Terrorist Incidents and Profiles Database
- ICT Cyber-Desk Review
- The Islamist Radicalization Index
- Terrorist Rationality and Decision-Making
- De-radicalization Processes
- Jihadi Arenas and Terrorist Networks
- World Summit on Counter-Terrorism: ICT's Annual Conference

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Intern spotlight: Rachel Schwartz



Rachel Schwartz, an undergraduate at the University of Virginia came to the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) for an internship in the summer of 2013. Rachel was part of the 107 interns and volunteers that the ICT has hosted in 2012-2013. Interns with undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate degrees come from the United States, United Kingdom, Ireland, France, Belgium, Turkey, Germany, Israel, Denmark, Albania, South Africa, Kosovo, India, Russia, Czech Republic, Peru, Austria, Italy, Brazil and Australia. They are students or graduates from the world's leading universities including: Cambridge University, LSE, Kings College, London, University of St. Andrews, Science Po, Northeastern University, Pepperdine University, University of Southern California, McGill University and Monash University.

During her time at the ICT, Rachel wrote a research paper titled "Case Study: Syria's Chemical and Biological Weapons Program and the Use of These Weapons in the Syrian Civil War Today". The excellent research paper was published on the ICT website, and became the basis of an ICT Report on 'Syria's Chemical Weapons- The Terrorism Threat'. The research paper evaluated the threat of proliferation of Syrian chemical weapons to local and regional terrorist organizations and beyond. The report includes information on the status of chemical weapons in Syria and their use updated to mid-June 2013 and an addendum presenting the main points of the United States and French intelligence communities' evaluation concerning the August 21, 2013 chemical attacks in the suburbs of Damascus. The report received widespread recognition and was quoted in most major news publications; including: CNN, Fox News, Huffington Post and Bloomberg News.

Education Programs

The Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy at The Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya is offering exciting academic programs, including a BA cluster in counter-terrorism, an MA Degree with Specialization in Counter-Terrorism & Homeland Security, an Executive Course, E-learning Course and special customized training.

Executive Program

The Counter-Terrorism Executive Studies Program combines first-hand experience and those involved in cutting-edge research in academic study, simulation models, workshops, and onsite briefings. these fields. Based on years of extensive research, instruction and

The courses provide concentrated, in-depth exposure to the work in the field, this multi-disciplinary program brings together the phenomenon of modern terrorism

and its characteristics, modus operandi, scope and dissemination

throughout the world. In addition, participants will obtain an

understanding of the challenge this phenomenon presents to decision-

makers, security establishments, first responders and the business sector, based on the experience Israel has accumulated in the field.

Circumstances have forced Israel to develop sophisticated counter-terrorism strategies and techniques and to amass extensive

knowledge regarding terrorism. The program allows participants from around the globe to benefit from Israel's experience and

advanced international counter-terrorism efforts. The Counter-Terrorism Studies Program, offered by the Lauder School of

Government, Diplomacy and Strategy and the Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT), at the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya, is a

unique opportunity for professionals to learn about central issues in homeland security and counter-terrorism both from those with

"The instructors' academia and real-world experience creates an innovative course that is practical and much needed for the Counter-Terrorism arena."

best of academic theory For the past seven years, The Lauder School of

Government has been offering courses on terrorism studies,

counterterrorism and homeland security. The staff of the ICT, also

based at IDC Herzliya, is comprised of leading scholars and Israeli security professionals who teach these

courses. Dr. Boaz Ganor, Co-Founder, Executive Director of the ICT and Deputy Dean of the Lauder School of Government is the

program's Director.



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Online Course

The International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) is world renowned for uniting academic research and education with Israel's hard-won practical expertise to conceive a new brand of Counter-Terrorism Online Program.

- The Online Course on Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism represents the newest of ICT's pioneering educational breakthroughs, designed especially for scholars and experts.
- Be part of a prestigious virtual community of counter-terror scholars and experts without the expense of travel, and from the comfort of your home.
- Follow cutting edge analyses from Israeli security and intelligence professionals.
- Learn to write policy papers for presentations to policy makers.
- State of the art distance-learning technology combining interactive sessions and communication systems, lectures and video clips.
- Learn as part of an interactive community or at your own pace.



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MA in Government With Specialization in Counter-Terrorism & Homeland Security

The MA in Government with specialization in Counter-Terrorism and Homeland Security at the Lauder School of Government in collaboration with the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) is a cutting edge graduate program which combines academic study, simulations and workshops to offer special tools for critical thinking in this field. The courses provide concentrated, in-depth exposure to the phenomenon of modern terrorism and its characteristics, modus operandi, scope and dissemination throughout the world. Students will obtain an understanding of the many challenges this phenomenon presents to decision-makers, security establishments, first responders, legal systems and business sectors, based on the experience Israel has accumulated in the field. Internships and Exchange Programs Include: The International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT), The National Security Council, the Counter-Terrorism Bureau, the Israeli Knesset.

Cluster in Cyber-Terrorism

The accelerated development of computer technology, in particular – the power of computers, the extensive and deep entrenchment of the Internet worldwide and the broad accessibility of computers and the Internet – has rendered “cyberspace” a new and dangerous arena of activity for states, terrorist organizations and networks, and individuals with radical ideological or religious motivations. Security forces throughout the world have become convinced that cyberspace is fast becoming the main military and civil arena of such countries and organizations. The implications of a strategic cyber attack threaten to devastate civil society, causing unprecedented human injury and damage

to critical nation All infrastructure. Therefore the ICT opened, in cooperation with the Efi Arazi School of Computer Science, a graduate-level sub-specialization dealing with cyber-terrorism. The specialization counts for 10 credits and takes place in English over the summer. The aim of the specialization is to introduce students in the field of cyber-terrorism, and expose them to the characteristics, modus operandi and scope of the cyber-terrorist threat. The courses provide a brief overview of the relevant technical aspects of cyber terrorism, the motivation and capabilities of various terrorist organizations, and discuss mitigation plans against these threats.

Specialization Courses include:

- Advanced Issues in National Security
- Radical Islamic Ideologies
- Legal Dilemmas in Counter-Terrorism
- Counter-Terrorism Issues and Challenges for Homeland Security
- Post-Modern Terrorism: CBRN
- Dilemmas in Counter-Terrorism Decision-Making Process
- Anatomy of Terrorist Groups
- Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism
- Terrorism Fundraising
- Insurgency and Civil Wars

Selected Electives:

- Democracy, Failed States and International Terrorism
- Theoretical and Empirical Aspects of Deterring Terrorism
- Contemporary Topics in International Terrorism
- Radical Islamic Movements



“To study in the Counter-Terrorism Track at the IDC’s Graduate Program in Counter-Terrorism has been definitely refreshing and useful. I have been in touch with the IDC for already almost a decade and my studies in the last two years have only added to my positive impressions. I am sure that I will stay in touch and that I will be able to use the acquired knowledge, experience and even more all the new contacts for my future”.

Tomáš Pojar *Czech Ambassador to Israel*
Former First Deputy Foreign Minister for Security and European Affairs

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BA in Government with Cluster in Counter-Terrorism

Studies in this track cover, among others, the Israeli experience in countering terrorism, the nexus between failed states, terrorism and political development, the internationalization of modern terrorism and groups like al Qaeda and Hezbollah, the History of Modern Terrorism, and Law and Terrorism.



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ICT Selected Publications:

Syria's Chemical Attacks: the Strategic Significance

18/05/2014 | by Dr. Ely Karmon

Boko Haram's International Reach

15/05/2014 | by Dr. Ely Karmon

Brothers Killing Brothers

01/05/2014 | by Mr. Brian M. Jenkins

The Next Snowden Case can be Prevented

03/04/2014 | by Mr. Shabtai Shoval

Pharmaceuticals: Target For terrorism

05/02/2014 | by Dr. Boaz Ganor and Dr. Miriam Halperin Wernli

Pipeline of Terror

02/02/2014 | by Dr. Boaz Ganor and Dr. Miriam Halperin Wernli

Reflections on the State of the World

01/04/2014 | by Mr. Shabtai Shavit

Making Sense of Global Terrorism Now

05/03/2014 | by Prof. Fernando Reinares

Turkish – Israeli Virtual Reconciliation: Read Erdogan's Lips

27/02/2014 | by Dr. Ely Karmon

Did the Salafist/Jihadist wave reach China?

04/03/2014 | by Dr. Ely Karmon

The Terrorism Industry": An Al-Qaeda Course in Security and Intelligence

01/02/2014 | by JWMG Team

ICT Cyber-Desk Review: Report #7

15/05/2014 | by ICT Cyber Team

ICT Cyber-Desk Review: Report #6

05/03/2014 | by ICT Cyber Team

Periodic Review - Summary from Jihadi Forums (February)

08/06/2014 | by ICT JWMG Team

Periodic Review - Summary from Jihadi Forums (January)

22/04/2014 | by ICT JWMG Team

Summary of Terrorist Incidents and CT Ops. (Feb. 2014)

28/05/2014 | by ICT Database Team



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