

# **TERRORISM AND COUNTERTERRORISM**

Dealing with terrorism and the future

# Unanswered questions

- ▣ Side effects on counterterrorism
- ▣ Media, terrorism and the Internet ( freedom of expression)
- ▣ Human Rights violations in response to terrorism ( How serious it is?)
- ▣ Implications of the Arab Awakening
- ▣ Warning the public an responsible crisis communication prior during and after terrorist attacks
- ▣ Strengthening public resilience

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- ▣ 1) Why do people join terrorist organizations?  
Why do they choose violence?
- ▣ 2) Integration with «Formers» in order for them to go back to «normal» life

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## A "Linkage-Based" Approach to Combating Militant Islamist Propaganda: A Two-Tiered Framework for Practitioners

Dr. Haroro J. Ingram

This Policy Brief outlines a "linkage-based" approach to combating militant Islamist propaganda tailored for practitioners in order to help them synchronise campaign planning and message design.

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# Fear and resilience

- ▣ After the 11<sup>th</sup> of September investments into counterterrorism were increased
- ▣ Terrorism has a great impact on society which diminishes effectiveness of counterterrorism
- ▣ High level of fear causes:
  - ▣ Distrust and stereotyping
  - ▣ Preference for tough actions and simple explanations (by Media)
  - ▣ Polarization of society

# Fear and impact Management

- ▣ Organization of fear management
- ▣ Cooperation
- ▣ Establishing partnerships with relevant actors
- ▣ Listening to the public`s concerns ( it`s important to give honest answers and avoid secrecy to help authorities to avoid further attacks)
- ▣ «Gold hour» ( Give factual information; explain current situation)
- ▣ In case of incomplete picture give concise messages in one tone of voice. Keep communication with public no matter what – no news is good news. Be aware of risk of overreaction and avoid unnecessary rhetoric

# Resilience

- ▣ The authorities have to care for the public
  - ▣ Do not focus on the direct victims but also the survivors or traumatized ones
  - ▣ Fear/impact management should be a part of counterterrorism
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- ▣ Terrorism will become less effective

# Future of terrorism

- ▣ Impossible to predict the changes of weapons and tactics
- ▣ Insight into possible future
- ▣ Look at past attempts to avoid terrorism and add to this list another ways
- ▣ Obvious forecasts:
  - ▣ Terrorism will exist
  - ▣ It`s not static → terrorism will definitely change
  - ▣ Terrorism is influenced by many factors : economical, geographical, political, ethnic, religious etc.



# Failure of imagination

- ▣ There are limited insights about the cause of terror changing
- ▣ Current forecasts say more about today`s terrorism than the future
- ▣ Most forecasts are made by men ,mainly from Western countries , who had little experience in counterterrorism and their works are not transparent enough or systematic in counterterrorism approach
- ▣ We have to come up with new ideas/ fresh pair of eyes/ out-of-box thinking