

Editor's Note

As we are posting the January 2015 issue of Terrorism: An Electronic Journal & Knowledge Base, I wish to remind our readers that this academic effort was initially developed in 1998 as an on-line follow-up to Terrorism: An International Journal, published in 1977 by Crane, Russak in New York and subsequently by Taylor and Francis in the U.K. As director of the State University of New York (SUNY) Institute for Studies in International Terrorism, it was my honor to be the founder and Editor-in-Chief of these two publications.

In its current form, Terrorism: An Electronic Journal & Knowledge Base was launched again in August 2012 in order to provide continuity to earlier studies on the "Age of Terrorism" and to close research gaps in the growing literature on the manifold aspects of the emerging disciplinary subject. Our primary objective is to focus on identifying warning signals on conventional and unconventional terrorism in the post 9/11 era and recommend national, regional, and global strategies to confront potential security challenges to all societies.

The current issue contains a peer reviewed article on "Counterterrorism and Intelligence-Sharing Cooperation in Southeast Europe: Combating New Post-9/11 Threats." The next sections consists of selected seminar proceedings on various topics such as "South Asia Security Challenges: National, Regional, and Global Perspectives," "The Middle East Crisis: Updates on Strategic Challenges and Opportunities," "Post Europe's Parliament Elections 2014: Political, Social, Economic, and Security Implications," "ISIS: An Emerging Global Sunni Caliphate?," and "The Fog of War: Is the Rule of Law Still Relevant?". These seminars were held during the period June-September 2014. More updated electronic and printed versions will be published subsequently.

Other materials incorporated in this issue are three reports published in hard copies during July-October. The topics include "Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process: Endless or Endgames?," "Latin America's Security Challenges in the 21st Century," and "The Current Security Challenges in Africa." Daily chronologies of terrorism-related events for the period July-October 2014 are also included. We expect to publish another issue of Terrorism: An Electronic Journal & Knowledge Base in Spring 2015.

I would like to thank my colleagues on the International Advisory Board and the editorial staff for their continuing support of our publication. Thanks are due to Sharon Layani (University of Michigan) for her exceptional coordination of the editorial staff of this issue. The Fall 2014 editorial staff includes Uri Lerner (American University), David Daoud (Suffolk University Law School), Christopher Hartnett (The George Washington University), Vijay Randhawa (George Mason University), Susanna Seltzer (Carnegie Mellon University), and Addison Winger (University of Wisconsin-Madison). As always, we encourage other academics and professionals globally to contribute to our research activities in the coming months and years.

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