

Editor's Note

As we are posting the September 2016 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 consists of selected presentations by invited speakers from both the public and private sectors that were delivered at several seminars held in 2016. Topics covered in this issue include “Populist Politics: From Protests to Violence”; “Latin American Security Challenges: From the Olympics to Zika”; “Aviation Security: Past Lessons, Future Outlook, and ‘Best Practices’ Responses”; “The Lone Wolf Terrorist: Past Lessons, Future Outlook, and Response Strategies”; and “Post-Attempted Coup in Turkey: Quo Vadis?”. Updated electronic and printed versions of these topics will be published subsequently.

Items incorporated in this issue include special reports published in hard copy on “Combating Terrorism: The Role of Law Enforcement”; “The Refugee Crisis: Humanitarian and Security Implications”; “Combating Terrorism: The Role of Intelligence”; and “The Role of the Military in Combating Terrorism.”

Daily chronologies of terrorism-related events based on national and international media reports are also incorporated. This section was prepared by a team of researchers and interns that included Iakovos Balassi (University of Wisconsin), Gabriela Barrera (Georgetown University), Cameron Dively (Carnegie Mellon University), Jacob T. Fuller (University of Oklahoma), Daniel J. Hennessy (University of California at Berkeley), Madeline Henshaw-Greene (College of William & Mary), Eunice Kim (State University of New York at Geneseo), Rachel Kreisman (American University), Sheona Lalani (George Washington University), Alisa Laufer (George Washington University), April Lee (George Washington University), Basanti Mardemootoo (University of California at Davis), Riley Plamp (University of Michigan), Kathryn Schoemer (Purdue University), Jessica Son (University of California at Berkeley), Robert Stephens (Carnegie Mellon University), and Robert Akira Watson (University of St. Andrews).

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