

Editor's Note

As we are posting the December 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 serve as 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 a peer review article on "International Enforcement Cooperation in the Western Hemisphere: A Search for a Better Architectural Framework" by Bruce Zagaris as well as 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 "The Fifteenth Anniversary of 9/11: Past Lessons and Future Outlook;" "NATO: Post Warsaw Agenda;" "Middle East Strategic Outlook: Regional and Global Implications;" and "Latin America's Security Outlook: Challenges and Opportunities in the Post-Castro Era."

Items incorporated in this issue include special reports published in hard copy on "Post-Attempted Coup in Turkey: Quo Vadis?" (November 2016) and "The Holy Jerusalem: A Key to Middle East War or Peace?" (December 2016).

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 Cameron Dively (Carnegie Mellon University), Jacob T. Fuller (University of Oklahoma), Daniel J. Hennessy (University of California at Berkeley), Eunice Kim (State University of New York at Geneseo), Sheona Lalani (George Washington University), April Lee (George Washington University), Cameron Niven (University of California at San Diego), and Riley Plamp (University of Michigan).

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 for her exceptional coordination of the editorial staff of this issue. 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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