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Joint Mission of Technical Legislative Assistance OAS/CICTE/CICAD-UNODC-CTED visited Paraguay

September 8th-12th 2009. At the invitation of Paraguayan government, the Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee Against Terrorism (CICTE for its acronyms in Spanish) and the Secretariat of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD for its acronyms in Spanish) participated in joint legislative technical assistance mission along with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC for its acronyms in English) and the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED for its acronyms in English).

The members of the mission coordinated their activities through the Paraguayan Foreign Ministry, the National Point of Contact for CICTE, these activities consisted of business meetings with Senators and Representatives who are members of several commissions within the Parliament as well as with the President of the Supreme Court; the Attorney General; and the Director of the Secretariat for the Prevention of Money Laundering (SEPRELAD for its acronyms in Spanish). At the end of the visit a workshop was organized with the members of the Inter-institutional Commission of Paraguay who are responsible for the elaboration of legislative projects. This commission is comprised of officials from all three branches of government as well as the Attorney General's Office.



The members of the mission gave presentations on the international legal framework against terrorism and its financing, included in the Inter-American Convention, Resolution 1373 of the Security Council and the International Treaties and Agreements of the United Nations; they performed a legal analysis of the national legislative process in force in Paraguay and they also provided technical features for the elaboration of a project to make the national legal framework compatible with the international obligations assumed by Paraguay.

The exchange of points of view among the members of the technical mission and the legislators and jurists of Paraguay permitted substantive progress in the preparation of the draft legislation of the country, in aspects of codification, jurisdiction and international cooperation for the prevention of terrorism and its financing, with emphasis on the protection of human rights.

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Message from the new Secretary of CICTE



It is an honor to write to you as the new Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE).

Carol Fuller departed July 31, 2009 after three very successful years here to assume responsibilities as the Deputy Chief of Mission of the United States before the Organization of Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in Vienna, Austria. I wish to add my name to the long list of people thanking her for her dedication, activism and responsible stewardship of the Secretariat, and wish her well in her new responsibilities.

During this period of transition, I wish to give special thanks for the efforts of the Secretariat staff, especially Interim Secretary Pablo Martinez who led the team since Mrs. Fuller's departure, and has been preparing the Secretariat for this new administration that I have the honor of leading.

I am a career member of the United States Senior Foreign Service. My most recent assignment was as the Counselor for Public Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan. Almost all of my 20-plus years experience as a diplomat has been in the Western Hemisphere with postings in Costa Rica, Colombia, Nicaragua, Trinidad and Tobago, and Cuba. I also served as the Spokesman and Public Affairs Advisor for the Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs. I am happy to return to the region, and look forward to working with as many of you as possible as we face this common challenge that has the potential to threaten and affect all of us.

My goal is to continue developing and strengthening the CICTE Secretariat as a programming-oriented entity dedicated to capacity building, and in that process, helping Member States to cooperate with each other, network, and lobby in a way that prevents, combats and eliminates any potential acts of terrorism. Until we meet, please accept the assurances of my highest consideration and esteem.

Gonzalo Gallegos
Executive Secretary
Inter-American Committee against Terrorism

Editorial

As governments worldwide continue to pass regulations expanding the oversight of financial transactions through and between financial institutions, terrorist and criminal organizations are experiencing increasing difficulty maintaining anonymity and avoiding scrutiny while utilizing the traditional banking system. In response to the growing risks associated with the use of the banking system to move money, these organizations continue to develop new methods and utilize cultural and other non-traditional means to transfer funds including trade-based schemes and alternative remittance systems such as hawalas. However, one of the preferred methods to transfer illicit funding and proceeds remains the simplest - bulk currency smuggling (BCS) and the use of illicit cash couriers.

We do not have to look far back into history to see the threat that BCS and illicit cash couriers pose to countries worldwide: cash couriers have played a role in several key terrorist attacks, including the 2002 bombings in Bali, Indonesia; the 2003 attack on the J.W. Marriott hotel in Jakarta, Indonesia; and the 2003 attack in Istanbul, Turkey. Just as terrorist and criminal organizations adapt and make adjustments to their modus operandi in response to changing trends and threats, they also adapt and make adjustments to the manner in which they move and transfer their money. On the front lines concerning BCS, these changes amount to new and ever-changing concealment methods, new transit and shipment routes, changing communication methods, and insulated command and control elements.

Now, more than ever, governments and law enforcement agencies worldwide must continue to expand bi-lateral and multi-lateral operations, training, and information sharing networks to combat the threat of BCS. The success of this strategy is not one to be dismissed; when working together across borders, law enforcement becomes more effective in countering that threat.

In 2005, United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) launched Operation Firewall, a program to combat BCS not just in the United States, but between the United States and other countries with a high-risk for illicit currency movements. The program focuses on interdicting illicit currency while it moves within the United States as well as across its borders; more importantly, however, the program encompasses capacity building training for our foreign partners in order to enhance illicit currency interdiction efforts worldwide.

Partnering with our sister agency, United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP), ICE first implemented Operation Firewall in the Western Hemisphere in Mexico, and since then has continued to build on that success, expanding the program in the Americas and other regions. In 2007, expanding upon the Operation Firewall model, ICE developed and implemented Operation Hands Across the World, which takes the operation a step further, incorporating real-time, bi-lateral information sharing of cash declaration data. As of August 2009, Operation Firewall has resulted in 3,169 currency seizures worldwide totaling over \$219,000,000US and 494 arrests; Operation Hands Across the World has resulted in worldwide seizures totaling over \$1,800,000US and the identification of over \$740,000US in undeclared currency.

The United States also continues to work with our international and regional counterparts. ICE and the Inter-American Committee Against Terrorism (CICTE) Secretariat have built a strong partnership to deliver technical assistance on the investigation and interdiction of BCS to countries of the Western Hemisphere. The first project undertaken under this partnership, funded by the U.S. Department of State and with the collaboration of CBP, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and the Inter-American Commission on Drug Abuse Control, encompasses two sub-regional training courses. The first one took place in Mexico City last August and targeted officials from Financial Intelligence Units, customs and border control officials, law enforcement officials and other officials with responsibilities in preventing bulk-cash smuggling from Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, and Panama. More than 50 officials were trained through this successful initiative. The second training will include officials from Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela, and is scheduled to take place in Lima, Peru in December.

In support of the Financial Action Task Force Special Recommendation IX on terrorist financing, the United States recently organized and led Operation MANTIS, a Group of Eight (G-8) countries initiative that targeted undeclared currency and illicit cash couriers at ports of entry worldwide. Through the use of multi-lateral interdiction and information sharing activities, the three day operation resulted in 81 seizures totaling over \$3,500,000US and the detection of another \$4,200,000US in undeclared currency.

In response to calls for increased cooperation between Police and Customs organizations worldwide to address the threats posed by illicit cash couriers, this fall ICE will partner with the World Customs Organization, Interpol, Europol, and their members to initiate Operation ATLAS, an unprecedented global illicit cash courier interdiction operation.

BCS and illicit cash couriers continue to threaten governments and financial systems worldwide. Just as terrorist and criminal organizations adapt and modify their methods and systems to move, store, and distribute illicit cash, we must continue to develop new methods and foster greater international cooperation in order to combat BCS. "Our ability to work together with law enforcement agencies around the globe has had a direct impact on transnational criminal enterprises," said Acting Director for the Office of Investigations for ICE Kumar Kibble. "We will continue to work closely with our law enforcement partners here and abroad to stop the transfer and distribution of illicit funds." By continuing to develop and expand international cooperation in the fight against BCS and illicit cash couriers, governments and law enforcement agencies worldwide will be better positioned to disrupt and dismantle terrorist and criminal organizations by cutting off their lifeblood— cash. Our engagement with the CICTE Secretariat of the Organization of American States provides us with a valuable partner for the achievement of this aim.

Janice Ayala
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Counter Terrorism Activities

“Workshop on the Prevention and Fight against Terrorism and its Financing: The International Legal Framework”

The Inter-American Committee Against Terrorism, in coordination with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime UNODC (for its acronyms in English) and under the auspices of the Government of Peru, carried out the “Workshop on the Prevention and Fight Against Terrorism and its Financing” at the facilities of the School of the Public Ministry of Peru, September 29th through October 2nd 2009. Experts from Argentina, Canada, Colombia, Spain, the United States, Italy, Mexico, Peru and representatives from international organizations such as CICTE, EUROJUST, GAFISUD, INTERPOL and UNODC shared their experiences and interchanged best practices with 18 public prosecutors, 10 judges and 10 officials of the Judicial Police of the host country on issues such as: the regional and international legal framework in the prevention and fight against terrorism and its financing; national experiences in investigation and prosecution of cases of terrorism; probative aspects of judicial inquiry; abuse of the Internet for terrorist purposes; cash smuggling ; and the use of non-profit organizations in the financing of terrorism.

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Aviation Security - Crisis Management Training in El Salvador

CICTE's Aviation Security Program hosted a Crisis Management Training Course from August 31- September 4th 2009. On August 31, 2009, the Course was formally opened by Lic. Mauricio Tovar, from the Port Authority of El Salvador (CEPA, for its initials in Spanish), who welcomed all participants and instructors. Other representatives who attended the opening ceremony were; Mr. Rogelio Sotelo - the OAS Representative in El Salvador, Mr. Henry Campos the Vice Minister of Justice and Public Safety and CICTE's NPC for El Salvador, Mr. Guillermo Lopez Suarez – President of CEPA and Ms. Angela Biguieur – Director General of Customs. The opening ceremony was also attended by approximately twenty four other guests, two television stations and one newspaper.



This Crisis Management Workshops are designed to provide mid-level to senior aviation-management and other government officials with the knowledge and skills needed to develop and implement sound crisis management procedures. Subjects include: crisis management concepts, crisis management planning, role of the crisis management team, crisis management facilities and crisis management exercises. The training is highly interactive and is performance based. Case studies, interactive discussions and comprehensive exercises are used to illustrate effective crisis management concepts and principles. Participants are evaluated on their contributions during the classroom segments and their performance during the exercises.

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High Level Visit of the Delegation of Costa Rica to the Headquarters of UNODC in Vienna

A high level delegation from Costa Rica visited UNODC's Headquarters in Vienna, Austria from September 22 to 24, 2009. The delegation was composed by the President of the Supreme Court, the President of the Third Room of the Supreme Court, the Attorney General of Costa Rica, the Vice minister of the Presidency in Matters of Security and Director of Intelligence and National Security, the Vice minister of Public Security; the Representative and President of the Special Permanent Commission of Drug Trafficking of the Legislative Assembly, and the Representative and Member of the Commission of Civic Safety of the Legislative Assembly. This delegation carried out working sessions at the headquarters of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), with representatives from UNODC and the CICTE Secretariat.

The visit's main objective was to advance in the process of ratification of the universal instruments against terrorism as well as to support the implementation process of the legislation against terrorism recently adopted by Costa Rica. The visit also aimed to strengthen the cooperation among Costa Rica and UNODC and the CICTE Secretariat in this process.

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Fifth Symposium and Exhibition on ICAO MRTDs, Biometrics and Security Standards



Two (2) representatives of the CICTE Secretariat's Document Security Program participated in a recent Symposium on the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) MRTDs (Machine Readable Travel Documents), Biometrics and Security Standards, held September 21-23 in Montreal, Canada. A CICTE representative made a presentation on the CICTE Secretariat's current travel document security activities and initiatives being undertaken in OAS's Member States. The Symposium was attended by over 350 participants from States, international organizations, companies and institutions. It was of particular interest to officials of passport and official ID document issuing agencies, immigration, customs, and other border control and security authorities. An exhibition complemented the Symposium and highlighted important products and services related to MRTDs, biometric identification and border inspection systems.

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OAS Hemispheric Workshop on Cyber Security



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Organization of American States

The Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE), the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) and the Meetings of Ministers of Justice or other Ministers or Attorneys General of the Americas (REMJA) are organizing, in collaboration with the Government of Brazil, an "OAS Hemispheric Workshop on the Development of a National Framework for Cyber Security."

The workshop will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on November 16 to 18, 2009, and will aim to provide a discussion-oriented forum for exchanging expertise, information, experiences, ideas, and innovative approaches for more effectively addressing cyber security at the national level. Attendees will include a mix of national and international experts, and policy, regulatory and technical level representatives working on the various aspects of cyber security and critical information infrastructure protection at the national level. Following the workshop and in conjunction with the Government of Brazil, the CICTE Secretariat will organize a two-day technical exercise for participating representatives of governmental CSIRTs.

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CICTE provides technical assistance on cyber security to Colombia

The Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE) conducted on 28 September to 1 October 2009, a technical assistance mission on cyber security to assist the Government of Colombia with the development and establishment of Colombia's Computer Security Incident Response Team (CSIRT).

On the first day, participants completed the course on the creation of a Computer Security Incident Response Team (CSIRT/CERT) developed by Carnegie Mellon University's Software Engineering Institute. In the subsequent days, the workshop focused on an analysis of the technological, legal, organizational and strategic elements required for the creation of a National CSIRT that would meet Colombia's requirements. The technical mission was directed by Mr. Jorge Uya, who is a SEI CERT-certified instructor.



The activity took place at the headquarters of the Direction of Criminal Investigation (DIJIN) of the National Police of Colombia, and included the participation of 17 officials involved with the creation of Colombia's National CSIRT.

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CICTE Participates in PANAMAX 09 Exercise

The Inter-American Commission against Terrorism (CICTE) participated in Fuerzas Aliadas PANAMAX 2009, a 12-day exercise focused on ensuring the security of the Panama Canal and sponsored by the U.S. Southern Command and the Government of Panama. CICTE's role in the joint, multinational training exercise was in an advisory capacity due to its experience in maritime security.

FA PANAMAX 2009 concluded successfully on the 22 September and included the participation of more than 20 vessels, 12 aircraft and 4,500 personnel from 20 countries including Argentina, Belize, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, United States and Uruguay. France and Mexico participated as observers.



Link to SOUTHCOM press release on PANAMAX 09: <http://www.southcom.mil/AppsSC/news.php?storyId=1962>

CICTE participates in Black ICE II

The Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs and the U.S. Department of State organized "Black ICE II", an international coordination bioterrorism response tabletop exercise, in Montreux, Switzerland, on September 7 and 8, 2009.

This exercise focused on international coordination during response and recovery following a hypothetical bioterrorism event. Senior officials from different global and regional organizations, such as the World Health Organization (WHO), INTERPOL, the United Nations, NATO, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), the European Union (EU) and the CICTE Secretariat, as well as experts and representatives from national agencies, such as the Ministry of the Interior of Mexico, the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Center for Disease Control of the U.S. (CDC), and representatives of India and Switzerland, among others, converged to discuss the growing roles that these organizations play in coordinating across national and regional boundaries, as well as across the public health, law enforcement, defense, and transportation sectors in response to a bioterrorist attack.

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Training Course on Security of Radioactive Sources



IAEA
International Atomic Energy Agency
Atoms For Peace

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in cooperation with the *Comisión Nacional de Energía Atómica* of the Dominican Republic is organizing a Regional Training Course on Security of Radioactive Sources in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic from October 19 to 23, 2009. The purpose of this training course is to create an awareness of the need to protect and control sources and to apply adequate security measures to radioactive sources throughout their life cycle. The training course will cover international instruments and IAEA guidance on security of radioactive sources; introduce methodologies and guidelines for designing security systems for radioactive sources; and provide practical experience in applying these guidance and methodologies.

IAEA is expecting to count approximately with 50 participants from Central America and the Caribbean. France, Netherlands, United Kingdom and the United States are invited to nominate participants from the relevant territories under their jurisdiction in the region.

Following the training course, it is expected that participants will be directly involved in their national programs for the security of radioactive sources.

For more information: www.iaea.org

September Revisions to Consolidated List of the United Nations Security Council Al-Qaida and Taliban Sanctions Committee

An updated September 2009 version of the Consolidated List is accessible in XML, PDF and HTML formats on the Committee's website at the following URL: <http://www.un.org/sc/committees/1267/consolist.shtml>

Council of Europe News

Council of Europe Convention

Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism

On 01 September the CoE Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS No.: 196) entered into force for Estonia.

On 13 September the procedure for the updating of the list of treaties appended to the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS n° 196) had been finalised. As a result of this procedure, the treaty list appended to the CETS No.: 196 had been amended by adding the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism.

Other Conventions

On 01 September the Convention on Cybercrime (CETS No.: 185) entered into force for the Republic of Moldova.

On 17 September Belgium ratified Council of Europe Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and on the Financing of Terrorism (CETS No.: 198). On 1 September this Convention also entered into force for "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia".

Council of Europe Events

On 3-4 September, a workshop on institutionalising cybercrime training for judges and prosecutors has taken place in Strasbourg. Representatives of training institutions, judges and prosecutors from eleven countries, the private sector as well as the European Judicial Training Network and the Lisbon Network of the Council of Europe participated in the event and elaborated a concept for the training of judges and prosecutors in cybercrime and electronic evidence matters. This process will help judicial training institutions to develop and to integrate such programmes and training in regular initial and in-service training. Information about the event is available at: <http://www.coe.int/t/dghl/cooperation/economiccrime>



On 14-15 September, in Geneva, the 2nd European Dialogue on Internet Governance EuroDIG has debated current challenges to Internet governance. The EuroDIG has been organised by the European Broadcasting and the Swiss Federal Office of Communications (OFCOM), with the support of the Council of Europe. Structured in six workshops and four plenary sessions, delegates have discussed access to the Internet, online privacy, cybercrime, critical Internet resources, social networks and net neutrality. Other topics discussed have been the quality, reliability and responsibility of user-generated content and new media, the role of public service media, copyright issues as well as media literacy. The 2009 EuroDIG programme is available at www.eurodig.org.

On 18-19 September the Round Table on "The fight against Terrorism: Challenges for the Judiciary" of the PACE Subcommittee on Crime Problems and the Fight against Terrorism took place in Florence, Italy.

Upcoming Events

- On 28 September - 2 October, the autumn session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) will take place in Strasbourg
- On 6 November, a Conference on New Partnerships for Torture Prevention in Europe, will take place in Strasbourg
- On 17-18 November the 17th meeting of the Committee of Experts on Terrorism (CODEXTER) will take place in Strasbourg

For further information on the Council of Europe action against terrorism, please visit <http://www.coe.int/gmt>

OSCE/ATU Activities

OSCE holds meeting to discuss preventing abuse of non-profit organizations for terrorist financing

On 11 September 2009 in Vienna, the OSCE Action against Terrorism Unit (ATU) held in co-operation with the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA) a Public-Private Expert Workshop on Preventing the Abuse of Non-Profit Organizations for Terrorist Financing. The workshop, organized in partnership with the Charity Commission for England and Wales, the United States and the Basel Institute on Governance, gathered 155 participants from 39 OSCE participating States and Partners for Co-operation, as well as experts from 13 international structures and representatives of 22 civil society and business organizations.



The workshop was framed around the Financial Action Task Force Special Recommendation (FATF SR) VIII on non-profit organizations, and built on previous OSCE efforts to promote public-private partnerships (PPPs) in countering terrorism. The proceedings emphasized that there remain significant compliance issues with respect to FATF SR VIII, notably in terms of risk assessment, inadequate oversight of the non-profit sector, and lack of outreach and awareness raising efforts by state authorities.

The ATU is now exploring opportunities for follow-up activities at the sub-regional and/or national levels in support of the full implementation of FATF SR VIII.

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National training workshop for the Uzbekistani Financial Intelligence Unit

On 8-10 September, the OSCE supported the World Bank and the Uzbekistani government in holding a national training workshop for officials of the Uzbekistani Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) in Tashkent. The objective of the Workshop was to build capacity of the Uzbekistani FIU and to enhance the collaboration between the FIU and the competent law enforcement/prosecutorial authorities, as well as to enhance the FIU's international co-operation. The three-day event was organised in co-operation with the Asian Development Bank and the Eurasian Group on Combating Money Laundering (EAG) and was attended by 30 experts from the General Prosecutor's Office and other Uzbekistani Institutions. psu-oceea-at@osce.org

Recommended Reading

The Top Cyber Security Risks



Throughout the developed world, governments, defense industries, and companies in finance, power, and telecommunications are increasingly targeted by overlapping surges of cyber attacks from criminals seeking economic or military advantage. The report that SANS organization developed uses current data - covering March 2009 to August 2009 - from appliances and software in thousands of targeted organizations to provide a reliable portrait of the attacks being launched and the vulnerabilities they exploit. The report's purpose is to document existing and emerging threats that pose significant risk to networks and the critical information that is generated, processed, transmitted, and stored on those networks. This report summarizes vulnerability and attack trends, focusing on those threats that have the greatest potential to negatively impact your network and your business. It identifies key elements that enable these threats and associates these key elements with security controls that can mitigate your risk.

For more information [click here](#) and [here](#).

Inside the Terror Plot that Rivalled 9/11

In one of the most significant terrorism cases since 9/11, a British court on September 13th sentenced three British citizens to life in prison for conspiring to blow up transatlantic airliners in a plot that was thwarted in August 2006. The terrorist plot, which disrupted international air travel at the time, led authorities in 2006 to impose restrictions on liquids and gels on airplanes. Those restrictions remain in place today. Authorities said the men, arrested in August 2006, planned to smuggle liquid explosives disguised as sports drinks aboard a half-dozen or more flights headed from London's Heathrow Airport to cities in the United States and Canada. Counterterrorism investigators say that such an attack could have killed well over 1,500 on board the planes, and many more if detonated over densely populated urban areas.



For more information [click here](#).

Who's Afraid of A Terrorist Haven?

Rationales for maintaining the counterinsurgency in Afghanistan are varied and complex, but they all center on one key tenet: that Afghanistan must not be allowed to again become a haven for terrorist groups, especially al-Qaeda. Debate about Afghanistan has raised reasons to question that tenet, one of which is that the top al-Qaeda leadership is not even in Afghanistan, having decamped to Pakistan years ago. Another is that terrorists intent on establishing a haven can choose among several unstable countries besides Afghanistan, and U.S. forces cannot secure them all.

The debate has largely overlooked a more basic question: How important to terrorist groups is any physical haven?

For more information [click here](#).

Recent Events

Month	Days	Event	Venue
September	7-8, 2009	Crisis Management Exercise: Black Ice II (CICTE as observer)	Montreux, Switzerland
	8-10, 2009	Meeting on UNSCR 1540	San Jose, Costa Rica
	9-11, 2009	Legislative Technical Assistance Mission (CICTE, CICAD, UNODC and UNCTED)	Asuncion, Paraguay
	14-22, 2009	PANAMAX Crisis Exercise, organized by SOUTHCOM and the Government of Panama	Panama City, Panama
	22-24, 2009	Specialized training - Delegation from Costa Rica	Vienna, Austria
	21-23, 2009	5th ICAO MRTDs Symposium	Montreal, Canada
	28-30, 2009	Port Security Hemispheric Forum (DIMAR Colombia, Red PBIP)	Cartagena, Colombia
	28 - Oct.1, 2009	Cyber Security Technical Assistance Mission	Bogota, Colombia
	29- Oct. 2, 2009	UNODC/CICTE Specialized training for Peru on counter terrorism investigation and prosecutions	Lima, Peru
	29 - Oct. 2, 2009	CICAD - Anti-Money Laundering Group of Experts	Montevideo, Uruguay

Upcoming Events

Month	Days	Event	Venue
October	12-16, 2009	CICTE Aviation Crisis Management Training	Brazil (TBC)
	12-16, 2009	CICTE Aviation Crisis Management Training	Costa Rica (TBC)
	TBD	First Preparatory Session for X Annual Meeting of CICTE	Washington DC, United States
November	11 - 13, 2009	Bioterrorism Crisis Management Exercise	Cancun, Mexico
	16-20, 2009	Joint OAS Hemispheric Workshop Cyber Security (CICTE-CITEL-REMJA)	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
	16-20, 2009	CICTE Aviation Crisis Management Training	Dominican Republic (TBC)
	30 - Dec.4, 2009	Cyber Security Technical Assistance Mission	Brazil (TBC)
	TBD	Legislative Technical Assistance Mission (CICTE, UNODC)	La Paz, Bolivia (TBC)
	TBD	Crisis Management Exercise - Maritime Security (CICTE, USCG, Transport Canada)	Brazil (TBC)
	TBD	Sub-regional Workshop for the Caribbean countries on Best Practices on Travel Document Security	TBD
	TBD	Specialized Training on Tourism Security	Cancun, Mexico
December	1 - 4, 2009	CICTE Aviation Crisis Management Training	Panama (TBC)
	7-11, 2009	CICTE Document Security and Prevention of Fraud Workshop	TBD
	TBD	Second Preparatory Session for X Annual Meeting of CICTE	Washington DC, United States

News

NYC Terror plot suspects due in federal court



An Afghanistan born Colorado man who allegedly received Al Qaeda training and had bomb-making instructions on his computer faced a court appearance on September 21st as the government warned law enforcement around the nation about the danger of an attack on mass transit.

Investigators say Najibullah Zazi, a 24-year-old airport shuttle driver, played a direct role in an alleged terror plot that unraveled during a trip to New York City around the anniversary of the Sept. 11 anniversary. But he has only been charged with lying to the government, and has a court appearance Monday afternoon in Denver on the charge. Investigators said they found notes on bomb-making instructions that appear to match Zazi's handwriting, and discovered his fingerprints on materials — batteries and a scale — that could be used to make explosives.

For more information [click here.](#)

Feds still on guard for NYC Terror Plot

The alleged terror plot aimed at New York City that has led to the arrests of three men may be only partially disrupted, law enforcement officials cautioned Monday. Authorities told CBS News producer Pat Milton that they may not know the full scope of the alleged conspiracy and could not rule out the continuation of the plans by other conspirators in New York or other cities. New York is widely assumed to be the target of the potential attack, but other locations could not be ruled out.

For more information [click here.](#)

Two Military members are killed in a Narco-terrorist attack in the jungles of the *Valle de los Rios Apurimac y Ene (VRAE)* - (Peru)

September 3 2009. The pilot and co-pilot of a military helicopter were assassinated by terrorists in the region of the Valle de los Rios Apurimac y Ene (VRAE, for its initials in Spanish) on the afternoon of September 3. This was confirmed by the Minister of Defense Rafael Rey who indicated that among the victims were two Majors of the Armed Forces of Peru, Ángel Vejarano Pacheco and Jorge Sánchez Pérez. In other news, the Command group of the Armed Forces informed that three terrorist suspects were captured in a joint operation with the Army, the National Police and the Public Ministry in the regions of Potrero and Huachicna, district of Pariahuanca in the province of Huancayo(Junin).

For more information [click here.](#)

E-Mail correspondence belonging to “Reyes” connects the FARC to Peru



Over one hundred supposed emails belonging to the late leader of the Narco-terrorist group Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia(FARC) “Raul Reyes” prove the organization’s link with the Movimiento Revolucionario Tupac Amaru(MRTA) from Peru, informed the local media on Sunday August 30th.

The newspaper El Comercio started exclusively printing content from the email messages on August 30th belonging to the number two leader of the FARC. The paper claimed to have access to 107 email messages that were saved on two portable hard discs that were found in a camp in Ecuador where the guerrilla was attacked last year.

For more information [click here.](#)

The Mapuches are accused of working with the terrorists from the ETA and the FARC



On Friday, September 4, Mapuches and land owners led various protests in the province of Neuquen, in the south of Argentina, all the while controversial accusations are brought to light against the aboriginal community.

The controversy has originated in large part due to information that links the FARC (Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia) and the terrorist group ETA with some sectors of the Mapuche group settled in the Southern Cone of Latin America in between Chile and Argentina.

Businessmen and cattle raisers maintain this theory and they assure that the Mapuches are being instructed by both the FARC and the ETA terrorist groups and they also add that on September 26th there will be a secret meeting between the mentioned groups. Nevertheless, the aboriginals claim that all of these claims are false and that this is a “conspiracy” orchestrated by business interests.

For more information [click here](#).

Caribbean partners setting course for European Cruise Convention

Representatives from nine Caribbean and South American ports-of-call participated in the 2009 Seatrade Europe Convention which took place from September 15-17, 2009 in Hamburg, Germany. Agent tour operators from Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Barbados, Curaçao, Guadeloupe, Jamaica, Martinique and Tobago assisted the event under the Caribbean Village banner. The objective of this partnership is to continue positioning the region in targeted world markets as the ultimate cruise destination, offering world-class facilities and services to cruise ships, as well as exciting and innovative experiences to their guests. The Caribbean Village model remains an effective vehicle for regional collaboration in the marketing and promotion of Caribbean cruise tourism, given its success to date.



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U.S. Upgrades Colombia's Human Rights Score

The United States said Friday that it had legally certified an improvement in Colombia's human rights record, allowing the use of \$32 million in withheld money from Washington for fighting gangs and drug smugglers. A State Department spokesman, Ian Kelly, said Colombia must still make progress on human rights, and he described in a statement “several disquieting challenges,” including allegations of killings of civilians by soldiers and illegal surveillance.

But, he said, the country has “made significant efforts to increase the security of its people,” justifying the certification to Congress that Colombia is meeting legal criteria on human rights and paramilitary groups and that the money can be released.

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Colombia Cash Seizure Swells to \$22 Million

Colombian police found an additional USD\$11.2 million in a shipment from Mexico that arrived in the southwestern Pacific port of Buenaventura, bringing to USD\$22.4 million the total amount of cash hidden in a consignment of chemicals. The cash was distributed in packets of \$700,000 each that were wrapped in plastic and hidden in containers of ammonium nitrate, a chemical product used in domestic and industrial cleaning supplies.



This is the biggest cash seizure to the drug cartels in Colombia's recent history. The money was also hidden in a shipment that was sent from Manzanillo, Mexico, to the port of Buenaventura, Colombia's most important port on the Pacific Ocean and the one that moves more than half of this South American country's international trade. For more information [click here](#) and [here](#).

Hijacked AeroMexico Jet Lands in Mexico City



Federal police officers raided a Boeing 737-800 at Mexico City's airport and freed 104 passengers and 7 crew members on September 9, 2009 after an unstable man threatened to blow up the plane unless he could speak to Mexico's president. Seven or eight men were led away from the plane in handcuffs, but the authorities later said that there was only a single hijacker, José Mar Flores Pereira, 44, a Bolivian citizen who had said he had lived in Mexico for many years and was a Christian pastor who had spoken to God.

After the plane, Aeroméxico Flight 576, took off from Cancún about midday, the hijacker said he had a bomb, officials said. A search was later conducted, and no explosive was found. He told reporters that he had put juice cans filled with dirt and some light bulbs into a cardboard box to make a fake explosive. Genaro García Luna, head of the Public Security Federal Department, (SSP) explained that Flores Pereyra chose September 9 because the date 9/9/9 when being inverted is a 666, the number of the Beast.

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Another Nuclear Plant

The revelation that Iran has been illegally hiding another nuclear plant represented an intelligence coup for the United States and its allies, and it was delivered at an important moment -- just days before the first meeting in a year between Iran and the international coalition that has been pressing for a suspension of its nuclear program. The uranium enrichment facility, hidden in tunnels under a mountain near the city of Qom, looks like the sort of clandestine plant that U.S. intelligence agencies predicted Iran would use to produce a weapon; officials say that when it is operational, it could deliver the material for a bomb in a year. If that was its purpose, then its discovery has dealt Iran's program a setback.

Additionally, Iran reported Monday, September 28 that it successfully test-fired its most advanced and powerful medium-range missiles as part of war games it said were intended to deter the country's enemies. Iran's Foreign Ministry denied that there was any connection between the missile tests and a dispute with the United States and other nations over a newly disclosed underground uranium enrichment plant that U.S. officials suspect is intended to produce fissile material for nuclear weapons.

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