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Counter Terrorism Activities

Conference Sees Threats of Cyber Crime

Public and private sector security experts discussed the latest developments in cyber crime at Interpol's 6th International Conference on Cyber Crime in Cairo, Egypt from April 13 to 15. A central theme of the conference was Interpol's role in the trans-border fight against this new type of criminality. Interpol's Executive Director of Police Services, Jean-Michel Louboutin, highlighted the need for a global approach to fighting cyber crime and emphasized the importance of a discussion on operational standards, particularly with regard to basic issues such as the securing of electronic evidence in investigations. Participants at the conference recommended: that countries consider joining the Convention on Cyber Crime of the Council of Europe; that Interpol continue to enhance its efforts within the Training and Operative Standards Initiative; that training and technical assistance remain a priority area for international efforts against cyber crime; that cooperation between supranational institutions and national entities be initiated; and that Interpol Working Parties on IT Crime shall be created in all regions where no such groups exist.

For more information: www.interpol.int/Public/TechnologyCrime/Default.asp

Crime Prevention Congress Adopts Bangkok Declaration

The 11th Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice took place in Bangkok, Thailand from April 18 to 25 under the theme "Synergies and Responses: Strategic Alliances in Crime Prevention and Criminal Issues". There were around 2,370 participants in the meeting, including Ministers of Justice and other high-level officials, as well as representatives from 167 non-governmental organizations and 1,135 individual expert observers. The agenda addressed issues such as: effective measure to combat transnational organized crime; international cooperation against terrorism and links between terrorism and other criminal activities; corruption; economic and financial crimes; and making standards of crime prevention work. The meeting concluded by unanimously adopting the "Bangkok Declaration" which addresses human trafficking, money laundering, corruption, terrorism, cyber crime, restorative justice, and the root causes of crime.

For more information: www.un.org/events/11thcongress/pressrels.html

NDA Highlights U.S. – EU Cooperation Against Terrorism

The conference on “Transatlantic Cooperation in the Fight Against Terrorism” took place in Brussels, Belgium on April 25. This meeting was co-organized by the New Defence Agenda, Friends of Europe, and the Center for Transatlantic Relations at SAIS, Johns Hopkins University and the Chemical and Biological Arms Control Institute. The recent Atlantic Storm simulation showed that the U.S. and the EU need to conduct training to prepare countries in case of a biological attack and to increase cooperation among the US and EU in the fight against terrorism.

For more information: www.newdefenceagenda.org

Other Recent Events

- 1-8 April: ICAO’s Instructors Certification Course; Argentina
- 5-8 April: Regional Seminar on Integrity; Peru
- 11-15 April: ICAO-GREPACs Meeting; Montego Bay, Jamaica
- April 15: Terrorism and Life Science Research- a panel to discuss increasing risk and ways to counter terrorism. The panel explored strategies to develop capabilities for rapid response, increasing access and knowledge about dangerous pathogens, and questioned strategies in order to limit the potential dangers of globally ubiquitous knowledge, methods, tools, and materials.
- 20 April: Winning the Silent War: Defeating Terrorists and Money Launderers; A web seminar meant to teach how develop a winning strategy by implementing effective AML controls and unraveling the Bank Secrecy Act. Organized by Money Laundering Alert and moneylaundering.com.
- 19-27: ICAO’s National Auditors-Inspectors Course; Buenos Aires Argentina
- 25-27 April: Caribbean Financial Action Task Force, Plenary Meeting; Guatemala City, Guatemala

Future Events

- May 10-13: Regional Port Security Course for Mercosur Area, Port of Santos, Sao Paulo, Brazil
- May 17 – 20: Association of Caribbean Police Chiefs meeting, St. Croix, USVI
- May 18: Behind Enemy Minds: Money Laundering Tactics and Terrorist Schemes; A web seminar meant to teach how to recognize new money laundering methods and suspicious activity, how to identify types of terrorist financing activities that draw red flags, and what the 9/11 commission said about identifying and tracking terrorist funds. Organized by Money Laundering Alert and moneylaundering.com.
- May 22-25: Conference on Legislation Action in the Eastern Caribbean Countries, St. Vincent and the Grenadines
- May 31- June 3: APEC Maritime Security Working Group Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- June 13 - 16: Port Assessment Training, St. Lucia

Recent Developments in the News

- *The Associated Press* reported on April 19 that **after 10 years, Oklahoma City remembers victims**. Survivors, victim's family members, and political leaders united to remember their loved ones who died in the worst act of domestic terrorism in U. S. history. A ceremony was held at the memorial dedicated to victims on the site where the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building once stood. For more information about the Oklahoma City National Memorial : www.oklahomacitynationalmemorial.org/index.htm

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<http://cnn.netscape.com/news/story.jsp?idq=/ff/story/0001/20050419/0721048893.html>

- According to a *UN Press Release* on April 13, the **UN General Assembly adopted a new Convention on Nuclear Terrorism**. The International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism will be open for signature in September 2005. The convention will play a crucial role in preventing terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction. It will also contribute to the strengthening of the international legal framework for the suppression and combating of terrorism and will become a valuable addition to the existing twelve universal anti-terrorism conventions.

For more information: www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2005/ga10340.doc.htm

- The *UN News Service* of April 20 reported that a **UN Internet governance panel met to discuss key public policy issues**, such as spam, network security, and cyber-crime. The main focus was on how to deal with and protect the Internet. Suggestions included drafting model legislation and informal models of collaboration. This meeting also included ongoing preparations for the World Summit on the Information Society that will be held later this year in Tunis, Tunisia.

For more information: www.un.org/apps/news/printnews.asp?nid=14030

- According to *FBI News*, the on April 4 in southern Connecticut, the FBI participated in the nation's largest ever mock terrorism event. The purpose of the drill, TOPOFF 3, was to improve America's ability to prevent and respond to major terrorist attacks involving weapons of mass destruction (nuclear devices or chemical, biological, or radiological agents). This exercise included more than 600 FBI employees and crisis response professional from New Jersey, Connecticut, and Virginia. The assessment of this event will be released in several weeks.

For more information: www.fbi.gov/page2/april05/topoff042205.htm

New Documents in OLAT

- Guidelines on the Protection of Victims of Terrorist Acts, Council of Europe
- Detecting and Preventing the Cross-border Transportation of Cash by Terrorists and Other Criminals, Financial Action Task Force (FATF)

New Books

- Dissuading Terror: Strategic Influence and the Struggle Against Terrorism by Kim Cragin and Scott Gerwehr, RAND Corporation, February 2005.
U.S. government decision makers face a number of challenges as they attempt to form policies that aim to dissuade terrorist from attacking the United States, divert youths from joining terrorist organizations, and persuade the leaders of states and NGOs to withhold support for terrorists. The successes or failures of such policies and campaigns will have long lasting effects. The findings of this research helps decision makers more closely refine how and in what circumstances strategic influences can be best applied.
- Anti-terrorism Measures and Human Rights. Wolfgang Benedek and Alice Yotopoulos-Marangopoulos, eds. Brill Academic Publishers, January 2004
In order to analyze the many human rights questions posed by the intensified struggle against terrorism, a symposium was organized on the initiative of the Marangopoulos Foundation for Human Rights (MFHR) of Athens, by the European Training and Research Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Graz and the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna together with the MFHR. This volume brings together most of the contributors to this high-level and in-depth discussion in an edited and updated form. Among the issues analyzed are the dangers entailed in the new doctrine of pre-emptive wars, the issue of the prevention of terrorism through measures addressing its causes and the strengthening of human security.
- Trauma of Terrorism: An International Handbook of Shared Knowledge and Shared Care. Yael Danieli, Danny Brom, and Joe Sills, eds. Harworth Press, Inc. April 2005
This book provides a comprehensive look at the effects of terrorism, at the prevention of terrorist action, at preparedness for terrorism, and at the range of individual, community, and national responses.