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Cyber Security Technical Assistance Mission - Peru

The Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE) conducted its second Cyber Security Technical Assistance Mission as of this year on May 10-12, in Lima, Peru. Such initiative represented not only a part of CICTE Secretariat's continuous work to enhance Member States' cyber security capabilities since its Third Regular Session held in 2003, but also a renewed effort to comply with the Organization of American States (OAS) strategy in order to combat threats within this dominion.

The activity aimed at identifying and defining technical, operational and institutional issues and roles regarding the implementation and management of the Coordination of Responses to Informatics Network of the Public Administration of Peru (PeCERT, acronym in Spanish – www.pecert.gob.pe), which has already been created by ministerial resolution. Expressing the commitment of the Peruvian government to effectively establish its national Computer Security Incident Response Team (CSIRT), the opening ceremony was chaired by the Director General for United Nations and Multilateral Politics of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and National Point of Contact to CICTE. The event took place at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Peru headquarters, and was attended by 25 officials working on cyber security within the Peruvian governmental structure.



Over the course of the workshop, guest instructors from leading South American CSIRTs—namely ArCERT (Argentina), CTIR Gov (Brazil), CERTUy (Uruguay) and VenCERT (Venezuela)—lent their expertise and experience to the consolidation of the Peruvian “24/7 alert, watch and warning group” by making presentations which, besides addressing key technical topics, focused on raising cyber security awareness, discussing relevant lessons learned and compiling best practices, all to be applied towards PeCERT. These professionals were joined by two other specialists: one from the Anti-Cyber Terrorism Group belonging to Spain's Civil Guard; another—for the first time within the crew—, an Information Security Officer representing OAS Department of Information and Technology Services (DOITS).

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Editorial

Maritime Security: a Common Challenge

Ever since human evolution and development led to the construction of the first water craft to be used as a means for transporting persons and exchanging goods across the seas, this medium has become increasingly important. Even to this day, it remains the principal mode of transport. These primitive water craft which gave rise to maritime transport have over time been developed to such an extent that it is now common to find ships that transport more than 5,000 containers with an average capacity of 20 tons each.

The importance of the global seaborne trade has also given rise to great challenges for mankind, which have been addressed with creativity and technology. An example is the Panama Canal, which brought markets closer, shortening distances and expediting international trade. Today, there are on average some 15 million containers in circulation around the world being transported by approximately 46,000 vessels. There are 4,000 ports in the world that can receive containerized shipments and for each shipment there can be 25 different entities interacting. Today, international trade is considered driving force behind the economic prosperity of nations and 90% of all the cargo moved globally is transported by sea.

Due to the great volume of trade, the logistical complexity and the efficiency that this mode of transportation represents, it has become a target of organized criminal groups, who maintain a constant effort to utilize it to conduct criminal acts, seeking to contaminate the products or services with the illicit trafficking of drugs, arms, contraband and persons, etc.

Furthermore, now global trade faces the new challenge of terrorism, the impact of which constitutes a defining element in recent world affairs. Recent events have shown how vulnerable the countries of the world are, and in response, nations and international organizations have reacted by changing the rules that govern trade, thereby impacting commercial procedures and the movement goods through the international commercial supply chain.

As part of their response to terrorism, nations and international organizations have established a series of new laws, norms, regulations, initiatives and programs that allow them to confront this scourge. Among these are the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO); the Bioterrorism Act of the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA); the United States Customs Service 24 -hour Rule; the Customs-Trade Partnership against Terrorism (C-TPAT); the World Customs Organization's Framework of Standards to Secure and Facilitate Global trade (SAFE); and the United States Customs and Border Patrol's Container Security Initiative (CSI).

Likewise, the private sector has adapted to these new times. Presently, noteworthy programs such as the non-profit organization Business Alliance for Secure Commerce (BASC), which is internationally recognized and allows companies engaged in international trade to find their own security solutions, expand markets, improve their corporate image and obtain preferential treatment in destination countries.

In this vein and with the commitment to obtaining a complete chain which incorporates activities to protect all the links that comprise said supply chain for foreign trade in the region via sea vessels and ports, the Executive Secretariat of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (OAS/SMS/CICAD) has developed a program to provide technical assistance, training, and other types of support to its Member States to strengthen their capacities and collaborate in the protection of their ports. This type of training is based on issues such as the searching of containers, the screening of passengers, investigation and interdiction operations, vessel screening, cooperation with private sector, and cooperation among the various responsible entities.



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It is within the context of assisting our Member States that the Secretariats of CICAD and CICTE actively collaborate in their respective initiatives. A particularly noteworthy example of this successful strategic alliance, formed since 2007 between the two Secretariats, along with the United States Coast Guard and Transport Canada, is CICTE's Maritime Security Program. This strategic alliance has led to a multiplication of the technical assistance capacities of each of the partners, as well as the impact of our efforts, allowing a harmonized and coordinated approach to strengthening capacities in maritime protection in the hemisphere.

In conclusion, in the face of these new challenges, our commitment must be shared by all; governments, public and private sectors, security organizations, regional and international organizations; and converted into cooperation at various levels, like an indisputable force in the fight against terrorism and transnational crime.

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Experts Workshop on UNSCR 1540 Implementation – Central America

A sub-regional workshop on the implementation of the United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1540 was organized by the Stimson Center, the Stanley Foundation, the Central American Integration System (SICA, by its initials in Spanish), and the Office of the Assistant Secretary General of the OAS, in Panama City, Panama, on May 5, 2010.

The objective of the workshop—which gathered representatives from all Central American countries, as well as experts from the United Nations “1540 Committee”, CARICOM, Institute for Central American Integration (ICI, by its initials in Spanish), Fundación Arias, SICA and the CICTE Secretariat—was to present Stimson’s innovative model, “the Next 100 initiative”, to implement UNSCR 1540 through a comprehensive approach to security and development needs.

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GAFISUD’s Mutual Evaluation - Chile

From May 23 to June 2, an Evaluation Team—composed by representatives from Argentina, Brazil, Peru, Uruguay, the Financial Action Task Force of South America (GAFISUD) Executive Secretary and Deputy Secretary, as well as observers from France, Spain, the Executive Directorate of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee (UNCTED), and the CICTE Secretariat—undertook a new round of Mutual Evaluations in Chile.

The Evaluation Team held meetings with high-ranking authorities of Chile as well as private sector representatives, and is expected to produce a report to assess the progress made by Chile in complying with GAFI’s 40 recommendations against money laundering and 9 special recommendations against terrorism financing.

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Regional Workshop on Security for Major Events for the Americas

The Secretariat of CICTE, in collaboration with the United Nations Inter Regional Crime and Research Institute (UNICRI) and the Government of the Canada, held a Regional Workshop on the Security for Major Events on May 11-13. This workshop was organized within the framework of IPO Americas, the regional initiative for the Americas of the International Permanent Observatory for Major Events Security. Experts from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and from the public and private sector provided technical presentations on the Security of Major Events. The primary objective of the workshop was to assess the baseline of the cooperative framework we would like to establish for the incoming years, through a deep analysis of a needs assessment questionnaire submitted to all the participant countries.

Vancouver was the selected location to allow the Canadian authorities to share with the participants the main challenges and the lessons learnt in the security planning of the 2010 Winter Olympic Games. The course was attended by 24 National Focal Points (NFP’s) from Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Belize, Bahamas, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, and the United States.

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Aviation Security Sub-regional in Cargo Security Inspections in St. Vincent and The Grenadines May 10-14th, 2010

The CICTE Secretariat in conjunction with the Ministry of National Security of St. Vincent and The Grenadines sponsored and organized the second Sub-regional for the CICTE Secretariat's Aviation Security Program. This course was held at the National Emergency Management Organization Headquarters (NEMO) in Kingstown, Saint Vincent from May 10th-14th, 2010. The newly designed course by the U.S. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) entailed the participation of 24 mid to senior level



aviation and cargo security officials from Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Saint Lucia, Saint Kitts and Nevis and Saint Vincent. The main objective of this course is to use air cargo security risk management tools to assess the vulnerability to air cargo operations at an international airport and make recommendations to the appropriate authority to adopt, modify, or create a comprehensive air cargo security program for the airport. This course will be offered to the remaining Caribbean member states over the next month.

Mr. Ronald Browne, Aviation Security Oversight Manager from Maritime Administration and local coordinator for this event opened the closing ceremony for the course which included remarks from Ms. Shevaun Culmer, OAS/CICTE Programme Manager for Aviation Security; Ms. Melene Glynn, local OAS representative for Saint Vincent and The Grenadines, Mr. David Robin, National AVSEC Coordinator; Mr. Michael Yoka from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA); and Mrs. Corsel Robertson, Director of Airports.

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CICTE Scholarships for ICAO Workshop: Cargo and Mail Training Course in Argentina May 3-7th, 2010

The CICTE Secretariat, through its Aviation Security program, issued 7 scholarships to aviation security officials from Uruguay (1), Paraguay (2), Bolivia (2), Peru (1), and Chile (1) for their participation in the ICAO Aviation Security Cargo and Mail Training in Argentina from May 3-7, 2010. The course was developed to provide selected personnel involved in the handling of cargo, courier and express parcels, mail and company stores, with the knowledge and skills to enable them to apply preventive security measures in accordance with approved aviation security programmes.

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

An updated May 2010 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>

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OSCE-ATU Activities

OSCE promotes single platform to verify ePassports

On 27-28 May 2010, the OSCE Action against Terrorism Unit (ATU) organized the OSCE Workshop on Promoting the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Public Key Directory (PKD) in Vienna, Austria.



The workshop organized in co-operation with the ICAO Secretariat and the ICAO PKD Board, addressed the implementation of technical, operational and administrative elements related to the PKD – a single, multilateral technical platform designed to validate the authenticity of biographic and biometric data stored on the chips of electronic passports (ePassports) at border control.

Over 200 travel document security experts both from the public and private sector participated. The goal of the workshop was to improve international travel document security by increasing participation in and the use of the ICAO PKD by OSCE participating States.

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OSCE regional workshop focuses on criminal law aspects of countering maritime terrorism

On 26-27 May 2010, the OSCE ATU held a Sub-regional Workshop for the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) Countries on Criminal Law Aspects of Countering Maritime Terrorism in Light of Relevant Universal Instruments. The workshop was organized jointly with the UNODC Terrorism Prevention Branch and was held in Odessa, Ukraine.

The event gathered about 50 judicial and law enforcement officials, involved in co-operation in criminal matters in countering terrorism, from 15 BSEC member and observer States. The workshop participants familiarized themselves with the international legal framework against terrorism and practical tools in the area of international legal co-operation.

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OSCE facilitate port/container security needs assessment mission in Georgia

The ATU facilitated and participated in a needs assessment visit on port and container security with the UNODC and the World Customs Organization (WCO) in Georgia on 15-25 May 2010, within the framework of the Container Control Programme (CCP).

The CCP supports the establishment of inter-agency port control units including staff trained in risk profiling and advanced search techniques to target and inspect high-risk containers.

The assessment team held meetings with representatives from the Georgian Ministries of Finance and Internal Affairs in Tbilisi, and visited the seaports and container terminals of Poti and Batumi.

The mission confirmed that the establishment of port control units would significantly enhance the capabilities of Georgia to counter various forms of illicit trafficking, in line with its international commitments.

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OSCE panel discusses NPO transparency

On 14-15 May 2010, the ATU organized in Waterloo, Canada, a panel discussion on the transparency of the non-profit sector during the Annual General Meeting of the International Committee of Fundraising Organizations (ICFO) - an association of national accrediting and monitoring bodies.

The panel focussed on the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Special Recommendation VIII on non-profit organizations as well as on self-regulation efforts undertaken by non-profit organizations aimed at increasing transparency and ensuring accountability.

The conference was attended by 50 participants from the non-profit sector and was hosted by the Canadian Council of Christian Charities.

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Upcoming events

The ATU is co-sponsoring a Non-Intrusive Inspection (NII) Workshop jointly organized by the WCO and the Federal Customs Service of the Russian Federation, under the Japanese Customs Co-operation Fund on 7- 11 June 2010 in St. Petersburg, Russian Federation. For more information please contact Mehdi.Knani@osce.org

COUNCIL OF EUROPE NEWS:

Council of Europe Instruments:

On 28 April 2010, Montenegro ratified the European Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism (CETS No. 90).

On 3 May 2010, Azerbaijan ratified the Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data (CETS No. 108).

Council of Europe events and publications:

1. On 4 – 6 May 2010, the Council of Europe's Committee of Experts on the Operation of European Conventions in the Penal Field (PC-OC) held its 58th meeting in Strasbourg. During this meeting, discussions took place on preparation of normative texts concerning the European Convention on Extradition; jurisdiction as regards international co-operation in criminal matters; practical problems and concrete cases concerning the implementation of conventions and progress of works on the project on "Effective practical tools to facilitate judicial co-operation in criminal matters". For more information refer to: http://www.coe.int/t/e/legal_affairs/legal_co-operation/

2. On 13 and 14 May 2010, in the frame of the project on cybercrime in Georgia, a regional Workshop, followed by the project Closing Conference on cybercrime took place in Tbilisi, Georgia. The regional workshop gathered representatives from Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Estonia, Moldova, Poland, Romania and Ukraine as well as international experts and the private sector to share best practices and experiences in adopting a legislative framework in line with the Convention on Cybercrime (CETS No. 185) and in facing challenges related to cybercrime investigations. The Closing Conference represented an opportunity for the project partners, the European Union and the Council of Europe to review the achievements of the project and its impact on the fight against cybercrime in Georgia. For more information refer to: <http://www.coe.int/t/dghl/cooperation/economiccrime/>



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3. In the frame of the PROSECO Project, a round table on the legal framework and best practices of organised crime control took place on 26 May 2010 in Skopje. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and clarify the definitions of 'organised crime', 'organised criminal group' (its distinction from complicity) on the basis of international criminal law, to get a comparative review of the meaning of these terms in the law of different countries, to discuss the implication of these phenomena for the work of prosecutors and judges, the importance of these notions for the international co-operation between judges and prosecutors. For more information refer to: <http://www.coe.int/t/dghl/cooperation/economiccrime/>

4. In May 2010, the Council of Europe published "The Council of Europe - Pioneer and guarantor for human rights and democracy". This publication aims to increase public awareness of the Organisation in general and provides an overview and assessment of the Council of Europe contributions during the 60 years of existence in the field of its activities within the 47 member states. For more information refer to : <http://book.coe.int/>

Upcoming events

1. Annual [tripartite meeting](#) between the Council of Europe, the OSCE and the UN, Vienna, 14 - 15 June 2010.
2. Meeting of the Consultative Council of European Prosecutors working group (CCPE-GT), Strasbourg, 23 - 24 June.
3. Fifth meeting of the Convention Committee on Cybercrime (T-CY), Strasbourg, 24 - 25 June 2010.
4. Third part of the 2010 session of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly, Strasbourg, 21 - 25 June 2010.

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The Cyber security Boom

This article, written by Marjorie Censer and Tom Temin and published by the Washington Post, addresses the growing boom in cybersecurity work. The increasing number and intensity of cyberattacks has attracted the attention of the Obama administration and Congress, which have begun steering new dollars to the problem.

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Month	Days	Event	Venue
May	3-7, 2010	ICAO Scholarships for Cargo and Mail Training Course	Argentina
	4-5, 2010	Specialized Meeting on Terrorism (MERCOSUR)	Buenos Aires, Argentina
	10-12, 2010	Cyber Security Technical Assistance Mission	Lima, Peru
	11-13, 2010	American Regional Workshop on Major Events Security.	Vancouver, Canada
	10-14, 2010	Aviation Security Caribbean Sub-regional in Cargo Security Inspections	St. Vincent and the Grenadines
	24-28, 2010	Mutual Evaluation - Chile (GAFISUD)	Santiago, Chile
	28-Jun-03	Best Practices Workshop on Travel Document Security	Montevideo, Uruguay
	27-28, 2010	OSCE Workshop on the ICAO Public Key Directory (PKD)	Vienna, Austria

Upcoming Events

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June	TBC	Virtual Meeting of the Hemispheric network of CSIRTs	Online
	7-11, 2010	Aviation Security Caribbean Sub-regional in Cargo Security Inspections	Nassau, Bahamas
	14-16, 2010	INTERPOL Bioterrorism Tabletop Exercise	Buenos Aires, Argentina
	16-18, 2010	Second Sub-regional Training for Caribbean Countries on Counter-Terrorism Financing	Nassau, Bahamas
	17-21, 2010	Aviation Security "Excellence in Screening Techniques" National Training	Lima, Peru
	17-25, 2010	Aviation Security Scholarships for ICAO National Training Program Workshop	Washington DC, USA
July	6-9, 2010	Basic Subregional Cyber Security Course	Panama City, Panama
	19-23, 2010	Course on Detection of Fraudulent Documents	Mexico D.F, Mexico
	26-30, 2010	Aviation Security "Excellence in Screening Techniques" National Training	Dominican Republic

*NOTE: Only events that have formally accepted by host countries appear on this list.

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Al-Qaeda No. 3 Yazid reported killed by U.S. drone

Al-Qaeda's third-ranking operative, an Egyptian who was a founding member of the terrorist network and a key conduit to Osama bin Laden, has been killed in Pakistan, according to a statement Monday, June 1, from al-Qaeda that U.S. intelligence officials believe is accurate.

"Al-Masri [Yizad] was the group's chief operating officer, with a hand in everything from finances to operational planning," said an official. "He was also the organization's prime conduit to bin Laden and Zawahiri," he added, referring to al-Qaeda's No. 2, Ayman al-Zawahiri. "He was key to al-Qaeda's command and control." For more information [click here](#).

Pact between the FARC and paramilitary groups denounced

Marcelo Alvarez, Argentine and head of the OAS mission that gives support to the peace process with Colombian paramilitaries, denounced on Wednesday, May 5th, alliances between the Marxist guerilla group the FARC and the criminal groups of ex paramilitaries in order to profit from drug trafficking.

"We have observed alliances on illegal economic terms and non-aggression agreements between emerging groups [remaining from the ex paramilitaries] and the FARC," said Alvarez to the newspaper *El Tiempo* from Bogota. The representative of the Organization of the American States (OAS) explained that there are "joint alliances in terms of drug trafficking and, on the other hand, non-aggression treaties and demarcation of [illegal] cultivation zones." For more information [click here](#).

Paraguay has proof against the FARC

The investigation relates to training soldiers of the People's Army of Paraguay (EPP, for it's initials in Spanish) in kidnapping techniques. This would be supported by videos seized from the EPP, as well as emails, documents, and witness statements.

"The participation of the FARC in the Celicia Cubas case, in which the daughter of the ex president Raul Cubas was kidnapped and murdered by the EPP in 2004, and in the recent kidnappings of two farmers in which we saw the same modus operandi being used," said Sandra Quiñónez, the Paraguayan District Attorney for Kidnappings. For more information [click here](#).



Evo orders tightened borders with Brazil and Paraguay

President Evo Morales ordered the Armed Forces and the Police to strengthen security measures on the borders between Bolivia and Brazil and Paraguay as a result of the presence of drug and arms trafficking and the illegal exploitation of natural resources, reported the Vice President Alvaro Garcia on May 20th.

The leader said that Morales, who at the time was visiting Europe, ordered that the Armed Forces guarantee "territorial sovereignty" in the regions of the Bolivian Amazon and the Bolivian Chiquitanía, which border Brazil and Paraguay.

A growing presence of drug traffickers and hired killers has been detected in the triple border region, which has worried the neighboring countries, which have already reinforced border controls.

Crasil has also reinforced its border with Paraguay. Authorities from both countries have recently agreed to a cooperation program dealing with the fight against the production and trafficking of drugs for the period of 2010-2012. A recent report from the federal police of Brazil indicated that the shared border is one of the most prone to drug and arms trafficking destined to drug traffickers in the big cities of Brazil. For more information [click here](#).

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Probe in failed Times Square attack focusing on Pakistani Taliban

Federal investigators focused May 4th on the possible involvement of the Pakistani Taliban in the failed Times Square bombing as they pieced together clues and charged a suspect who was pulled off an airplane as he headed to his native Pakistan, according to court documents and law enforcement sources.

Faisal Shahzad, a 30-year-old U.S. citizen arrested May 3rd at John F. Kennedy International Airport, admitted his involvement in the plot, authorities said, and told FBI agents he received bombmaking training in a region of Pakistan known as a militant hotbed. Shahzad, who became a naturalized citizen last year, is from a military family in Pakistan, where he spent five months before returning in February to his home in a leafy, quiet neighborhood of Shelton, Conn.

His reported confession, combined with a series of phone calls he received from Pakistan after purchasing the Nissan Pathfinder used in the attempted bombing, has led investigators to zero in on the Pakistani Taliban connection as "a leading theory," a federal law enforcement official said. For more information [click here](#).



FBI conducts raids for failed NY bomber's cash courier

On Thursday, May 13, the FBI launched secret and coordinated raids at sunrise in three states across the Northeast in their investigation of New York attempted bomber suspect, Faisal Shahzad. FBI raids in Massachusetts, New Jersey, Long Island, and Maine, resulted in three Pakistani men being taken into custody and they are currently being held on immigration charges.

The FBI raids were launched to follow the money trail and search for the person who couriered the cash that Shahzad used to purchase the items needed for his May 1, failed bomb attempt on New York's Time Square, which included chemicals, cell phones, and fireworks.

Additional reports point out that Faisal Shahzad, considered bombing Connecticut's Sikorsky Aircraft in Stratford, Connecticut, as well as other locations such as Rockefeller Plaza, Grand Central Station, and the World Financial Center. For more information [click here](#) and [here](#).



Chile charges detained Pakistani

A Pakistani man arrested at the US embassy in Chile after triggering an explosive detector has been charged with illegal possession of explosives, but freed later pending a probe. The man, identified by the US state Department as 28-year-old Muhammad Saif-ur-Rehman Khan, was taken into custody at the embassy on May 10th, 2010. Khan must stay in Chile and check in with authorities once a week. Prosecutors have three more months to develop their case. Police said traces of the explosive Tetryl were found on Khan's documents and mobile telephone. Tetryl is a compound used as a booster to help detonate explosive charges. For more information [click here](#) and [here](#).

St Kitts-Nevis to accord INTERPOL travel document holders special visa status

On Saturday 15 May, INTERPOL Secretary General Ronald Noble held an historic meeting with Denzil Douglas, Prime Minister of St Kitts and Nevis, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security, Sam Condor, and senior officials from the Ministry of National Security.

During this meeting between the leadership of the twin island Federation and the head of INTERPOL, it was agreed that the increasing transnational crime threats confronting the region required greater collaboration between INTERPOL and St Kitts and Nevis. Towards that end, Prime Minister Douglas agreed to take immediate steps for his country to accord special visa status to INTERPOL travel document holders, thereby ensuring that the citizens of, and visitors to, St Kitts and Nevis would benefit from any needed international police support from INTERPOL without any unnecessary red tape. For more information [click here](#).

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Colombia Joins Proliferation Security Initiative

Colombia last month announced its support for the principles of a U.S.-led program to prevent smuggling of weapons of mass destruction on the high seas, the State Department said May 17th, 2010.

"By adhering to the Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI) Colombia expresses its willingness to work jointly with members of PSI to prevent and stop the transport of weapons of mass destruction, their delivery systems and related materials," the department said in a statement.

For more information [click here](#).

Legislation from Toledo requires the Judicial Power to make decisions in favor of terrorists

After indicating that the Peruvian government of Alejandro Toledo issued legislation problematic in the issue of terrorism, Prime Minister Javier Velasquez Quesquén requested on May 27th that the Judicial Power diligently deal with the case of the judicial situation of subversives in the country.

The request was made upon being interviewed by the newspaper "Expreso," in regards to the request of 118 imprisoned terrorists in the country, who have called upon the Inter American Commission on Human Rights arguing that they are being judged using legislation that was not in effect when the crime was committed.

For more information [click here](#).

Military leader and three other members of ETA detained in France



As reported on May 20, Mikel Kabikoitz Carrera Sarobe, alias "Ata," the ETA "number one" and head of military operations, has been detained along with two other important members of the terrorist group in an apartment in Bayona (France). A few minutes later, a fourth terrorist was arrested, Benoit Aramendi, a legal (without a police record) collaborator, in the town of Urrugne.

One of the detained along with "Ata" could be Arkaitz Agirregabiria, one of the alleged ETA members who participated in the killing of a gendarme in France, the latest victim of the ETA. The second person arrested along with "Ata" could be Maite Aranalda, alleged member of the ETA who fled in June of last year, taking advantage of the fact that she had been released by the Spanish High Court as a result of errors in her extradition from France. Benoit Aramendi, detained in Ursugne, provided the apartment to the heads of the ETA and was in charge of supplying them, according to sources from the fight against terrorism, who specified that the information provided by the CNI has been key to the Civil Guard and the French Gendarmerie's execution of this operation.

For more information [click here](#).

Airlines are ordered to check no-fly lists much faster

The U.S. government on May 5th began requiring airlines to check no-fly lists much more quickly as a way to screen out terrorism suspects, officials said, after the man accused of trying to detonate a car bomb in Times Square was able to board an international flight even though his name was listed. Until now, airlines have had 24 hours to check the government's no-fly list after they were notified that a name was added through a special expedited process that indicates a potentially high level of risk. As of May 5th, they must check within two hours.

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UN includes the FARC and the ELN among the worst children’s rights violators in the World

Both guerilla groups appear on the list of the largest recruiters of minors.

The FARC and ELN appear for the first time on the list in the annual report on the situation of minors in armed conflicts. The Secretary General of the UN, Ban Ki-moon, accuses the armed groups of being the “most persistent violators” of children’s rights for having appeared at on at least five previous occasions in this study, released annually by the UN Security Council.



In addition to the Colombian insurgents, the list includes the rebel movements of Darfur, the Afghan Taliban, Al Qaeda, the Somali Islamic militia Al Shabab, and the Ugandan Lord’s Resistance Army, as well as the National Police of Afghanistan and the Sudanese Army.

For more information [click here](#).

Businesses could use US cyber monitoring system

A U.S. government computer security system that can detect and prevent cyber attacks should be extended to private businesses that operate critical utilities and financial services, a top Pentagon official said May 26.

William J. Lynn III, the deputy defense secretary, said discussions are in the very early stages and participation in the program would be voluntary. The idea, he said, would allow businesses to take advantage of the Einstein 2 and Einstein 3 defensive technologies that are being developed to put in place on government computer networks.

Extending the program to the private sector raises a myriad of legal, policy and privacy questions, including how it would work and what information - if any - companies would share with the government about any attacks or intrusions they detect. For more information [click here](#).

Colombia - Minister of Defense: “We will prevent hackers from affecting the elections again”

Gabriel Silva said that they have “detected attempts of hackers from other countries that want to affect, not only the registration the day of the elections, but also the nation’s information security.”

Despite this, Silva Luján gave a bit of peace and from the Center of Conventions “José Eustasio Rivera” from Neiva, Huila, assured that “all Colombians can be calm and can go out and vote on May 30, as the security and peace of the polls is guaranteed.”

The minister announced that the “Democracy Plan,” which has the objective of neutralizing the actions of those who attempt to sabotage the presidential elections, has been underway for several months already and covers all sides from which attacks could come.

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California Drills for "Dirty Bomb" Strike, Seaport Attacks

California authorities responded to a simulated radiological "dirty bomb" attack at California State University, San Marcos, United States, the *San Diego Union-Tribune* reported on May 18th. The drill was set to coincide with an exercise that simulated multiple, simultaneous terrorist strikes in port areas across the state, California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger announced. The drill, dubbed Golden Guardian 2010, was expected to involve roughly 70 federal, state and local agencies and more than 3,000 emergency response personnel.

The exercise was aimed at testing the collaborative response capabilities of various public agencies, private entities and community groups, along with the state's Standardized Emergency Management System. For more information [click here](#).



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Europe's antiterrorism agencies favor human intelligence over technology

The tip from Spain was only a vague warning. But it was enough for France's domestic intelligence agents to go to work, tapping phones, tailing suspects and squeezing informants. Before long, they rolled up a group of Muslim men in a provincial French town who, beneath a tranquil surface, were drawing up al-Qaeda-inspired plans to set off a bomb in the Paris subway.

From the beginning, Bruguière and other specialists said, the emphasis in Europe has been on domestic human intelligence rather than the computerized systems such as watch lists favored by U.S. security agencies. That has meant tedious hours of surveillance, patient listening-in on telephone conversations, careful review of bank records, and relentless recruitment of informants among Islamic zealots who are motivated to betray acquaintances by everything from fear of losing visas to a desire to clear the name of Islam in European minds.

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