



ICITAP'S COMBATING TERRORISM EXPERTISE

LAW ENFORCEMENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS FACT SHEET

ICITAP helps advance international cooperation in combating terrorism by enhancing foreign governments' law enforcement capabilities.

Many of the capabilities—such as intelligence-led policing, biometric databases, information technology, and improved border security—help combat the dual threats of terrorism and transnational organized crime. These capabilities are critical as terrorists and insurgents increasingly resort to organized crime for funding and logistics.

Intelligence-Led Policing

ICITAP applies the principles of intelligence-led policing (ILP) to help host nations in countering violent extremism (CVE). ICITAP mentors and trains local police in community engagement, conflict mitigation, problem-solving, crime prevention, and two-way communication.

With ICITAP's support, police build trust with citizens and the media through structured forums and other public platforms. These partnerships and a shared sense of responsibility help address the root causes of crime and violence and also serve as early warning systems that allow for proactive responses

to threats to community stability.

Biometric Data Collection

In the wake of 9/11, ICITAP began focusing forensics assistance programs on advancing International Organization for Standardization (ISO) accreditation, which improves the ability of forensics laboratories to share reliable data and support traditional criminal investigations as well as investigations of terrorist groups.

Law Enforcement Information Technology

ICITAP has spearheaded the transformation of paper-driven law enforcement systems into digital networks. These networks enable the gathering, processing, and analysis of more complete and dynamic information that drive effective investigative strategies and improve border security.

In the Balkans, with investments from the U.S. government and other international donors, ICITAP has developed criminal information applications and nationwide network infrastructures that meet INTERPOL and European Union (EU) security and data standards. In Georgia, Ukraine, Azerbaijan, and Moldova, ICITAP helped develop a secure system that

Counterterrorism (CT) Program Goals

- build police/community partnerships
- restrict terrorist travel
- regional security cooperation
- biometric databases
- information technology
- interdiction of trafficking and smuggling on land and water
- investigation of crimes linked to terrorist financing
- management of high-risk prison populations
- countering violent extremism

allows authorities to share intelligence.

Securing Land Borders

ICITAP has implemented comprehensive border security programs in the Balkans, restricting terrorist travel in that region.

Shortly after 9/11, ICITAP installed a border control system at Sarajevo International Airport in Bosnia-Herzegovina (BiH). The system has been extended to cover BiH's 55 international border crossings.

Technology developed by ICITAP and placed at border crossings in Albania and BiH is providing rapid access to local and INTERPOL databases and facilitating the arrest of individuals on local and interna-

tional watch lists. In 2010 alone, BiH Border Police identified 727 persons with outstanding local and international warrants.

Maritime Security

ICITAP's maritime development programs are improving security and cooperation in the strategic waterways between the Philippines, Indonesia, and Malaysia—often referred to as the “Terrorist Transit Triangle.” Roughly one-quarter of the world's trade and about one-third of its oil pass through these waterways each year and protecting them is a high international maritime security priority.

ICITAP established special boat units in Indonesia and the Philippines through the donation of high-speed patrol boats, specialized training, and technology. In the first year of operation in Indonesia, the units seized over \$10 million in contraband.

ICITAP improved regional cooperation between the three countries by sponsoring a series of tri-lateral maritime law enforcement workshops. In the workshops, participants independently developed policy recommendations regarding maritime domain awareness and international cooperation.

Complex Investigations and Witness Protection

ICITAP develops the capacity of foreign law enforcement counterparts to conduct complex investigations, including crimes linked to terrorist financing such as trafficking and money laundering. ICITAP helps develop the necessary legal tools,

policies and procedures, special investigative units, and technical skills to investigate these types of crimes.

ICITAP has partnered with the Treasury Department's Office of Technical Assistance and the Internal Revenue Service to provide specialized training on financial crimes investigations for police, tax, customs, central bank, and financial intelligence officials.

ICITAP has helped develop units that investigate questionable citizenship holders and asylum seekers, who cross porous borders during times of civil unrest.

ICITAP also helps set up witness protection programs, an essential tool for successfully prosecuting terrorism and organized crime. In Albania, ICITAP has supported the development of international witness protection agreements with other European countries to relocate and protect Albanian witnesses.

Managing High-Risk Prison Populations

ICITAP works with host nation correctional institutions to implement high-risk prison management procedures that improve the supervision of incarcerated terrorists.

ICITAP also helps design CVE prison programs that help counter the recruitment and radicalization of non-terrorist prisoners. Counter-radicalization and rehabilitation programs are most effective when they are nested in a safe, secure, and well-managed correctional environment where prisoner rights are respected.

Post 9/11, the ICITAP Iraq Corrections Program led U.S. government efforts to establish a well-functioning national prison system. Later, during the U.S. military's draw down, ICITAP advisors facilitated the transition of detainees to Iraqi custody by helping develop the capacity of the Iraqi prison system to ensure that transferred prisoners were properly classified and assigned to prisons with appropriate security levels.

ICITAP also assisted the U.S. military in Afghanistan in developing detainee rehabilitation and reintegration programs designed to reduce the risk that detainees will return to violent extremism after release.

ICITAP corrections experts promote the use of education, vocational training, and cognitive skills building programs in prisons as a strategy to reduce the motivation of detainees to commit violence and increase their motivation to disengage from insurgent and terrorist activities.

About ICITAP

ICITAP works with foreign governments to develop professional and transparent law enforcement institutions that protect human rights, combat corruption, and reduce the threat of transnational crime and terrorism. ICITAP supports both national security and foreign policy objectives.

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