



# 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. DOJ is at the forefront of the fight against global terrorism by providing a broad spectrum of tools and skills to combat terrorism.

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.

ICITAP is providing training in Community-Oriented and Intelligence-Led Policing Strategies to the National Police, Gendarmerie, and Customs/Border Security officials in Cameroon, Chad, Niger, and Nigeria. Training covers human rights, information collection and processing, report writing, and international best policing practices for cross border cooperation and preventing violent extremism.

### **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.

In 2014, ICITAP partnered with the FBI, Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), and U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM) to provide training and equipment to the Algerian Gendarmerie and Algerian National Forensics Laboratory to bolster Algerian law enforcement capacity to investigate terrorist

### **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

and transnational crime activities throughout the region.

### **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 allows authorities to share intelligence. Technology assists in facilitating the arrest of individuals on local and international wanted lists.

### **Securing Land Borders**

ICITAP border-security capacity building in the Balkans restricts terrorist travel and improves surveillance in compliance with EU-accession requirements and international standards. ICITAP's missions in Albania, Bosnia, Kosovo and Macedonia have provided guidance on surveillance and data analysis techniques which led to the apprehension of numerous criminal figures and foreign fighters. Additionally, assistance and training has increased joint tactical operations cross-border to combat human trafficking; the smuggling of migrants, drugs, weapons, stolen vehicles, and other contraband; and the radicalization and recruitment of "foreign fighters" throughout the Balkans region.

### **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. Refer to *ICITAP's Expertise to Counter Violent Extremism in Prisons Fact Sheet* for more information.

### **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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