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Counter Terrorism Activities

Madrid Hosts Terror Summit

Over 200 international academic and security experts and forty former heads of state attended the International Summit on Democracy, Terrorism, and Security in Madrid. The three-day conference, sponsored by the Club de Madrid, coincided with the first anniversary of the March 11 Madrid train bombings. The summit participants discussed four key issues: the underlying causes of terrorism; how to confront terrorism; democratic answers to terrorism; and the role of civil society, and released their conclusions as the “Madrid Agenda,” a series of guidelines for a democratic response to terrorism.

The “Madrid Agenda” contains support for of the UN’s Global Strategy for Fighting Terrorism, and makes several specific recommendations for action. These included: the adoption of the definition of terrorism proposed by the UN’s High Level Panel on Threats, Challenges, and Change in December 2004; the ratification and implementation of all terrorism related conventions by those states which have not already done so; the speedy conclusion of the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism; and the exploration of the possibility of creating high commissioners for victims-who will represent the victim’s right to obtain justice.

The Club de Madrid is an independent non-partisan organization dedicated to strengthening democracy around the world by drawing from the experience of its forty-five former democratic heads of states and government. The current president of the club is Fernando Enrique Cardoso, Former President of Brazil, and the Vice President is the Former President of Ireland and the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson.

For more information on the Madrid Summit: <http://english.safe-democracy.org>

Families join to give a voice and face to Victims of Terrorism

Victims shared tragic personal stories, asked for solidarity against terrorism, and prepared to help future victims at the Second International Congress on Victims of Terrorism in Bogota, Colombia. The two-day conference, 23 and 24 February, was attended by over 1,500 people, including victims of terrorism and their families. People came from Indonesia, Israel, Spain, Northern Ireland, Chile, Argentina, and Besslan, Russia. The objectives of this meeting were: to promote integration and solidarity through communication and the creation of working groups;

to remind authorities and all governments that terrorism should not be tolerated; and to strengthen moral support in the international environment in order to face all terrorist organizations in the world. Victims and their families are coming together in order to open global connections to other victims, possibly raise some monetary settlements, and to raise awareness about the scope of terrorism worldwide.

For more information: www.usergioarboleda.edu.co/congresovictimias

Interpol Conference agrees on measures to fight Bioterrorism

Over 500 delegates from around 155 countries concluded that further cooperation between law enforcement agencies, public health authorities, and other relevant organizations is essential to address the threat of bioterrorism. They met at the First Interpol Global Conference on Preventing Bioterrorism in Lyon, France on March 1 and 2. The group also agreed to work toward establishing a resource center on bio-terrorism for law enforcement agencies worldwide; enhancing cooperation and understanding between international organizations; developing an Incident Response Guide for law enforcement; providing training and awareness programs; and seeking to develop ways of gathering and sharing more effectively information concerning the threat of bioterrorism.

For more information:

www.interpol.int/Public/BioTerrorism/Conference/1stGlobalConference.asp

New Defence Agenda Calls for Increased Collaboration on Bio-Terrorism

At the January 25 meeting of the NDA's Bio-terrorism Reporting Group in Brussels, 70 experts examined common challenges for mutual threat identification in a wider European landscape. One of the recommendations made was for sustained collaboration between the G-8 members, EU, and US. The report also calls for the implementation of regional programs to secure pathogens and increased partnership opportunities with bio-industries to keep bio-defense experts engaged in peaceful research. The results and recommendations of this meeting are available in the second NDA Bioterrorism Reporting Group's publication.

To access the report visit: www.newdefenceagenda.org

Other Recent Events

- 8-11 March: National Workshop on CT Legislation; Managua, Nicaragua. The purpose of this workshop was to debate Nicaragua's anti-terrorism law. It focused on the importance of adopting the twelve universal conventions against terrorism. Final conclusions made included the need for all member states of the OAS to adopt these conventions and the Interamerican Convention against terrorism.
- 10-13 March: Québec Colloquium on Inter-American Institutions ,Laval University - Québec City, Canada
- 14-15 March: The 4th Annual International Conference on Public Safety: Technology and Counterterrorism; San Francisco. This conference provided a single venue for gathering information on policy, solutions and state of the art technologies in public safety and counterterrorism.
- 14-16 March: Taller Regional Cooperacion Penal; Costa Rica

- 14-18 March: Port Security Course for the Andean Region; Guayaquil, Ecuador
- 15-18 March: Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, UN Executive Council; The Hague

Future 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
- 13-15 April: 6th International Conference on Cyber Crime; organized by Interpol; Cairo, Egypt. Delegates from all 182 Interpol member countries, the World Customs Organization, major international and regional organizations are invited to participate in the world's largest law enforcement conference to address this modern form of criminality.
- 19-27: ICAO's National Auditors-Inspectors Course; Buenos Aires Argentina
- 18-25 April: 11th UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice; Bangkok, Thailand. This congress will discuss effective measures to combat transnational crime; links between terrorism and organized crime; international cooperation against terrorists; corruption; economic and financial crimes; and making standards work.
- 25 April: Transatlantic Cooperation in the Fight Against Terrorism co-organized by New Defence Agenda, Friends of Europe, Center for Transatlantic Relations at SAIS, John Hopkins University and the Chemical and Biological Arms Control Institute; Brussels

Recent Developments in the News

- According to *Caribbeannetnews.com* **Antigua and Barbuda will issue machine readable passports in CARICOM format by mid-year**. Prime Minister Spencer said that the matter was discussed at the CARICOM Inter-Sessional Meeting in Suriname. The passports will meet the highest international security standards and will feature the CARICOM insignia, the Antigua and Barbuda Coat of Arms, and the country's name. The government of Suriname was the first to issue passports using the CARICOM format. Other member states, such as St Vincent and the Grenadines and Guyana will begin issuing the new national passports by mid-year 2005.
For more information: www.caribbeannetnews.com/cgibin/GPrint2002.pl?file=2005/03/02/issue.shtml
- On March 2, *La Nacion* reported that **families of the victims of the AMIA attacks will receive indemnity**. Argentine government officials gave a presentation to the Interamerican Commission on Human Rights (CIDH) on March 2. During the meeting government officials accepted responsibility for human rights abuses and has promised to give a renewed impulse to the investigation of AMIA crimes. They are also committed to promoting the necessary legal reforms in order to prevent these injustices from happening again in the future.
For more information: www.lanacion.com.ar/herramientas/printfriendly/printfriendly.asp?origen=3ra¬aid=683994

- According to *Caribbeannews.com* of February 21st, **Trinidad and Tobago passes anti-terror bill**. The House of Representatives of Trinidad and Tobago passed the Anti-Terrorism Bill 2004 on Friday February 18th.
For more information: www.caribbeannews.com/2005/02/21/passes.shtml
- *BBC News* informed March 10, **UN secretary general stated at an anti-terror summit in Madrid that nuclear terror is a real risk**. Kofi Annan said that it is imperative that all countries make it difficult for terrorists to travel, receive financial support, and obtain nuclear material. In his speech he also set out a five point strategy as the need to: dissuade disaffected groups from choosing terrorism as a tactic to achieve their goals; deny terrorists the means to carry out their attacks; deter states from supporting terrorists; develop state capacity to prevent terrorism; and defend human rights in the struggle against terrorism.
For more information: www.newsvote.bbc.co.uk/mpapps/pagetools/print/news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/4336713.stm
- According to *Financial Times* of March 4, **Spain plans summit to fight terrorism in Colombia**. The Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero planned a summit for March 29, to which the leaders of Venezuela, Colombia, and Brazil have been invited. The main purpose of this meeting is to foster closer co-operation in the fight against terrorism and drug trafficking in Colombia.
For more information: www.ft.com
- The *Associated Press* reported on March 3, **that the seven Central American countries agreed to create a rapid response force** to combat drug trafficking, terrorism, and other regional threats. The leaders have two months to create plans on how to integrate police, customs, and military forces and border guards from each country into the force.
For more information: www.ap.org
- The *Jamaica Observer* informed on March 17 that a **Terrorism Law passed in Jamaica after debate and 19 amendments**. Prime Minister Patterson noted that Jamaica had an international obligation under UN Resolution 1373, to a range of commitments to suppress international terrorism.
For more information: www.jamaicaobserver.com/news/html/20050316T210000-0500_7708_OBS_Terrorism
- **The Counter-Terrorism News Bulletin** is provided on a daily basis by the Peace and Security Section of the UN Department of Public Information. It provides articles and commentary related to the United Nations and terrorism from a range of international newspapers and magazines. In order to subscribe to the bulletin include your name and affiliations in an email to tisovszky@un.org

New Documents in OLAT

- MANPADS: A Threat to Civil Aviation by Delegation of the United States at the Third Meeting of National Points of Contact of CICTE, March 2005

- Guidelines on the Protection of Victims of Terrorist Acts by Council of Europe's Committee of Ministers at the 917th meeting of Minister Deputies, March 2005
- Detecting and Preventing the Cross Border Transportation of Cash by Terrorists and Other Criminals by FATF-GAFI, February 2005

New Books

- Understanding the War on Terror Gideon Rose and James F. Hoge Jr., eds. A Foreign Affairs Book; February 01, 2005
After 9/11 the United States faced a war in which they did not know the identity and nature of the enemy, the location of the battleground, and the strategy and tactics necessary for victory. This book brings today's most authoritative thinking to bear on these and other issues at the heart of the nation's preeminent security challenge.
- Information Insecurity by Eduardo Gelbstein and Ahmad Kamal. United Nations ICT Task Force and United Nations Institute for Training and Research. November 2002
This book is an attempt to create greater awareness about the growing dangers of cyber-terrorism and other cyber-crimes. It sets out the problems, suggests solutions, highlights the missing elements in actions plans for the future, and makes recommendations for action.
- Lightning Out of Lebanon: Hezbollah Terrorists on American Soil Tom Diaz and Barbara Newman. Ballantine Books. 2005
Before 9/11, Hezbollah killed more Americans than any other terrorist group. Today it remains potentially more dangerous than al Qaeda. The book outlines the inner working, past successes, and future plans of this group.
- Defeating the Jihadists: A Blueprint for Action The Century Foundation Task Force Report. 2004
This book assess the US's successes and failures on homeland security and calls for a stronger, more effective strategy for dealing with jihadists, including al Qaeda. The report offers a detailed action plan for neutralizing the international movement at the core of global terrorism, and describes the nature of jihadists movements. It provides comprehensive profiles of various groups, and builds on the recommendations made by the 9/11 commission.
- Event Risk Management and Safety Peter E. Tarlow Wiley, John & Sons, Incorporated. July 2002
Since risk comes with any event, from a rowdy crowd at a convention to a life-threatening sports event, this book provides a comprehensive resource for managing risk and limiting liability for modest and grand events. Tarlow covers topics such as measuring risk, alcoholism and drugs, crowd control, fire safety, emergency medical services, outdoor events, and much more.