TERRORISM ANALYST TRAINING COURSE

GLOBAL TRENDS, REGIONAL CHALLENGES

25 January – 5 February 2016

INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR POLITICAL VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM RESEARCH

PROGRAMME TOPICS AND HIGHLIGHTS
AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR) will be conducting its annual Terrorism Analyst Training Course (TATC) from 25 January to 5 February 2016. The two-week course will be held at the S.Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore.

TATC 2016 seeks to bring together analysts and scholars on terrorism and security. In addition to exploring new frontiers in counter-terrorism research, analyses and practice, ICPVTR constantly aims to maintain and improve the professional competence and development of analysts.

The training strives to deliver a holistic perspective aimed at building knowledge and capacity of analysts specialising in counter terrorism.
The 9th in its series, the TATC 2016 is a two-week training course that brings together counter terrorism scholars and practitioners. The sessions will address 3 distinct themes throughout the duration of the training course.

Exploring the rising challenge of the Islamic State (IS), these sessions showcase the background behind the rise of IS, the evolving IS networks and trends and the role of security informatics and the social media in shifting the terrorism threat landscape.

The next few session will endeavor to surface strategies undertaken by governments and the resulting evolutionary trends that have been noticeable in terrorist groups in both Asia and the Middle East. These sessions will additionally discuss emerging challenges on the horizon and the difficulty in protecting critical infrastructures and industries in a climate where the terrorist threat is constantly evolving.

Through a series of counter terrorism exercises, syndicate sessions and site visits, the participants will be encouraged to envision response strategies to mitigate the threat of terrorism. The role of terrorist rehabilitation and the importance of building societal resilience will be addressed.

The programme will endeavor to encourage participants to explore and understand the terrorism threat landscape, manage risks and develop strategic responses.
TERRORISM PRIMER
- Overview of Global Terrorist Threat
- Essence of Islamist Extremism
- Salafism: The Inside Story
- Causes of Extremism
- Terrorist Mindset

IS NETWORKS AND TRENDS
- Indonesia
- Malaysia
- Philippines
- Bangladesh
- Maldives
- Iraq
- Afghanistan
- The Sahel

IS SECURITY INFORMATICS
- Online Radicalisation - Orbital Pathways Model
- Arabic Extremist Forums from AQ to IS
- Southeast Asian Extremist - After Syrian Revolution
- Role of Women in Online Extremism

Explore Ideas
EVOLUTIONARY TRENDS

- Pakistan: Al Qaeda and their Associate Groups
- Al Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent
- Post Mullah Omar: Taliban Group Networks and Splinters
- Boko Haram and Emerging Trends
- Evolving Trends and Challenge: Foreign Fighter Returnees and Lonewolves

CHALLENGES ON THE HORIZON

- Legal Challenges: Lessons from Rizal Day Bombings
- Human Security Act and Challenges in Prosecuting Terrorists
- Current Trends on Terrorist Financing
- Crime-Terror Nexus: A Financial Overview

PROTECTING CRITICAL SECTORS

- Aviation Security
- Maritime Security
- Threats of Terrorism to the Hospitality Sector
- Mumbai Attacks: Lessons Learned
- Soft Targets and Urban Terrorism: Erawan Blasts and Paris Attacks
- Syndicate Session: Challenge of Protecting Critical Information Infrastructures
COUNTER TERRORISM EXERCISES
- Open Sources Intelligence
- Pre-Attack Indicators
- Counter Terrorism International Investigation
- Improvised Explosive Device: Effects and Investigations
- Improvised Explosive Device: Response Strategies

SITE VISITS AND SYNDICATES
- Home Team Academy Counter Terrorism Suite
- Religious Rehabilitation Group Resource and Counselling Centre
- Harmony Centre
- Civil Defence Academy

TOWARDS BUILDING RESILIENCE
- Managing Terrorists in Corrections Facilities
- A Counter Narrative Manipulation of Religious Symbols
- Global Terrorist Rehabilitation Programmes
- Community Engagement and Social Reintegration

Envision Responses
ABOUT ICPVTR

The International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR) is a specialist centre within the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. ICPVTR conducts research, training and outreach programmes aimed at reducing the threat of politically motivated violence and at mitigating its effects on the international system.

Its core objectives are:

- To conduct sustained research and analyses of terrorist, guerrilla, militia, and extremist political groups and their support bases. To identify the strengths and weaknesses of international, state and societal responses in managing the threat of political violence.
- To provide high-quality instruction and training for officials and future leaders engaged in combating terrorism and other forms of political violence.
- To advise governments and inform societies affected by political violence on how best to manage the current and evolving threat.

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