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Issue: Measures to prevent the recruitment of young people from Central Asia by terrorist groups

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Introduction

Terrorism, as an event that shocks and harms people physically, mentally and irrationally. This unfavorable event occurs around the world in a daily basis from places like households to bigger area such as a nation. One is obliged into a situation that is omnipresent, yet regulation around the world formed by nations can't help stopping the act of terrorism. In the words of Wikipedia, terrorism is defined as *the use of intentionally indiscriminate violence (terror or fear) in order to achieve a political, religious, or ideological aim*. In this paragraph, terrorism can be broken down into 3 sections:

1. Political
2. Religious
3. Ideological

1. Political

Modern day terrorism is mostly interdependent with political terrorism. Such cases can be explained through: the cause of the Crimea crisis; the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS) etc. Though most people might suggest that ISIS should be classified in the Religious section of terrorism, however the problem of ISIS can also be present in modern day's political conflict. The example of the understanding of ISIS will be explained further in this writing of the report.

2. Religious

Religion can be explained through a set of ideology that people believe in in respect of the nature, philosophy, supernature etc. It is a social agent that makes up the society we are living in. Religious terrorism is an example of people not agreeing or frankly not having the appreciation mind-set of each individual's perception and ideology of what they think is feasible to them. Thus, causing conflicts through terrorism Attack. The incident of Timothy McVeigh and the Oklahoma City bombing on April 19th 1995 shows how devastating it is of a terrorist attack. The reason that this unfortunate incident was brought up was because the Neocons and the Republicans grew angry with the white Muslim representative called Timothy McVeigh. This was because the majority of the people think that the name McVeigh is a misleading person to discuss in a terrorism discussion. He killed 168 people and injured over 600 people in the Oklahoma City bombing.

3. Ideological

Ideological terrorism is a set of ideas that terrorist (extremist) believe in and is being ignorant against other ideologies opposed by different parties. For example: 9/11 attack in New York City in 2001. The incident occurred when 19 terrorists' hi-jacked 4 commercial flights which were ran by both the United Airlines and American Airlines. The terrorists belonged to al-Qaeda group which was found by Osama bin Laden. Through the history of terrorists gang, one can identify that al-Qaeda has allies with extremist groups like the Taliban, Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan, Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, East Turkestan Islamic Movement, Lashkar-e-Taiba, Caucasus Emirate, Haqqani network, Jaish-e-Mohammed, Jemaah Islamiyah, Egyptian Islamic Jihad. The opponents of al-Qaeda are NATO and ISAF.

The above points made shows the distinction of terrorism attacks and also makes us think how one can combat these issues through creative thoughts that effectively combat the

issues of terrorism. It is also worth asking yourself, who has created or caused the problem of terrorism? Is it simply the terrorists or are there other reasons?

Ideology of terrorism can yet to be explained and defined through individual thoughts.

Delegates however should be aware of their country's perspective and alertness on the topic of terrorism; in contrary standing in the shoes of the country's and debate for it. Lists of websites will be shown in the end of this report, please click and read those research reports on the internet and most importantly, this one!

Definition of Key Terms

Eco Terrorism

refers to acts of violence committed in support of ecological or environmental causes, against persons or their property.

Dirty Bomb

A **dirty bomb** or **radiological dispersal device (RDD)** is a speculative radiological weapon that combines radioactive material with conventional explosives.

Nuclear

materials involving atomic weapons

Islamist

a person believing in the value of Islamism also known as Political Islam. These extremist follows the society in contrary to the Sharia.

Nationalist

a person that believes in the complicated concept in the value of recognizing one person's nation identity.

Jihad

a term used for the Islamic people that states Muslims should maintain yet spread the religion in order to foster the religious belief. However, one should be aware that not all

scholars neither Muslims believe in the definition given above. This defining term is still very controversial and debates are apparent in determining the legit term of Jihad.

Fundamentalism

Religious movement for whatever act that is committed by people who believes in certain religion(s) including: Buddhism, Christianity, Catholic, Hinduism etc. One of the most significant examples that can be argues can be the monk who sat in front of Ben Thanh Market of District 1 in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. The monk was called Thich Quang Duc also known as Lam Van Tuc as his birth name. Self-immolation was taken place to raise awareness and also protest the Southern Vietnamese government of discrimination and persecution of Buddhism in Southern Vietnam. His picture was described as the most emotional picture by former American president John. F. Kennedy.

Pirates

one who commits robbery or using illicit violence at the sea or near the sea shore. The most significant example are the Somalian pirates who harms the fishing boats around the Indian Sea. Furthermore, African countries like Nigeria or Kenya also have its own pirates. The reason that these pirates commit crimes is because they can earn greater financial incentive instead of working, thus pirates are mostly in an unemployed mode to a self-employed mode.

Biological Warfare

this can also be referred as germ warfare. Both uses infectious agents or biological toxins e.g. viruses and bacteria and fungi having the intentions to incapacitate or kill living animals

Kidnapping

Kidnapping is an ungraceful abduction act to a person that is illegal due to the criminal law and a form of restricting people's will with their movement. There are many types of kidnapping such as: bride kidnapping, express kidnapping and tiger kidnapping. Bride kidnapping means a person abducted their will against their parents. Express kidnapping

means kidnapping that is ordered by someone in order to abduct another person. Tiger kidnapping is a form of kidnapping technique to have a hostage in order to ask their loved one to take certain action. For example: Tiger kidnapping a kid in order to tell the family member to send the criminal a huge amount of money.

[Global Terrorism Database](#)

Global Terrorism Database is a database that records terrorism attacks dating from 1970 to present. The database consists of over 140,000 events that are allowed to be downloaded, however with a limit of approximately 50 megabytes. Delegates are encouraged to download the database in order to have an in depth understanding of the attacks. This database frankly is being used to generate the Global Terrorism Index that is published by the benchmark study in measuring peace organization called the Institute of Economics and Peace.

[Fraud](#)

Fraud can be referred to as a person or as an incident that occurs at an event where there is asymmetric information in the exchange of the fraud and the victim, usually this is when the fraud trick or use unethical truthful act to gain whichever thing that the fraud wants. The easiest example can be: A criminal tricking an old man (victim) to transfer money from the man's bank account to save the criminal's daughter.

[Smuggling](#)

An action that is illegal in transporting goods such as: substances, information, people, objects in and out a restricted area. The restricted area can be: a boarder, a prison, a house, a building, an infrastructure and anywhere else that is prohibited by the law of individual nation. For example: It is illegal to smuggle guns into Taiwan, since the guns are not licensed and registered with the government, neither does the government have the law on the usability of guns by civilians.

[Hezbollah](#)

Hezbollah in the translation of the Islamic language means the Party of Allah or simply the Party of God. It is a Shi'a Islamist militant group that is located in Lebanon. This group is funded and conceived by Iran and Muslim clerics in addition to prevent Israeli occupation.

Background Information

Terrorism. A word that brings fear to innocent victims, is a continuous cycle of preventing the world from reaching the peaceful goal that is suggested by the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime and the United Nations as a whole. It definitely undermines the fundamental value of the United Nations and as a result; formulating peace if unattainable. We cannot abolish terrorism entirely, but preventions are made in order to minimize the risks of terrorism, fear of victims, mass destruction, and finally healing the wounds of the innocent victims.

Terrorism by all means destabilizes government ruling of a nation or area, which unfortunately affects the economy and social activity within a nation. The loss of economic incentive and construction is too big to be encountered and that time that is needed for recovering these terrorists' events is wasted and delayed in order to foster economic growth; yet to calm the unfortunate victims. According to the source from the internet Institute for the Analysis of Global Security, the cost for the entire event of 9/11 (September 11th) exceeded approximately \$100 Billion dollars, including the damaged properties, goods that can be sold but most importantly the lives of innocent people that cannot be measured by the candid numbers but the conscience of the outraged terrorists. To be totally exact to the point that what a terrorist event can cost, the numbers will be listed in the following lines. The four consumer aircraft that were damaged cost about \$385 million dollars; the destruction of the major buildings was about \$3.7 billion dollars; the saddest event in the list of cost can be the clean-up cost which was \$1.3 billion dollars (the Federal tax revenue was \$1.99 trillion dollars in 2001, therefore the terrorist event that occurred in 2001 cost approximately one

over one thousand percent of the United States Federal Tax Revenue. And that fifty eight percent from the tax revenue were accounted from income tax earnings, which was a ginormous amount.

In return to combat terrorism activity, the global community has introduced a framework that targets to stop terrorism activity. The United Nations Security Council Resolutions was indeed attaching itself to the 19 universal legal instruments against terrorism. These protocols surely is effective in the contrary to the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy implementations with the General Assembly Resolutions by the United Nations. One example to clearly explain the International Legal Instruments can be the 1963 Convention on Offences and Certain Other Acts Committed On board Aircraft. This Act reinforces safety on board the airplane yet to set commands to people that prohibits the safety regulations onboard an aircraft carrier.

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime has a branch called Terrorism Prevention. This is a branch that provides legit professional consulting to Member States to counter terrorism with useful assistance, financially and providing incentives. Such aids can range from: rule of law, the controlling of drugs and many more to be named.

Key Issues

There are many Key Issues regarding to the measures for preventing terrorism. The United Nations suppose that the prevention of terrorism is a sophisticated issue to solve, even though the main purpose opposed by the United Nations is to solve and ration the unfruitful events around the world, and make this place a peaceful place for the entire human's race. Such example can include: the Support Portal for the Victims of Terrorism that became effective in 2014. This Support Portal provides resources and incentives (financially) to the victims that suffered terrorist riots. Nearly all of the majority committees in the United Nations

such as the General Assemblies and also the Security Council have been establishing new resolutions to counter terrorism, regardless of its effectiveness.

Fortunate as the United Nations is, the establishment of the Counter-Terrorism committee dedicates to raise the safety protocols across the area of their country but more importantly, their nations homeland in particular.

Throughout time, terrorism is increasing around the world whether being a big event or a small event of terrorism. Although the mass amount of people globally has not yet been affected by terrorism, the threats that are targeted towards the innocent civilians are continuously present in modern days. The focus on Terrorism globally can be drawn to the Middle East, although there are constant attacks in other areas. The formation of ISIS which is ran under the al-Qaeda group causes the majority of the problem around the world using the name of god (Allah), hurting innocent civilians emotionally and physically. This never ending epidemic started around 2001 where the 9/11 took place in America. As a result of this, there were retaliations done by different nations in return for the death of leaders and threats against many governments. One example for standing on the opposing side of the government is the 'Je Suis Charlie' event that was held in France. Je Suis Charlie is a logo or a slogan that is created by an artist called Joachim Roncin after the death of 12 people in the Office of Charlie Hebdo, a French magazine company that publishes its magazines in a weekly basis. The people that were killed by the terrorism attack was claimed to be killed by the al-Qaeda group in the AQAP, which is the Arabian Peninsula. The video statement that was released on Wednesday 7th January by the group was a confusion. This was because no one really knows who the instructor was and that both of the shooters were also Muslims, as a result the al-Qaeda group might have just used this event as theirs to show dominance and determination of the terrorist group towards the Western country.

Apart from the Middle Eastern Crisis in regards to terrorism, Somalia its neighbor is also known for its pirates that hijacks ships in the Indian Ocean. Due to Somalia's low income,

pirates are very common and that can earn them big income that is able to support their family members. People die from starvation or malnutrition when captured by the pirates. Thus, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime establish and give suggestions to Member States to protect and prevent terrorism and crime.

Major Parties Involved and Their Views

The major parties involved in the prevention of terrorism can be all the Member States including non-United Nations members. This is because terrorism is such an unnecessary event that can happen and harm innocent people around the world, this is why all the countries are preventing them in different manners, including the countries that the terrorists are from. Usually, terrorists occur when they are against their own nation, as a result of this civil war occurs, further then extending itself to an international community.

ISIS, the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham is currently the most well-known terrorist group around the world, due to many riots and attacks that have been done by them. The current top 10 countries that are fighting the ISIS, the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham are: The United States of America, Washington DC (Capital followed by country); Saudi Arabia, Riyadh; Jordon (Amman); Bahrain, Manama; United Arab Emirates, Abu Dhabi; Qatar, Doha; United Kingdom, London; France, Paris; Turkey, Ankara and Australia, Canberra.

These countries are said to have the top military expenses spent on their national defense against their neighboring countries and other invaders such as terrorists in the world. The ranking of highest military expenses by individual countries in the world are as listed here: The United States of America, People's Republic of China, Saudi Arabia, Russia, United Kingdom, India, France, Japan and Germany. This piece of useful research that measures the military expenses per country is done by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, the purpose of showing this fact sheet is to understand how big nations defend

themselves, especially from the terrorists. The first reason for the United States of America topping the list for military expenses is to compete and protect against the People's Republic of China, due to its never ending expanding act in the world's territories. For example, the South China Sea that consist many islands is boiling up with its neighboring countries like Malaysia, Vietnam and the Philippines. Secondly, the ISIS issue that can both benefit and harm the United States of America. The reason that there are both pros and cons is because the United States of America is able to negotiate its benefits regarding to oil extraction in the Middle-East, furthermore these financial incentives are therefore used to aid the expenses on soldiers and military weapons. The disadvantage of interfering too much into the ISIS area is the safety of the civilians that live in the United States of America, due to suicidal events that can be practiced by the ISIS terrorists. Moreover, when the United States of America brings out its troops to fight the terrorists, countries like Australia follows, as a result of this, civilians that live in other countries are also affected both psychologically and emotionally, since these people fears that whether or not the next target destination for these terrorists will target them.

Below is a cropped image of the coalition against ISIS:



The picture above best describes the coalition against ISIS. From this picture we can see that there are at least 60 countries joining the coalition against the Islamic State, however there is a flag that may question people. The Republic of China's appeared next to the United States of America flag. Why is this? According to the United Nations, they recognize the One China Policy, which means that the United Nations recognizes the People's Republic of China as the official China in the international community. But if that is the case, then why is the Republic of China's flag being put onto the global coalition against the Islamic State? Such ironic act done by the United States of America, summarizes its interest in benefiting themselves through war battles that can generate income. Meaning, the Taiwanese people are also under threat of the Islamic State, where in turn, Taiwan didn't interfere in any forms of act against the ISIS, except the fact that the official Taiwanese government said that they will aid the defense of ISIS financially, not materialistically.

Timelines, Treaties and Events

Date	Description of event
January 18th 1982	Malcolm Kerr the president of the American University was assassinated in Beirut Lebanon by an Islamic Jihad. Kerr's death is still uncertain, even if the Islamic Jihad claims for the credit of the assassination. This incident describes the fact that the Islamic terrorist appears in an early era in the world that we live in.
October 23rd 1983	The United States of America's Marine Barrack in Beirut was bombed by an Islamic Jihad. It was a huge event that killed 241 United States Marine and 58 French paratroopers.
July 18th 1994	Hezbollah terrorists bombed the Buenos Aires Jewish Community Center, this event killed 85 innocent victims and injured hundreds of people. This event in Argentina was the scariest bombing ever.
August 23rd 1996	The declaration of war from the first leader of al-Qaeda Osama Bin Laden against the United States and the West. Stating that whenever they seek An American, death will be found.
March 7th 1999	During the political meeting in an area of Bangladesh, a Jihad called Harakat-ul that was supported by Osama Bin Laden killed 10 innocent people and hurt 75 people,

	during the meeting.
February 19th 2001	Terrorism Act 2000 enacted in the United Kingdom
May 24th 2007	ISIS used a vehicle bomb that killed 34 people and wounded more than 60 people in Al Fallujah
August 18th 2011	In an area near Eilat, Egyptian terrorists killed 6 people and wounded 25 people, altogether there were 3 attacks near this area

Evaluation of Previous Attempts

Although previous attempts regarding to the prevention of the recruitment of young people in groups that live under the title of terrorism were all agreed and tried by nations that defends terrorists, the issue of terrorism is still not solved. For example: The resolution adopted by the United Nations Security Council 2133 in 2014 argues itself in the 1st clause to urge the Member States to refrain from financially supporting the terrorists group or supplying weapons. The reason that this clause fails to tackle the issue of terrorism after the agreement of passing this resolution is that some countries disobey this in the current terrorism attacks in 2015 to 2016. The reason that the name of the country is not specified, this is because obviously the country would not conclude and admit that they are the one who supplied the terrorists with financial incentive or weapons. Furthermore, in operative clause 10, it asks Member States to not financially secure victims that are practicing kidnapping, without paying ransoms. This clause didn't happen to be used, since there were several incidents of ransom payments between the year of 2015 and 2016 too.

Conclusion

Overall, the ideology and the present action that occurs around the world regarding to the issue of preventing terrorism is said to be a never ending cycle. This is because in order to combat terrorism, retaliation will definitely occur. When a terrorist kills a person from country A, the government of country A retaliates in the same form or even worse. As a result of this, reverse effect occurs where the opposing side fights back. Therefore this unhealthy cycle happens to be never ending.

On one hand, having something done is better than nothing done. The resolutions that were passed by the United Nations Security Council or the General Assemblies were all for the purpose of safety and peace around this world that we are living in. Most of the Member States that are in the United Nations follows the resolution and obeying the fruitful solutions that were found by delegations in the United Nations, however some do not. As a result of this, the resolution can be just a piece of paper. The terrorism actions are continuous, therefore the countries that disobey these resolutions are not the biggest contribution to the fault of these terrorism event that took place, but more to the morality and personality and ideology of determining whether one thing is right or wrong terrorists. The terrorism cycle as stated can't promote the prevention of young people into terrorism groups in Central Asia. This can be explained through the fact that family members can be killed by certain countries thus forcing them to join in terrorists groups to fight against the government that affected their family.

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