

Integrity and Corruption Issues Specific To National Security Forces

Preventing Potentially Corrupting Influences

1. Although Corruption among military officers and enlisted men is not a big problem within Jordan Armed Forces , certain measures are adopted to make sure that it does not escalate . This is due to the fact that Army units are largely deployed to safeguard our borders with four nations.
2. Our main objective is to defend against and deter any aggression and also to enforce law and order with regard to preventing smuggling and illegal crossing of borders.
3. Having to deal actively with the implementation of UN and Security Council sanctions against Iraq , makes the task more difficult and sensitive.
4. Some preventive measures are considered to be efficient in dealing with this potential problem, such as :
 - a. To conduct thorough screening of all recruits, specially officers before and during service. Applications that do not meet high standard qualifications are rejected, and any past criminal police records are investigated.
 - b. To maintain and implement high ethical codes of conduct through regulations and military law. In basic training and also during actual service in Army units, officers are encouraged and supervised so as to set an example to their soldiers.
 - c. Recognition of officers and soldiers who show personal integrity and honor. This is done through extra ordinary promotions, awarding medals and other incentives.
 - d. To promote religious values against corruption through continuous education and during Friday prayers. For instance, offering or receiving bribes is a very serious offense in Moslem Religion, and dealing with smugglers is considered to be a menace.

e. To enforce criminal military laws dealing with corruption matters strictly and swiftly. By punishing and disciplining corrupt officials promptly, trust and confidence in the system would be enhanced.

f. Multi supervision over leadership in medium and small level units to insure the promotion of ethical values and honesty.

g. Adequate pay and benefits along with improving quality of basic needs and moral support activities including compensation and dignified retirement planning are vital.

h. Rotation of units in their areas of responsibility randomly in terms of duration and location reduces chances of vulnerability to corruption.

i. Cooperation among various security agents and authorities and establishing a fast and reliable method of exchanging information and tactics are useful.

j. Coordination and cooperation with international legal and security organizations in dealing with corruption and other related matters is also integral.

5. In addition to the previous measures, we found that securing the borders through active deployment of forces is the first step to prevent smuggling, thus preventing potential corrupting influences.

High mobility forces and reliable communications are very important assists. Furthermore, electronic devices and nightvision equipment are widely used for night and day surveillance to cover and screen all avenues of approach, likely to be used by smugglers. Despite the fact that the cost for all that is very high, we believe it is worth it.

6. Other actions are taken to ensure that officials dealing with procurement and supply contractors follow laws and strict regulations through transparency and multiplicity. Favoritism and private deals are always targeted in this respect, supervision agencies monitor almost every such activity.