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NATO Office on Gender Perspectives

Gender, Terrorism and COIN

Terrorists are deemed to be men. But an increasing number of women engage in this fight. At the same time, researchers are examining the consequences of terrorism and counterterrorism actions on the daily lives of the population in the affected regions.

This newsletter gathers some interesting publications related to this subject.

From the UN, Report of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedom while countering terrorism:

Section III of the report offers an analysis of counter-terrorism measures from a gender perspective. The report expands upon earlier reports of the Special Rapporteur to provide a comprehensive overview of the frequency and nature of gender-based human rights abuses in counter-terrorism measures and to explore the complex relationship between gender equality and countering terrorism.

<http://www.chrgj.org/projects/docs/A64211.pdf>

The Rising Importance of Women in Terrorism and the Need to Reform Counterterrorism Strategy

Counterterrorism strategies tend to ignore gender as a relevant factor, and in doing so exclusively focus on male imposed threats. The presence of women in terrorist organizations as both leaders and executors is increasing around the globe. The purpose of this monograph is to examine the role of the female gender in terrorism and in terrorist organizations, and to determine if counterterrorism strategy should specifically address women. The main hypothesis is that approaching counterterrorism strategy with a perspective on the female gender as well as the male gender will have a positive impact on the ability to combat.

<http://www.peacewomen.org/integrationwomengenderunpk2010.pdf>

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Quote of the month:

"Win the women and you own the family unit. Own the family, and you make a big step forward in mobilizing the population."

David Kilcullen, in
"Counterinsurgency –
twenty-eight articles".

A decade lost: Locating gender in US Counter-terrorism

The publication provides the first global study of how the U.S. government's (USG) counter-terrorism efforts profoundly implicate and impact women and sexual minorities. Over the last decade of the United States' "War on Terror" has obscured the way women and sexual minorities experience counter-terrorism, rendering their rights violations invisible to policymakers and the human rights community alike. This failure to consider either the differential impacts of counter-terrorism on women, men, and sexual minorities or the ways in which such measures use and affect gender stereotypes and relations cannot continue. As the USG leads a world-wide trend toward a more holistic approach to countering terrorism that mobilizes the 3Ds—defense, diplomacy, and development—and increasingly emphasizes the role of women in national security, the extent to which counter-terrorism efforts include and impact women and sexual minorities is set to rise.

<http://www.chrgj.org/projects/docs/locatinggender.pdf>

Participants, Enablers, and Preventers: The roles of women in terrorism

While many have noted that warfare, terrorism, and violence are, for the most part, dominated by men, the role of women therein, while comparatively minimal, is crucial. This paper examines the wide spectrum of roles women play in terrorism and explores the idea that women are well-placed to both take part in terrorist violence and reduce its impact (by preventing others from participating or by helping those who do join to disengage from violence).

<http://www.bisa.ac.uk/Download Papers>

Female power – The role of Afghan women in counterinsurgency

In this article, the author calls for increased gender awareness in counterinsurgency operations. The main focus is to draw the attention to the potential roles of local women in counterinsurgency.

[Female power - Defence Viewpoints from UK Defence Forum](#)