At INTERPOL, we support the efforts of member countries to deter, detect and disrupt the use of chemicals in terrorist incidents. The increasing use of Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), which cause thousands of deaths and injuries every year, is an issue of global concern, and one which INTERPOL is working to address through its Chemical and Explosives Terrorism Prevention Unit.

**PREVENTION PROJECTS**

- **The INTERPOL Chemical Anti-Smuggling Enforcement Programme (Chase)**
  A global effort to counter the international smuggling of chemicals used in the manufacture of weapons designed to kill and injure indiscriminately. Chase will increase the capacity of police, customs, immigration and chemical and border security agencies to work collaboratively against the illegal movement of chemical warfare agents, toxic industrial chemicals and explosive precursor chemicals, through training sessions and a multinational operation.

- **Project Litmus**
  Will enable law enforcement, first responders, health and environmental authorities to identify, investigate and successfully prosecute the criminal use of chemical agents by developing an early warning capability. Litmus will begin as pilot in India, Pakistan and Bangladesh, with funding from the United States Department of State.

- **CRIMP programme**
  The two-year Chemical Risk Identification and Mitigation programme (CRIMP) develops the capacity of INTERPOL member countries to identify the regional risk posed by toxic chemicals and their precursors, through development of a prioritized list of the most significant chemicals of concern and a mitigation plan to counter this threat.

- **Project Watchmaker**
  INTERPOL coordinates information sharing to collect information, provide warnings and intelligence on suspected, wanted or convicted IED manufacturers. Various colour-coded INTERPOL notices (Red, Blue, Green, Orange and Purple) are used to communicate the alerts and to support member countries in countering the threat posed by IEDs.

- **Project Teal**
  Aims to establish INTERPOL as the principal coordinating agency for the international Counter Improvised Explosive Devices (CIED) effort, by establishing an INTERPOL CIED team and integrating of both military and law enforcement intelligence on suspects involved in the manufacture and use of IEDs.

- **Project Chasm**
  Provides training and support to crime scene examiners and officials in relevant agencies, enabling them to adopt a systematic approach in dealing with crime scenes that are contaminated by chemical materials. The project reinforces their capacities to investigate, identify, prevent or respond to chemical attacks and strengthens cooperation between law enforcement agencies.
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► INFORMATION AND INTELLIGENCE
INTERPOL continues to encourage member countries to exchange chemical and explosive-related information and intelligence via the Organization’s secure channels. Involving external partner networks such as the European EOD Network, the International Bomb Data Center Working Group, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the World Customs Organization is crucial to expanding the range of information exchanged.

At the request of a member country or partner organization, INTERPOL can provide threat intelligence assessments and technical expertise to support investigations.

INTERPOL is creating a global inventory of each country’s capability to respond to a chemical or explosives incident, in order to best facilitate a coordinated response in the event of a large-scale incident.

► RESPONSE TEAMS
An expert in chemical and explosives terrorism from INTERPOL or one of its member countries can support INTERPOL Incident Response Teams (deployed following disasters or crime incidents) or Major Event Support Teams (support to security for major international events) if needed.

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