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FACT SHEET

CBRNE terrorism

CBRNE terrorism poses a clear threat to public health and safety, national security and economic and political stability on a global level. Accordingly, the prevention of such incidents is of the highest priority.

► A GLOBAL RESPONSE

It is important for member countries to be prepared to prevent, prepare and respond to Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive (CBRNE) incidents. INTERPOL is a key international organization assisting in the execution of the global strategy against CBRNE terrorism. Furthermore, INTERPOL is integrated within all major global frameworks on behalf of the global law enforcement community, establishing close ties with relevant international partners under a multi-agency approach.

INTERPOL's CBRNE prevention programme is structured around three specialized units:

- The Chemical and Explosives Terrorism Prevention Unit;
- The Bio Terrorism Prevention Unit;
- The Radiological and Nuclear Terrorism Prevention Unit.

The INTERPOL methodology for countering the CBRNE terrorist threat consists of three main pillars:

- Intelligence analysis for police services;
- Capacity building and training programmes preventing the illegal dispersal of CBRNE materials;
- Operational and investigative support involving CBRNE threats and malicious incidents.

► INFORMATION SHARING AND ANALYTICAL SUPPORT

INTERPOL helps facilitate the information exchange process by receiving, disseminating and exchanging CBRNE related information utilizing INTERPOL's global policing capabilities. We produce a consolidated INTERPOL CBRNE Monthly Digest, which encourages member countries and international networks to expand the range of information shared. Using open-source information, relevant CBRNE related developments are brought together with a focus on crime and terrorism. We also create Intelligence Notes providing a detailed overview on current CBRNE issues or trends, tailored specifically for a law enforcement audience on a case-by-case basis.

► CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING

Given the gravity of a CBRNE terrorist attack and its consequences, prevention constitutes an essential element in both national and international strategies. In order to help prevent such attacks, the CBRNE terrorism prevention programme carries out the following activities:

- Conducts threat assessments and analysis;
- Works to increase the level of awareness of all national law enforcement agencies;
- Delivers training sessions in order to increase law enforcement capabilities;
- Provides prevention methodologies for use by member countries.

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► INVESTIGATIVE AND OPERATIONAL SUPPORT

If required, members of the CBRNE terrorism prevention programme can be sent as part of any Incident Response Team that is deployed by INTERPOL to assist a member country's investigations following a terrorist attack.

► GLOBAL OUTREACH

Due to the complex nature of CBRNE prevention, preparedness and response, a multi-agency approach is essential. Action needs to be coordinated at a governmental level, ensuring close cooperation and information exchange between the various ministries, agencies and institutions involved; from those specialized in CBRNE materials regulation and security, to public health and law enforcement.

This multi-agency approach needs to be extended on an international level. At INTERPOL, we work on the global stage, connecting our worldwide network of member countries and maintaining close partnerships with other international agencies specialized in the CBRNE field.



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