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RADIOLOGICAL & NUCLEAR TERRORISM PREVENTION UNIT LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAMME

Building global law enforcement capabilities in countering nuclear and radiological crimes

THE SITUATION

Nuclear and radioactive materials benefit society when used in medicine, agriculture, industry, and energy, but pose a significant risk if obtained by non-state actors for terrorism or crime. The misuse of improvised nuclear devices (INDs), radiological dispersal devices (RDDs), or radiological exposure devices (REDs) would have devastating impacts on health, the environment, and political stability.

Law enforcement plays a key role in preventing such threats, investigating radiological incidents, locating lost radioactive sources, and disrupting illegal attempts to acquire materials. Officials must be aware of the risks and capable of responding swiftly to ensure public safety.



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PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

The Radiological and Nuclear Terrorism Prevention Unit (RNTPU) is a threat-based, criminal intelligence-driven unit within INTERPOL's Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive (CBRNE) Sub-Directorate. Its mission is to support the development of an informed, effective, and globally connected law enforcement community able to counter and investigate nuclear and radiological crimes.

We do this by:

- Increasing intelligence sharing: Creating opportunities for police data and information-sharing on non-state actors related to crimes involving radioactive material.
- Increasing law enforcement capacity: Building capacity in high priority countries to execute law enforcement duties related to radiological and nuclear threats.
- Delivering targeted analysis and investigative support: Supporting member countries in their efforts to detect and identify individuals, their associates, and modus operandi linked with crimes involving radioactive materials.
- Engaging effectively at the international level: Engaging with multilateral decision-making bodies and global or regional organizations in support of law enforcement needs.

PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES

INTERPOL member countries are supported through specific activities including:

- **Regional Geiger Working Groups (GWG)**

The GWGs are established in high priority regions identified through targeted analysis. Convened bi-annually, the Working Groups exchange information and intelligence on non-state actors, radiological and nuclear material outside regulatory control, threats and other related issues.

- **Global Geiger Conference**

The Global Geiger Conference hosts an international network of law enforcement agencies and other communities of practice to discuss the outcomes of the regional Working Groups and address emerging threats and trends related to crimes involving radioactive materials.

- **National Capability Assessment and Training (NCAT)**

The NCAT process includes a series of structured and targeted activities aimed at law enforcement and their partner agencies that meet the needs of the country and enhance their capability to prevent, respond, detect and investigate terrorist or criminal incidents involving the use of radiological and or nuclear material.

The process spans a multi-stage approach including national coordination meetings, national capability assessments, training delivery and targeted action plans, support to ensure progress is sustained nationally and national level evaluation.

- **International Engagement**

As a stakeholder in multilateral dialogue and action to counter nuclear and radiological crimes, RNTPU leverages the global knowledge base to identify and utilise best practices and effective countermeasures, and learn from other international organizations to develop curriculum, intelligence products, and tools for use by our law enforcement partners.

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