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FACT SHEET

Border management

In our increasingly globalized world, it is easier than ever for people and goods to cross international borders. Criminals are exploiting this progress to cross borders more freely and commit serious crimes, as well as escape justice. Serious crimes such as drug and human trafficking, terrorism and organized crime all take advantage of weak security screening at international border crossings. Effective border security is therefore essential to combating transnational crime.

▶ INTERPOL INTEGRATED BORDER MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE

To help our member countries enhance their border security procedures and integrate border security efforts with their neighbours, INTERPOL coordinates operational activities, offers training opportunities and cultivates partnerships with international organizations to ensure the safety and security of all national borders.

These efforts have been consolidated under the INTERPOL Integrated Border Management Task Force, which serves as a central point of contact and coordination for all of INTERPOL's border security and management activities. The Task Force is responsible for:

- Planning and coordinating border security management policy;
- Enhancing the capacity of border security in member countries;
- Developing partnerships with international organizations and the private sector;
- Allocating operational resources to border security initiatives.

▶ ACCESS TO INTERPOL DATABASES

Through its secure global police communications system, INTERPOL connects law enforcement officials in its member countries to each other and to INTERPOL's criminal databases, including those containing nominal, fingerprint and stolen motor vehicles information. Databases specifically related to border security are hosted in the INTERPOL Travel and ID Document Reference Centre, such as EdisonTD (examples of genuine travel documents) and Dial-Doc, which countries use to share recently detected forms of document counterfeiting.

Since border points are critical locations for preserving national security, INTERPOL assists countries in allowing instant access to its databases by both first-line checks and second-line inspection officials at airports, sea ports and border crossings. Technical solutions called MIND/FIND allow INTERPOL's system to work in tandem with existing national border security infrastructure.

▶ ON-THE-GROUND ACTION

INTERPOL leads and coordinates key border security operations, with the aim of disrupting criminals who seek to cross borders using fraudulent documents to conceal their true identity.

- **People smuggling** – The Smuggling Training Operation Programme (STOP) offers training on the use of the Stolen and Lost Travel Documents (SLTD) database, combined with operations at major airports, to disrupt the criminal networks providing fraudulent travel documents to illegal immigrants.

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- **Fugitive operations** – The International Fugitive Round-up and Arrest (INFRA) operations target criminals wanted for serious crimes who exploit international borders to evade justice. It operates on global, regional or crime-specific levels, in collaboration with national fugitive
- **Organized crime** – INTERPOL supports member countries in the fight against criminal activities largely perpetrated by organized crime, including the trafficking in chemicals used in the illegal manufacture of methamphetamine (Operation Icebreaker) and the maritime trafficking in drugs and firearms (Operation Lionfish).
- **Fighting terrorism** – Our counter-terrorism activities include Operation Hawk, which delivers comprehensive training on strategies for combating terrorism, including identification of illicit radioactive or nuclear materials, coupled with operational activities.
- **Major event support** – INTERPOL Major Event Support Teams (IMESTs) are deployed to assist member countries with security for major events, in particular by facilitating access to INTERPOL's databases for real-time searches and police data exchange. Approximately 90 IMESTs have been deployed to date.

► TRAINING INITIATIVES

Our capacity building programmes assist member countries in improving their border security procedures through initiatives which include training on basic security measures and crime-specific skills, and consolidating training with real-time operations designed to put those skills into practice. Train-the-trainer programmes are also conducted to help build national capacities with a view to leading and assisting future operations.

► INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

INTERPOL has a number of partnerships and agreements with regional and international organizations to promote data exchange and the sharing of expertise among all stakeholders working to advance border security. We work closely with partners in the public and private sectors to achieve our common goals of protecting national borders against the exploitation of criminal organizations.



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