Criminalisation of CBRN related conduct in the international legal framework against terrorism

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Key points

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The international legal framework addresses CBRN terrorism

Adherence to this framework is beneficial for you and the global community

UNODC can help your country to adhere to the framework

Structure

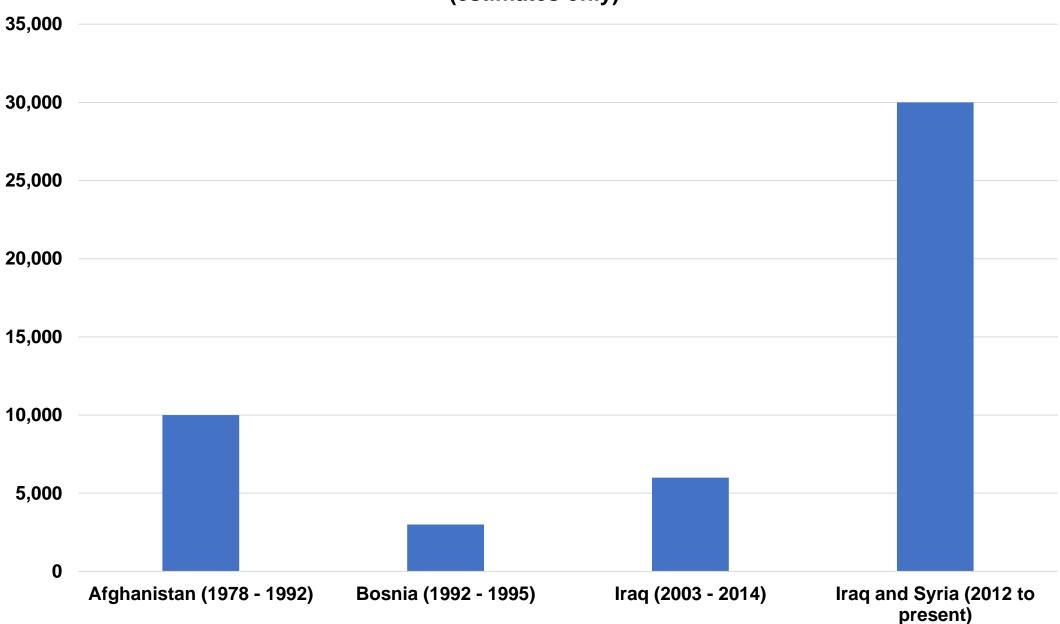
- (1) Case study
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Case study Section One



Participation of foreign terrorist fighters (estimates only)







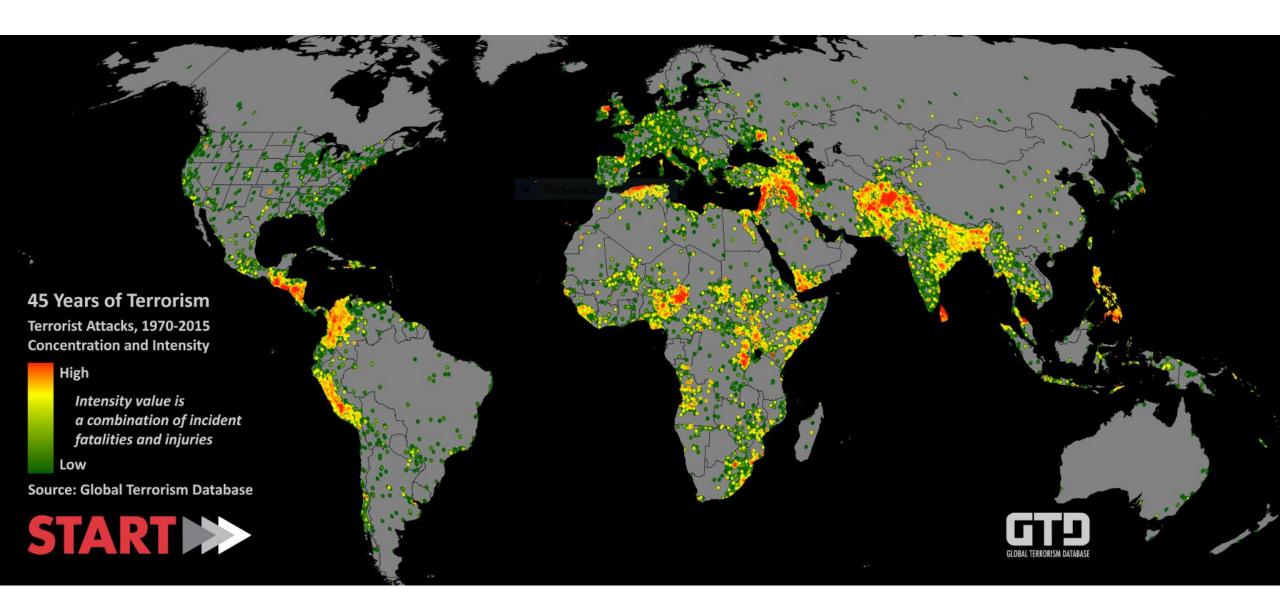




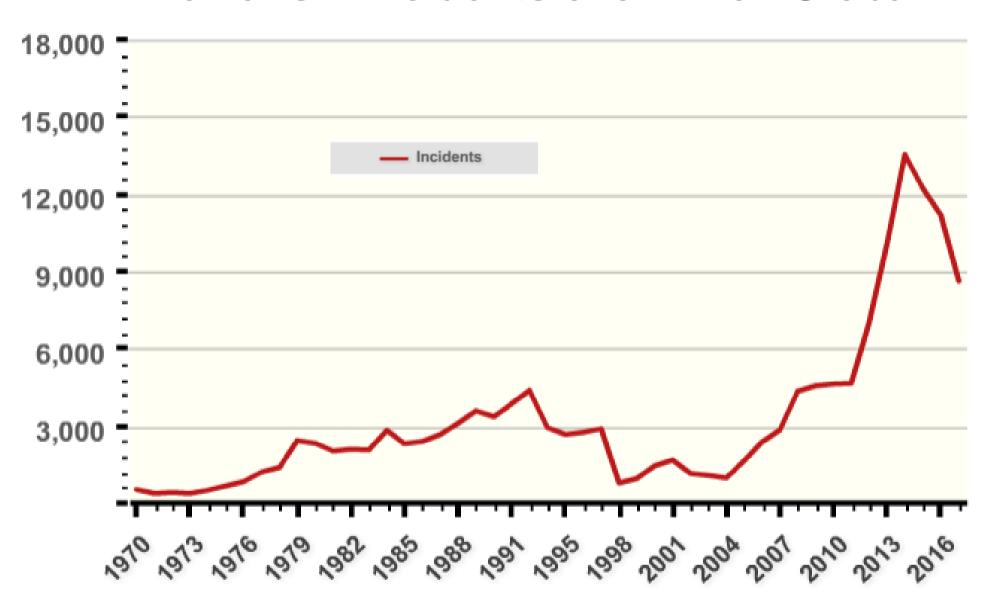
Eight people injured on 28 June 2016



Setting the scene Section Two



Terrorism incidents over time - Global



Latest assessment

Al-Qaida remains resilient and particularly strong in Somalia, Syria, Yemen and West Africa

ISIL ('Da-esh')

- morphing into a covert network, following the fall of their so called caliphate
- estimated to have access to between 50 to 300 million USD

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Latest assessment

ISIL ('Da-esh')

- Publishing online tutorials on biological and chemical weapon building in Europe
- Used laboratories in Mosul to produce sulphur mustard agent and conduct 15 attacks between 2015 and 2017

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- "The advantage of biological weapons is that they do not cost a lot of money, while the human casualties can be huge"
- 'It is permissible to use weapons of mass destruction – even if it kills all of them [the enemy] and their descendants off the face of the earth."



The global response Section Three

Global Framework against Terrorism

- 1 Strategies
- 2 UN resolutions
- Conventions and Protocols



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11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



13 CLIMATE ACTION



14 LIFE BELOW WATER



15 LIFE ON LAND



PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy (2006) (2018)

Pillar I

Addressing the conditions conduciive to the spread of terrorism

Pillar II

Preventing and combatting
Terrorism

Pillar III

Building States' capacity and strengthening the role of the United Nations

Pillar IV

Ensuring
Human Rights
and the rule of
law

Unanimously adopted by the General Assembly (all 192 UN Member States) in resolution 60/288 – 8 September 2006

Civil Aviation



1963 Tokyo 'Offences on Board Aircraft' Convention 2014 Montreal 'Offences on Board Air.' Protocol (not yet in force)

1970 The Hague 'Hijacking' Convention

2010 Beijing 'Hijacking' Protocol'

1971 Montreal 'Sabotage'
Convention

1988 Montreal 'Airport' Protocol'

2010 Beijing Civil Aviation Convention



Hostages & Internationally Protected Persons

1973 New York

'Protection of Diplomats'

Convention'

1979 New York 'Hostages' Convention'

Maritime Navigation



1988 Rome 'SUA Maritime Navigation' Convention 2005 London 'SUA Maritime Navigation' Protocol

1988 Rome 'SUA Fixed Platforms' Protocol

2005 London 'SUA Fixed Platforms' Protocol

Dangerous Materials, Explosives & Bombings



1979 Physical Protection of Nuclear Material Convention (CPPNM)

2005 CPPNM Amendment

1991 Montreal 'Plastic Explosives' Convention'

1997 'Terrorist Bombings'
Convention'

2005 Nuclear Terrorism Convention (ICSANT)



Terrorism Financing

1999 New York 'Terrorist Financing' Convention'

Common Elements:

Criminalises conduct

Determines jurisdiction, including aut dedere aut judicare

Provides international cooperation mechanisms

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What it means for you Section Four

Consider becoming a party to the remaining legal instruments



Concerns?

Difficulties?





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