Terrorism & Security: What Information is Out There?

An evaluation of websites, publishers, and content

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Our Intent

- Define “terrorism” and “homeland security”
- Highlight our three organizations
- Describe a variety of the major information sources useful for researching these topics
Terrorism: What is it?

“War on Terrorism” – yesterday’s definition!
- Many policymakers steering clear of phrase
- Other concepts coming into vogue

- **State Dept (since 1983)**
  - “premeditated, politically motivated violence perpetrated against noncombatant targets…usually intended to influence an audience”

- **Terrorism (courtesy *Oxford English Dictionary*)**:
  - “A system of terror.”
  - “A policy intended to strike with terror those against whom it is adopted; the employment of methods of intimidation; the fact of terrorizing or condition of being terrorized.”
Homeland Security: What is it?

- Difficult to define!
- Any definition freighted with administrative and emotional entanglements
- Homeland Security
  - EO13228 [2001] “To deter, prepare for, prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks…”
  - Latest HS strategy document [2007] “…a concerted national effort to prevent terrorist attacks within the United States, reduce America’s vulnerability to terrorism, and minimize the damage and recover from attacks that do occur.” [DHS responsibility]
- Homeland Defense
  - DoD HD strategy document [2005] – “The protection of U.S. sovereignty, terrority, domestic population, and critical infrastructure against external threats and aggressions, or other threats as directed by the President.” [DoD responsibility]
    - DoD provides civil support “for domestic emergencies and for designated law enforcement and other activities.”
Department of Homeland Security*

- Created January 24, 2003
- Merged 22 existing government agencies, bureaus, offices and units into one
- Organized as five directorates:
  - Border and Transportation Security
  - Emergency Preparedness and Response
  - Science and Technology
  - Information Analysis & Infrastructure Protection
  - Management

*Office of Homeland Security was created October 8, 2001 [EO 13228]
Major Departments Transferring Responsibilities to DHS

- Department of Agriculture (2)
- Department of Commerce (3)
- Department of Defense (2)
- Department of Energy (9)
- Department of Health & Human Services (4)
- Department of Justice (6)
- Department of State (1)
- Department of Transportation (2)
- Department of the Treasury (3)
Departments & Agencies Retaining Responsibilities

Central Intelligence Agency
Department of Defense
- Assistant Secretary for Homeland Defense
Department of Health & Human Services
- Assistant Secretary for Preparedness & Response
- Centers for Disease Control & Prevention
Department of Energy
- Undersecretary for Nuclear Security
Department of Justice
- Assistant Attorney General for National Security
- Federal Bureau of Investigation

Department of State
- Coordinator for Counterterrorism
Department of Transportation
- Director of Intelligence, Security & Emergency Response
Department of the Treasury
- Deputy Assistant Secretary for Critical Infrastructure Protection
- Undersecretary for Terrorism and Financial Crimes
Environmental Protection Agency
- Associate Administrator for Homeland Security
Office of the Director of National Intelligence
HSDL Mission & Content

- Funded by the DHS National Preparedness Directorate, our mission is to support local, state, tribal and federal analysis and decision-making needs and assist academics of all disciplines in homeland defense and security related research.

- The collection provides quick access to important U.S. policy documents, presidential directives, and national strategy documents as well as specialized resources such as theses and reports from various universities, organizations as well as local and state agencies.
Who Can Access?

- Military
- Government
- Law Enforcement
- Emergency Management
- Public Health agencies
- Educational institutions with HS curriculum
- Depositories – NEW GPO Partnership
- Others as appropriate
Advanced Search - Options

Google-like refine options

- Recommend documents, media or links to the HSDL -
Featured Documents: Topics
Please choose a topic to browse our featured documents.

**Agroterrorism**
Terrorist attacks against agricultural targets are increasingly recognized as national security threats. *Browse document list.*

**Border Security**
Our borders are vulnerable to drug and weapons smuggling, illegal aliens, and terrorists. The debate on border security continues. *Browse document list.*

**Climate Change**
Global climate change is becoming a fact, as adverse weather patterns affect shorelines and cause food shortages. *Browse document list.*

**Energy**
With oil supplies in increasingly hostile areas, formulating alternative sources and reducing consumption is a must for national security. *Browse document list.*

**Immigration**
What legislation is being considered to keep illegal immigration and terrorists out and still attract much-needed lawful immigrants? *Browse document list.*
Newsletters etc.

Today’s Early Bird Headlines

- Guards Kill Two Women In Iraq
- Scondary Work Starts U.S. Embassy Opening
- 2 Iraqi Women Killed in Shooting By Security Convoy
- Turkey Allows Troops To Enter Iraq To Attack Rebels
- Blasts Kill 22 in Northern Iraq
- Displaced Iraqis, Destitute Haven
- Israeli Doctors Screen Iraqi Patients, Defying Tensions
- Judge Orders U.S. Not To Transfer Tunisian Detainees
- Judge Halt Transfer Of Guantanamo detainees

... more recent Early Bird ...

Featured Newsletters and Digests

- Homeland Security Report
  The Homeland Security Report contains articles from open sourced materials and published in response to the Presidents' call for all Americans to participate and be vigilant in the war against terror. It provides information on new hard-to-spot weapons, articles on law enforcement and emergency management matters and a calendar of past terrorist events to be mindful of for anniversary attacks. Browse Homeland Security Report.

- DHS Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report
  The DHS Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report is a daily (Monday through Friday) summary of open-source published information concerning significant critical infrastructure issues. It is organized by the five major segments of critical infrastructure and gives a digest of relevant information in each. Browse DHS Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report.
Three new CHDS podcasts available addressing homeland security leadership, public/private partnerships, and public health

Submitted by Stephanie on Wednesday, October 10, 2007 - 16:23

Three new viewpoints interviews are available online or for download through iTunes. The Fall 2007 CHDS Thesis Series features recent graduates from the Master of Arts program in Security Studies/Homeland Security and Defense at the Naval Postgraduate School. In Can You Lead Me Now? Leading in the Complex World of Homeland Security, Nola Joyce, Chief Administrative Officer, Metropolitan Police, District of Columbia discusses her masters thesis on suggested activities and processes to yield more successful leadership within an organization which is required when facing complex issues and problems like those found in homeland security. In Integrating Public and Private Partnerships to Produce More Effective Intelligence-led Policing, Matt Simeone, Security/Police Information Network Administrator, Nassau County Police Department discusses the distinct advantages in improving data collection using partnerships developed between local law enforcement agencies and the public and private industry. In Multi-Attribute Decision Analysis in Public Health, Sinan Khan, Epidemiology Analyst, Los Angeles County Emergency Preparedness and Response Program, speaks on the topic of analyzing the effectiveness of alternative modes of dispensing prophylaxis on a large scale.

Stephanie's blog | login or register to post comments

October 10, 2007: International Day for Disaster Reduction

Submitted by Stephanie on Wednesday, October 10, 2007 - 00:00

"In 1989, the United Nations General Assembly designated the second Wednesday of October International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction." The day is meant to be "a vehicle to promote a global culture of natural disaster reduction, including disaster prevention, mitigation and preparedness."
Mission

• MIPT was created following the Oklahoma City bombing.

• MIPT is a non-profit, nationally recognized think tank creating state-of-the-art knowledge bases and sharing information on terrorism.

• MIPT’s mission is to counter terrorism through knowledge.

• Congress directed MIPT to act as “a national point of contact for antiterrorism information sharing” and to “conduct research into the social and political causes and effects of terrorism.”
MIPT’s early research centered on technical projects addressing the needs of responders in a number of areas:

- Explosives Detectors and Countermeasures
- Chemical and Biological Detectors
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Forensics
- Mental Health
- Communications
- Critical Infrastructure Protection
- Bioterrorism Exercises
- Law and Counterterrorism Policy
- National Preparedness Studies
• MIPT moved from the Department of Justice to the Department of Homeland Security following its creation.

• Under DHS, MIPT has increasingly focused on information sharing through its four major websites:
  
  • MIPT.org/Terrorism Information Center (TIC)
  • Lessons Learned Information Sharing (LLIS)
  • Responder Knowledge Base (RKB)
  • Terrorism Knowledge Base (TKB)
TIC offers access to:

- 5,000+ books and reports
- Interlibrary loan and direct mail
- Email and phone reference services
- Complete sets of State Department and FBI terrorism reports
- Complete sets of terrorism journals
- Databases on university courses, training, and conferences
- Hundreds of al Qaeda training and propaganda videos
MIPT’s Terrorism Information Center also offers free digital access to two major security databases.

- The EBSCO International Security & Counter Terrorism Reference Center includes over 1.3M full-text items as well as many journals.

- The Thomson/Gale “War and Terrorism Collection” also has over 1.2M full-text items on these topics.
Lessons Learned Information
Sharing

www.llis.gov
LLIS.gov is the official repository of lessons learned for DHS.

It is a password-protected site that acts as a national network of nearly 40,000 emergency responders and others in the homeland security community.
LLIS Materials

• LLIS.gov includes nearly 10,000 documents.

• It has over 1,000 lessons learned, best practices, and after action reports.

• LLIS also includes over 1,300 emergency operations plans from the Federal, State, and local levels.
LLIS also includes over a dozen special topics pages that bring together plans, policies, and other data.

- These cover hurricanes, pandemic flu, radiological devices, mass evacuations, school emergencies, transit security, and more.
DHS Guidance

• LLIS includes major DHS guidelines and policy documents, and members are sometimes allowed to comment on them online.

• These include the National Preparedness Guidelines, draft National Response Framework, and Target Capabilities List. The site also features the Homeland Security Grant Program Resource Center.
Fusion Centers and Centers of Excellence

• LLIS includes a subportal focused specifically on fusion centers, called the Fusion Process Technical Assistance Program Resource Center.

• The site also has a section on DHS Centers of Excellence, based at leading educational institutions. These centers provide places for researchers to collaborate on homeland security solutions.
Responder Knowledge Base®

www.rkb.mipt.org
Responder Knowledge Base

• RKB provides emergency responders, purchasers, and planners with a trusted, integrated, on-line source of information on products, certifications, standards, grants, and other equipment-related information.

• The site is endorsed by more than ten major responder associations.
• RKB developed from a technological gap analysis called Project Responder.

• This effort found that responders had insufficient knowledge about existing capabilities and little input into national research and development activities.
RKB answers these questions:

- What’s out there?
- Has it been tested?
- To what standard?
- What training is needed?
- How do I pay for it?
- Who else is using it?
RKB Content

• RKB has information on over 4,600 products, including their operational, physical, and logistical characteristics as well as special requirements.

• Where applicable, these items are linked to standards, third-party certifications, and related products and training.
RKB Membership

- RKB includes over 60,000 members. The majority of these are emergency response and procurement officials.

- The site also has over 1,000 vendor representatives.

- RKB responder members can connect with other responders to discuss equipment.
AEL and SEL

• RKB hosts a copy of the DHS Authorized Equipment List (AEL), which lists generic equipment that is allowable under DHS grant programs.

• The site also includes the Standardized Equipment List (SEL), which describes the minimum equipment needed for a WMD response. An integrated display of the AEL and SEL is also available.
Grant Info and CEDAP

• RKB includes information on over 130 grants.

• The site also acts as the application point for the Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP), which provides free equipment to responders not within Urban Areas Security Initiative cities. This includes PPE, imaging, detection, communications, and IT tools.
TKB offers access to:
- 33,000+ terrorist incidents
- 1,200+ terrorist biographies
- 1,000+ group profiles
- 200+ legal cases

Features:
- Interactive maps
- Easy to use charts and graphs
- Side-by-side comparisons
Interactive maps overlay incident locations with:
- detailed satellite images
- population density
- key infrastructure

Users view incidents by:
- region
- country
- city
TKB Terrorist Group Profiles

Over 1,000 group profiles

Profiles include:

- Mother-tongue Name
- Base of Operations
- Founding Philosophy
- Current Goals
- “Baseball Card” Terror Stats
- Key Leaders
- Related Groups
- Additional Resources
TKB Terrorist Leader Profiles

1,200 key leader and member profiles

Profiles include:

• Aliases
• Role
• Current Location
• Biography
• Photographs
• Legal cases
TKB Incident Analysis Wizard

Incidents by Year

Incidents by Region (filtered)

Edit Graph Selections:
1. Edit Graph Type
2. Edit Category
3. Edit Category Constraints

Apply additional graph filters
1. Regions

- Africa
- Levant & Central Asia
- Eastern Europe
- Latin America
- Middle East / Persian Gulf
- North America
- Other
- South Asia
- Southeast Asia & Oceania

Apply additional graph filters
1. Countries

- Aiden
- Afghanistan
- African nation index
- Albania
- Algeria
- Alliance for Progress
- American Samoa
- Andorra
- Angola
Institute for Defense Analyses

- Dates from World War II
- Federally funded research & development center – funded by national budget
  - Each FFRDC different (astronomy observatories; nuclear laboratories; research institutes)
  - National Academy of Sciences; RAND are “sisters”
- Serves Secretary of Defense, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Unified Military Commands
- Independent and nonpartisan

www.ida.org/
IDA Homeland Security Tasks

- Administer the SAFETY Act ("Support Antiterrorism by Fostering Effective Technologies" Act)
- Hosted classified congressional panel examining the effects of EMP in U.S.
- Accept smaller, more specific tasks from DHS Science & Technology Directorate
Library is demonstrating its worth to the organization!

- Daily e-mail summary tracking all new reports, documents, studies, congressional testimony
  - From over 40 organizations
  - From several government agencies
- IED Bibliography
What Else Is Out There?

- Scholarly Journals
- Magazines and newsletters
- Books and encyclopedias
- Databases and online services
- Statistics
- Congressional testimony
- Specialized media
- Websites
Scholarly Journals

Biosecurity and Bioterrorism
Disaster Prevention and Management
FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin*
Hampton Roads International Security Quarterly
Homeland Security Affairs*
Intelligence and National Security
International Journal of Intelligence and Counterintelligence
International Security
Studies in Conflict and Terrorism
Studies in Intelligence*
Terrorism and Political Violence

* Free sites
Magazines and Newsletters

**Homeland Defense Journal** (Market Access International)

**Homeland Defense Watch** (Inside Defense)

**Homeland Security Alert** (Frost & Sullivan)

**Homeland Security Magazine** (McGraw-Hill)

**Journal of Homeland Security** (H S Institute)

**Terror Response Technology Report** (Defense Daily)
Books/Encyclopedias

Direct interest:
- Critical Infrastructure Protection in Homeland Security
- Encyclopedia of Bioterrorism Defense
- Encyclopedia of Terrorism
- Homeland Security: Protecting America’s Targets
- Threats to Homeland Security

Collateral interest:
- Encyclopedia of Espionage, Intelligence & Security
- Encyclopedia of the Modern Middle East & North Africa
- Encyclopedia of Islam & the Muslim World

QUICKLY GROWING FIELD!
Databases, A-K

- Agricola
- Congressional Research Service (see later slide for more detail)
- CQ Homeland Security*
- Defense Technical Information Center
- Energy Citations Database
- ForensicNetBase/LawEnforcementNetBase
- Global Terrorism Database
- Government Accountability Office
- Homeland Security Digital Library**
- International Security & Counter-Terrorism Reference Center*
- Jane’s Terrorism and Insurgency Centre*

* Commercial site  **Speaker affiliated sites
Databases, L-Z

- Lessons Learned Information Sharing**
- National Agricultural Safety Database
- National Criminal Justice Reference Center
- National Technical Information Service
- PolicyFile*
- PubMed (MedLine)
- Responder Knowledge Base**
- Terrorism Knowledge Base**
- Terrorism Research Center
- TRIS Online (Transportation Research Information Services)
- Worldwide Incidents Tracking System (NCTC)
Statistics

- Bureau of Justice Statistics
- CDC Statistics
- FAA Accident and Incident Data
- Federal Justice Statistics Resource Center
- FedStats
- National Center for Health Statistics
- Office of Immigration Statistics
- Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics
- Statistical Abstract of the United States
- Uniform Crime Reports
- US Fire Administration Statistics
Congressional Testimony

Vendors:
- CQ
- Federal News Service
- LexisNexis

Official Sources
- Congressional Websites [included prepared statements and sometimes videos of sessions]
- GPO Access for Hearings [final official version but often long delay]

Prepared testimony vs. transcripts of delivered testimony:
- Prepared testimony does not include questions and answers or items submitted for the record
- Prepared remarks are not always delivered as anticipated
A Note About CRS Reports

**Availability**
- Prepared for Members of Congress; no public distribution

**Vendors**
- GalleryWatch/Penny Hill
- LexisNexis Congressional Research Digital Collection

**Free Sites**
- Open CRS
- Federation of American Scientists (FAS)
- National Agricultural Law Center
- National Council for Science and Environment
- University of North Texas
Premium Content Intelligence Media

- **SITE** (Search for International Terrorist Entities) Institute
  - Issues immediate transcriptions of public statements and video appearances by major terror groups & figures

- **STRATFOR**

- **Terrorism Research Center**
Websites, A-H

- Center for the Study of Weapons of Mass Destruction
- Center for Terrorism Risk Management Policy
- Centers for Disease Control & Prevention
- Combating Terrorism Center
- Counter-Terrorism Training and Resources for Law Enforcement
- Dept of State, Office of the Coordinator of Counterterrorism
- Emergency Management Institute
- Emergency Response & Research Institute
- Homeland Defense and Security Resources
- Homeland Security Institute
Websites, I-Z

- Illinois Law Enforcement Media Resource Center
- Institute for Homeland Security Studies
- International Institute for Counter-Terrorism
- JURIST Legal News & Research—Terrorism Law & Policy
- National Emergency Training Center—Learning Resource Center
- National Homeland Security Knowledgebase
- PPRI Disaster and Emergency Management Information Network
- SEARCH (National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics)
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