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PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- ◆ Enhance investigation processes and the use of forensic evidence by the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Police Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) for the preparation of terrorism cases.
- ◆ Strengthen the capacity of the KP Prosecution Directorate and Judiciary to effectively prosecute and adjudicate terrorism cases.
- ◆ Improve provincial and inter-provincial coordination on counter-terrorism, to strengthen capacity on counter-terrorism related strategic analysis and to promote greater judicial integrity and human rights compliant judicial processes in terrorism cases.

Cover Story – Workshop on Identification of Special Measures for Witness Protection in Terrorism Cases in The Hague

A workshop was organized on 'Identification of special measures for witness protection in terrorism cases' in The Hague, Netherlands from 26- 29 August 2019. It brought together a delegation of 26 participants from National Counter Terrorism Authority (NACTA), Counter Terrorism Departments (CTDs), Prosecution Departments and Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) under the headship of Mr. Muzzafar Ali Sheikh, Additional Inspector General of CTD Balochistan. The purpose of the workshop was primarily to



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improve the witness protection system in Pakistan in the context of terrorism cases and to introduce the delegation to Europol's Witness Protection (WP) Network, areas of good practice, opportunities and benefits of membership and possible technical assistance and cooperation.

Participants were briefed on various practices adopted and the models used for witness protection, especially the Australian model on WP, which formed the basis for discussion during the workshop. The second day of the workshop remained focused on the status of WP in Pakistan. In this session provincial legislations of Pakistan with respect to WP were reviewed, which was followed by deliberation upon policy guidelines on establishing WP system in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP). A group discussion occurred resulting in drafting of roadmap that discussed three key principles: Legislation, Governance and the Witness Protection Unit. Finally, the third and fourth day proved to be integral as visits to the International Criminal Court (ICC) and EUROPOL were organized for the delegation.



Read more:

<https://www.unodc.org/pakistan/en/workshop-on-identification-of-special-measures-for-witness-protection-in-terrorism-cases--hague--netherlands.html>

4th Provincial workshop on Countering Terrorism Financing for Public Prosecutors of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP)

Under a series of workshops, the 4th workshop on Countering the Financing of Terrorism (CFT) was organized for Public Prosecutors of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) in Peshawar from 30-31 July 2019.



During the workshop, presentations were delivered on four topic areas including; the role of Financial Action Task Force, its recommendations and suggestions to countering financing of terrorism; types of terrorist financing; the legal regulatory frameworks on CFT in Pakistan; followed by the challenges faced in implementation of laws in the country. Case studies and scenario-based exercises were also conducted with support of utilizing modern teaching tools, for improving critical analysis and legal knowledge of participants. It was followed by a Question & Answer session to allow room for constructive feedback.

The District Public Prosecutor Mr. Shehzada commended the efforts of UNODC and the EU for organizing this important event and added that the substantial knowledge acquired during this workshop will be helpful in combatting money laundering and terrorism financing.



Read more:

<https://www.unodc.org/pakistan/en/training-workshop-on-terrorism-financing-for-public-prosecutors-of-khyber-pakhtunkhwa-kp-in-peshawar.html>

3rd Mock Trial for Investigators Prosecutors and Judges on Countering of Terrorist Financing



UNODC Pakistan along with experts from its Terrorism Prevention Branch (TPB) and INTERPOL organized the 3rd Mock Trial for Investigators, Prosecutors and Judges in Lahore from 6 to 7 August 2019.

The sessions for the first day included presentations on the legislative frameworks of the UN, and related international standards and Pakistan's national legislations that deal with the subject of countering the financing of terrorism. The Programme Officer from TPB Mr. Philip Divett briefed the participants on the challenges faced by Financial Intelligence Units (FIUs) in region especially related to sharing of information and presented several typologies of terrorist financing.

Later in the day, Mr. Keith Verralls, a former British Police officer, identified a four-faceted multiagency approach used by UK to investigate cases that concentrate on core objectives of preventing, protecting, preparing and pursuing. During this mock trial, the participants were primarily exposed to case studies related to financial investigations and prosecutions involving a hypothetical terrorism financing case. They also had the opportunity to replicate a case scenario of an actual trial, which helped them attain a better understanding of the best practices utilized to deal with a real-life case.



Read more:

<https://www.unodc.org/pakistan/en/third-mock-trial-on-countering-the-financing-of-terrorism-cft.html>

Multi-Agency Workshop on Countering Terrorism Financing (CFT)



Two-day multi-agency workshop on countering the financing of terrorism was organized in Karachi from 8 to 9 August 2019. The objective of the workshop was to enhance the participants' understanding on the importance of financial investigations in terrorism cases, and to endow them with knowledge on the processes and sources of terrorist financing.

Workshop commenced with the emerging threats of terrorist financing, and its sources and typologies. It was then followed by presentations on challenges and approaches for the Financial Monitoring Unit (FMU); the role of INTERPOL during cross-border investigations including tools available to Member States in obtaining and

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sharing of information. Later in the day, INTERPOL Expert presented few cases of cash smuggling from the region and highlighted the lessons learnt by LEAs in identifying and detecting cash couriers.

On the second day of the workshop, Mr. Kamran Taj, Director CT Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), presented on the national guidelines developed by Pakistan on UNSC 1267 measures for seizure of assets that are being used to facilitate financing of terrorism. The workshop concluded with participants sharing their analyses on given scenarios as part of their group exercises on cash smuggling.



Read more:

<https://www.unodc.org/pakistan/en/multi-agency-workshop-on-investigating-cases-of-terrorism-financing.html>

Upcoming Activities

6th Steering Committee Meeting on PACT Project

Training on Criminal Analysis tools and techniques to disrupt terrorist networks

Training on Terrorism Investigation Courses

Training on Police-Prosecution Cooperation in Terrorism Financing Cases

Mock Trial for investigators, Prosecutors, and Judges on Countering the Financing of Terrorism



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