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Link Between Forged/Fraudulent Travel Documents and Terrorism

- ❖ Terrorism is a transnational and multi-dimensional threat. Terrorist groups depend on the ability to cross borders undetected in order to carry out their planned activities.



Terrorist Activities

- ❖ To raise funds,
- ❖ Recruit operatives,
- ❖ Train operatives and
- ❖ Send them out to plan and conduct terrorist attacks.



Terrorist international mobility

- ❖ Key to Terrorist international mobility circumventing immigration laws and “watch lists” of national authorities as well as international organizations.



How do Terrorist Circumvent the Identification Process?

- ❖ Specialized terrorist cells or terrorist splinter groups who supply passports and other documents that can be used by their operatives
- ❖ Specializes in forging identity documents as a way of funding terrorism activities



How do Terrorist Circumvent the Identification Process?

- ❖ Rely on criminal networks to procure false identity documents- link between terrorism and organized crime
- ❖ Falsifying breeder documents, e.g. birth certificates, to acquire a genuine passport.
- ❖ Obtaining official travel documents or even the breeder documents through corruption



Identification Management

- ❖ Issuance and Integrity of travel documents is an integral part of global counter-terrorism efforts



Identification Management

- ❖ For the last decade nations have invested time, money and great expectations in enhanced travel document programmes, ABCs, MRTDs and e-Passports



Identification Management

- ❖ implementing inspection systems and tools that enable border control authorities to make more informed, safer and even faster decisions at passport control checkpoints;
- ❖ and to counter in one envelope concerns of terrorism, trafficking and organized crime.



Identification Management

- ❖ Not good enough to issue electronic passports if issuance processes can be abused by fraudsters using fake birth certificate to apply for a passport under a fake identity.
- ❖ no point investing in modern and secure travel documents if they can't or won't be read and checked at the border.



Identification Management

- ❖ It is the lack of robust integrated identity and identification management processes that represent opportunities for terrorists and a major weakness in global efforts in countering terrorism and enhancing security and facilitation.



Facilitating free and secure movement of persons

- ❖ Travel document security needs to be understood holistically - from secure and reliable civil registry systems to integrated border security solutions.



Facilitating free and secure movement of persons

- ❖ Focus is on strengthening;
 - ✓ the security of travel documents
 - ✓ related issuance processes and
 - ✓ inter-linkages to modernized civil registries
 - ✓ use of travel documents as part of comprehensive and integrated border solutions to facilitate fast and secure trans-border movement



Measures to Prevent the Cross Border Movement of Terrorists

- ❖ Automating border controls
- ❖ Use of national and international watch lists
- ❖ Inter-agency and cross border information sharing
- ❖ Use of ICAO PKD for e-Passports.



Measures to Prevent the Cross Border Movement of Terrorists

Enhancing travel document security and developing border control capacities for the efficient detection of forged documents are significant tools to countering one envelope concerns of terrorism, trafficking and organized crime.



Cooperation

Closer integration between Identity Management, Border Security and Aviation Security.

- ❖ to interdict terrorists,
- ❖ disrupt their planning,
- ❖ restrict their travel, and
- ❖ reduce the flow of financial and material support to terrorist groups



Cooperation

- ❖ Hence the need to redefine the security vision fundamentally moving to a comprehensive intelligence-led security approach, that would integrate and enhance current aviation security screening practices with national and border security solutions, based on effective data sharing and national and international inter-agency cooperation.



Cooperation

- ❖ Effective national and international security requires a comprehensive and all-inclusive system that is built on global harmonization, effective information exchange, industry-government cooperation, risk assessment and efficient technology that facilitate fast and secure trans-border movement.



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