

TERRORISM, DRUG TRAFFICKING AND CORRUPTION

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I am extremely happy that this Book highlights and focuses our attention on the serious problems – nay, the menacing evils – of 'Terrorism' – 'Drug Trafficking' and Corruption' which some authors have very aptly described as *Explosive Cocktail* and the *Trinity* of the wrong doings.

Terrorism today constitutes grave threat to internal and international security, peaceful relations amongst States, development and democratic functioning of institutions committed to world peace and enjoyment of human rights. It is an affront to civilized world order to democracy. It is a crime against humanity that must be prosecuted whatever its motivation.

The menace of terrorism becomes all the more grave and serious, and a threat to the global security, when it gets interlinked with drug trafficking and corruption. Innovative measures are urgently called for to consolidate regional and global cooperation and to overcome the challenges which are becoming more and more threatening and have negative impact on stability, security and sovereignty of all the countries the world over.

We in India very well know what it means to be victim of terrorism. Terrorism continues to claim more human lives in India than anywhere in the world. Although worldwide efforts are being made to wage war against terrorism, we need a much bigger and more determined international effort for addressing the issues of terrorism, international organised crimes and drug trafficking and regional issues of peace and conflict.

The Global Jurists Foundation's endeavour to publish this Book is timely and praiseworthy; eminent personalities from India and abroad have contributed valuable articles reflecting deep understanding and insight into the problem and the issues involved. I am sanguine that this Book will definitely serve as beacon-light in leading to improved policy framework as well as coordinated action-plan to combat and diminish the shadows of horrors of the three evils.

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