

# **CARICOM: Overview Of Current Threat Landscape And Responses**





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Counter-terrorism Committee  
On “The Threat Of Terrorism In  
Latin America And The  
Caribbean  
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# CARICOM STATES



	<b>CARICOM Member States</b>
	<b>Associate Members</b>

**CARICOM Member States**

**Associate Members**

 Suriname

# CARICOM MEMBER STATES AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS



15 Member States;  
5 Associate  
Members

Combined  
population: >18  
million

Total land space:  
462, 472 sq km

## Member States



Antigua and  
Barbuda

Bahamas

Barbados

Belize



Dominica

Grenada

Guyana

Haiti



Jamaica

Montserrat

Saint Lucia

St Kitts and  
Nevis



St Vincent and  
the Grenadines

Suriname

Trinidad and  
Tobago

## Associate Members



Anguilla

Bermuda

British Virgin  
Islands

Cayman Islands



Turks and  
Caicos Islands



# U.S. MILITARY

## US military helps thwart Trinidad carnival terror attack



By Ryan Browne and Barbara Starr, CNN  
Updated 1807 GMT (0207 HKT) February 9, 2018

# ISIS claims responsibility for Carnival threat

GAIL ALEXANDER

ISIS has alleged a group of its "fighters" here in T&T was arrested on February 8 "while they were preparing a mega-attack during the night stretching from 13 to 14 February when the Carnival was in full swing."

The claim was made in ISIS' February Dabiq propaganda magazine, where the terror group claimed responsibility for the Carnival threat.

colonisation. Over time, Afro-Americans and Arabs have been added to the community. "This magnificent Caribbean island has equipped Daesh with several hundred combatants. It is the first country to source jihadists in the Americas. Last year Shane Crawford, called Abu Sa'd at-Trinidad, announced in the Dabiq that preparations for an operation were under way in T&T." It added: "In July 1990, a hundred jihadists of the Ja-

### A Daesh Commando stopped and-Tobago

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MARCAS ESPAÑOLAS y TRINIDAD Y TOBAGO



A group of Daesh fighters was arrested on 8 February at Trinidad and Tobago while they were preparing a mega-attack during the night stretching from 13 to 14 February when the carnival was in full swing.

In Trinidad-and-Tobago there is a strong minority presence of Indian Muslims who arrived during the British colonization. Over time, Afro-Americans and Arabs have been added to the community.

This magnificent Caribbean island has endured French



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- Joint Statement of Guiding Principles From the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS
- The Worsening of the escalation of Daesh
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- US security, lies and confusion in the North of Syria

120 Articles



# CARICOM TERRORIST THREAT PICTURE



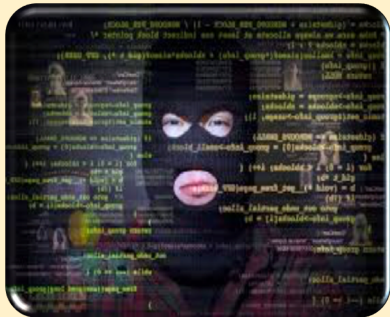
## The Phenomenon of Foreign Terrorist Fighters

- Returning and Relocating Foreign Terrorist Fighters
- Rising Geographic Mobility



## The Influence of Radical Clerics and Radicalized Terrorist Sympathizers

- Radicalization of Homegrown Extremists
- Radicalization (Prisons)



## Growing Volume and Accessibility of Extremist Groups and Terrorist Propaganda On-Line

# CARICOM TERRORIST THREAT PICTURE



## Cyber Terrorism

- Propaganda, radicalization, recruitment, and operational planning disregards national borders



## The Financing of Terrorism

- The increased use of wire transfers
- The abuse of non-governmental, non-profit and charitable organizations



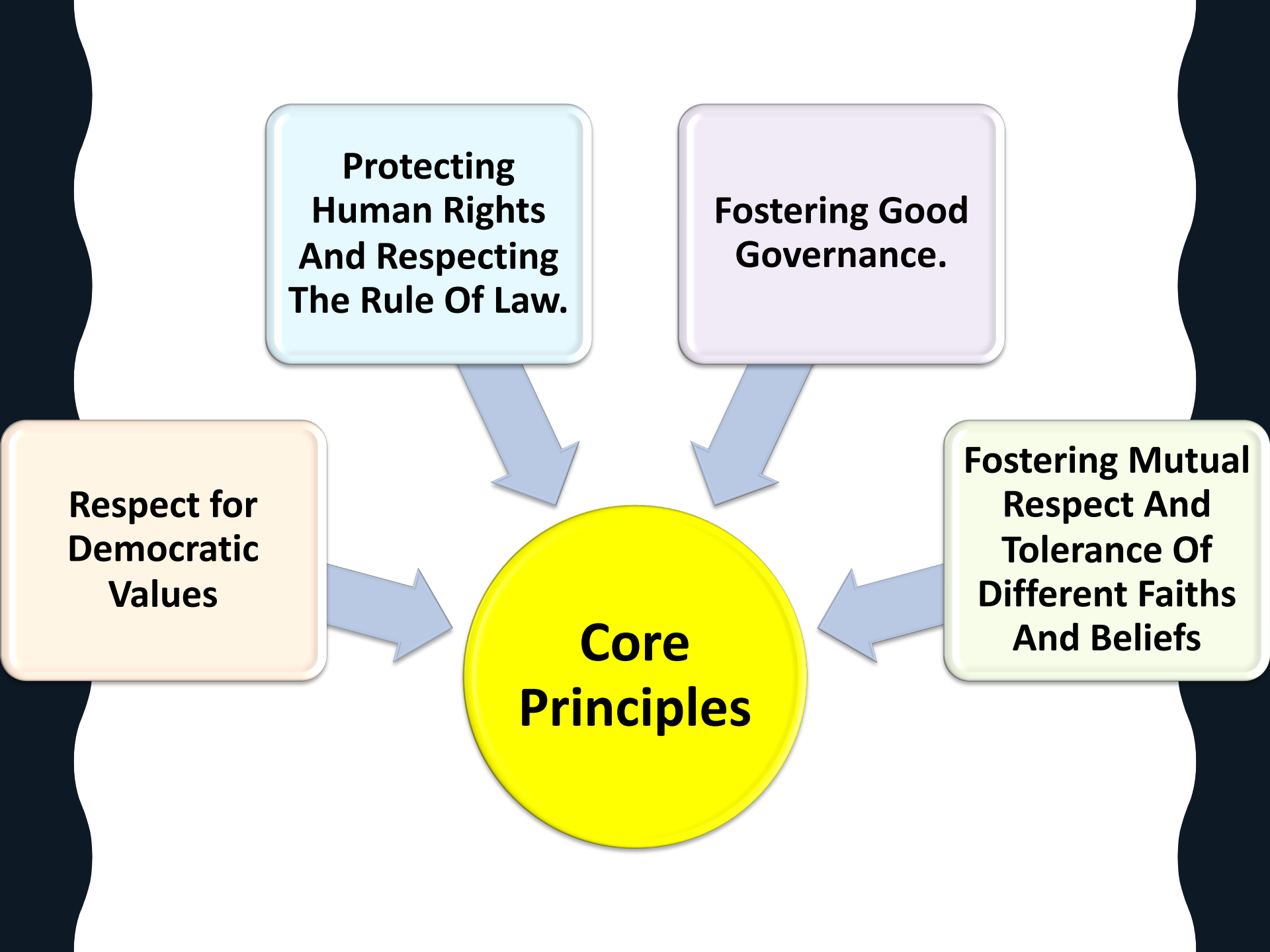
## The Widespread Availability of Illegal Firearms

- 70 percent of homicide victims in CARICOM Member states are killed by firearms

**CARICOM  
COUNTER  
TERRORISM  
STRATEGY  
(2018)**

**Strengthen the national and regional approach to prevent violent extremism and counter-terrorism with a view to ensuring the security of citizens and visitors as well as creating conditions conducive to sound sustainable development growth in CARICOM.**





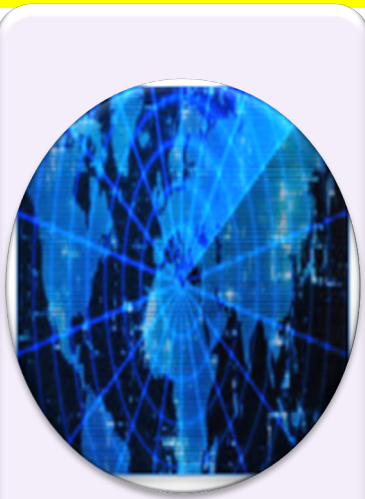
# PILLARS OF THE STRATEGY



**PREVENTING  
VIOLENT  
EXTREMISM**



**DENYING  
TERRORIST THE  
MEANS AND  
OPPORTUNITY  
TO CARRY OUT  
THEIR  
ACTIVITIES**



**DISRUPTING  
EXTREMIST  
AND TERRORIST  
ACTIVITIES IN  
CARICOM  
MEMBER  
STATES**



**IMPROVING  
PREPAREDNESS  
AND DEFENCES  
AGAINST  
TERRORIST  
ATTACKS**



**RESPONDING  
EFFECTIVELY TO  
TERRORIST  
ATTACKS AND  
PROMOTING A  
CULTURE OF  
RESILIENCE**

**NO COUNTRY OR REGION IS IMMUNE FROM VIOLENT EXTREMISM AND  
TERRORISM**

# **BORDER SECURITY: CAPACITY BUILDING**

## **International Passenger Interdiction**

- 2018 (EU)
- 1500 Persons Trained

## **Counter-Terrorism at International Airports**

- August 2019 (UNODC)
- 404 Persons Trained

## **API/PNR Training**

- September 2019
- (UK Border Force)

## **International Passenger Interdiction**

- September 2019
- 400 Persons Trained



# CARICOM ADVANCE PASSENGER INFORMATION SYSTEM (APIS)

- Over 300 million passenger records

2013-2020

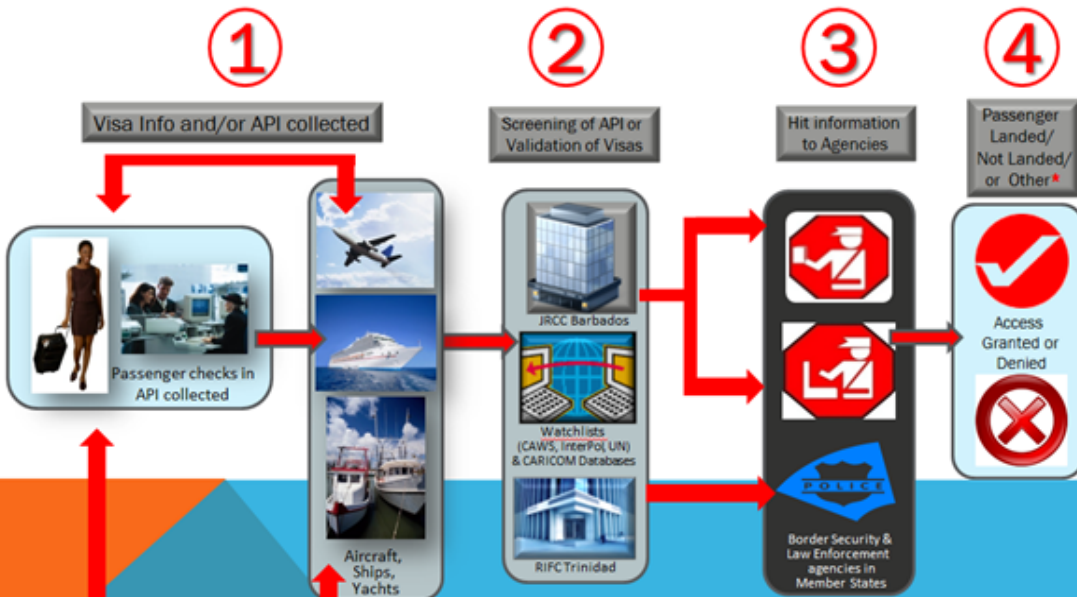
- Over 63 million passenger records screened

2018

- Over 25000 Hits

2013-2020

## CARICOM BORDER PROTECTION PROCESS



UNSCR 1373 (2001)

UNSCR 2370 (2017)

UNSCR 2396 (2017)

UNSCR 2482 (2019)

Integrated with other programs such UNODC/WCO/INTERPOL's AIRCOP

# ADVANCE CARGO INFORMATION SYSTEM (ACIS)



- Antigua & Barbuda
- Barbados
- Dominica
- Grenada
- Saint Vincent
- Saint Lucia**
- Montserrat**

Standardized / Harmonized ACI

Strengthen local Risk Management operations

Enhance information sharing amongst law enforcement Agencies

Optimum use of human and financial resources

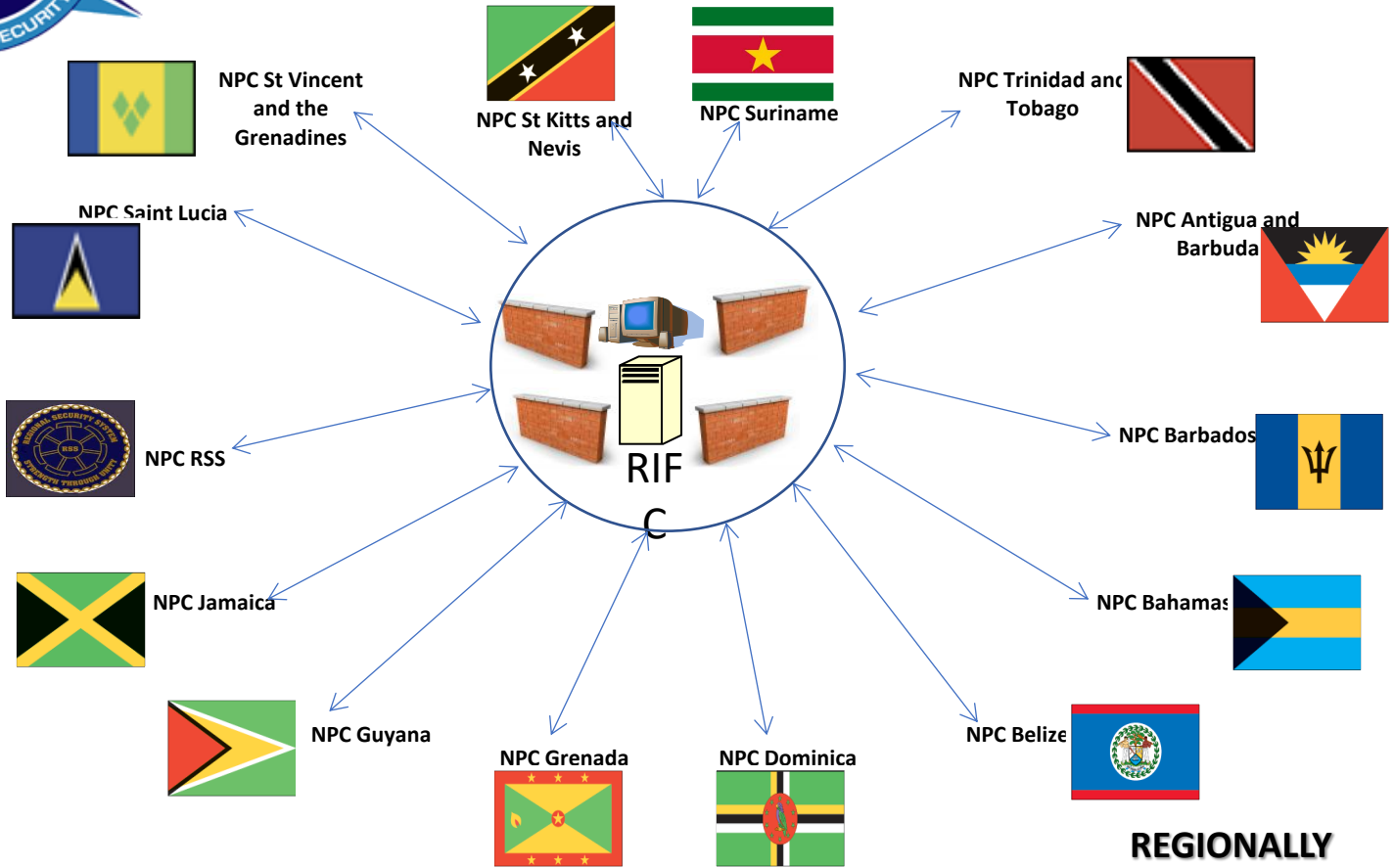
Real time notification and pre-alerts

Access to regional/international intelligence databases

Improved Trade Facilitation

Improve trader compliance

# INTELLIGENCE AND INFORMATION SHARING NETWORK



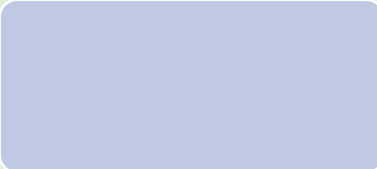


# INTELLIGENCE: CAPACITY BUILDING



**Intelligence and Analysis for Border Control Management at International Airports in Latin America and the Caribbean**

- April 2019 (UNODC)
- 149 Persons Trained



**Intelligence at International Airports: Returning Foreign Terrorist Fighters (FTFs)**

- July 2019 (Aircop/UNODC)
- 404 Persons Trained



**Intelligence Analysis**

- July 2019 (INTERPOL)



**Intelligence at International Airports**



**Cyber Intelligence Training**

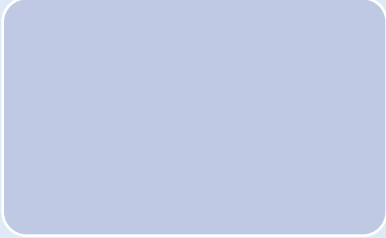
- November 2019

# SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS



## **Regional Integrated Ballistic Information Network (RIBIN) And the INTERPOL Ballistic Information Network (IBIN)**

- 14 December 2020
- (INTERPOL)



## **Regional Training On The Detection Of Illicit Weapons At Ports Of Entry**

- 11-13 August 2020
- (WCO): 154 Persons Trained



## **Physical Security And Stockpile Management (PSSM)**

- 3-6 November 2020
- (OAS) 126 Persons Trained



## **CARICOM Regional INTERPOL Firearms Training**

- June 2019 (INTERPOL)
- 50 Persons Trained

# CYBERCRIME

**Regional cybercrime policy and legislative guidance document**

**Awareness Raising Sessions for Senior Officials, Ministers, Parliamentarians, Policy Makers and the Public**

**Training on cybercrime as it relates to information gathering and strategic analysis for National Intelligence Points of Contacts in Member States**

**Train the Trainers Workshop on Electronic Evidence**

**Training to Prosecutors and cybersecurity experts in Law Enforcement**

**Digital Forensic Evidence and Case Management Platform**

**Establish computer emergency response team (CERT) to provide support for regional threat intelligence sharing, incident escalation and support protocols**



# FINANCIAL CRIMES: 2018 -

**Agreement for the Return and Sharing of Recovered Assets**

**Provided Asset Forfeiture Mentoring to 5 Member States: (The Bahamas, Belize, Guyana, Jamaica and Suriname)**

**Conducted 2 Regional Workshops on Financial Crimes with over 90 delegates across 7 Member States**

**Establishment of Dedicated National Asset Recovery Units**

**Training of Judicial Officers - Enhancement of Prosecution and Judgements that Facilitate Asset Recovery**

# OBSTACLE AND PERSISTENT CHALLENGE TO IMPLEMENTATION OF COUNTER TERRORISM MEASURES



**Politically Sensitive Issue**

**Diverse Priority**

**Legal Impediments**

**Lack of Knowledge of Resources Tools Available to PVE/CT**



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