



Permanent Mission of Norway
to the United Nations

The Permanent Missions of Bangladesh, Jordan and Norway to the UN

cordially invite you to a panel discussion on

Converging security threats:

**How can the UN better respond to terrorism and violent
extremism and other related non-state security threats?**

Wednesday, 1 February 2017

11.30am – 1:00pm

UN Headquarters, Conference Room 11

Global security challenges are on the rise and the nature of conflict is becoming increasingly complex. Threats from non-state actors in the form of terrorism, violent extremism, and organized crime are both growing and converging. Non-state actors have become a major source for conflict and instability in a growing number of regions. For the UN to respond effectively to these challenges, it must streamline and coordinate core activities related to conflict prevention, development, education and other fields considered essential for countering terrorism and preventing violent extremism.

The UN is characterized by distinct and often compartmentalized structures mandated to deal with specific issues, rather than applying a comprehensive approach to addressing major trends, threats and challenges. It is now generally recognized that in order to overcome contemporary security challenges, the UN needs to develop coordinated responses across the pillars of the UN system.

The new Secretary General António Guterres has called for strengthening the nexus between peace and security. Drawing on the Secretary General's call for putting peace first, the event will seek to stimulate a substantive discussion around the following questions: How can the UN better respond to threats of

terrorism and violent extremism and other related security challenges? How can cooperation across pillars in the UN system be improved without undercutting their respective mandates? How can the UN's current constellation of entities engaged in counterterrorism and prevention of violent extremism be made more coherent? How can the UN better mainstream the role of women, youth, religious leaders and civil society in and through its work?

The interactive discussions will be initiated by sharing some national perspectives and experiences of the UN's work in countering terrorism and preventing violent extremism, along with views from within and outside the system. The event thus aims to identify certain priorities for the Secretary General as he works on further ideas and proposals for strengthening the UN's coordinated and comprehensive response.

To preface the debate Emmy award winning documentary filmmaker Deeyah Khan will be showing clips from her recent movie "Jihad" which depicts the psychological and social aspects of youths' vulnerability to extremist messages. Her film is based on two years of interviews with Islamist extremists, including convicted terrorists and former jihadis.

AGENDA

Opening Statement and Introduction:

Mr. Alistair Millar, Executive Director of the Global Center on Cooperative Security

Panel Discussion

Moderator: Mr. Alistair Millar, Executive Director of the Global Center on Cooperative Security

Panelists

H.E. Ms. Laila Bokhari, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway

H.E. Ms. Sima Sami Bahous, Permanent Representative of Jordan to the UN

H. E. Mr. Masud Bin Momen, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the UN

Mr. Jehangir Khan, Director of CTITF and UNCCT

Ms. Deeyah Khan, Norwegian journalist and Emmy Award-winning filmmaker

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