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Director's Message

Dear Readers,

It is my pleasure to introduce the first edition of the COE-DAT Snapshot.

This inaugural edition brings together highlights from our activities, including our courses, events, publications, external engagements and cooperation with NATO bodies, Allied and Partner Nations, Centres of Excellence (COEs), and academic institutions.



As the Department Head for NATO Counter-Terrorism Education and Training, COE-DAT is committed to strengthening the Alliance's understanding of terrorism and emerging security challenges. Through education, research, doctrine development, experimentation, and international cooperation, we contribute to NATO's transformation by supporting the development of innovative, adaptive, and comprehensive approaches to countering terrorism. Our vision remains to serve as NATO's hub for research, education, and collaboration within the global counter-terrorism community, bringing together military and civilian expertise to develop a shared understanding of evolving terrorist threats.

The COE-DAT Snapshot reflects the dedication and efforts of our team, instructors, and contributors, who continue to support our mission. Together, they help foster a shared understanding of counter-terrorism among military, civilian, governmental, and academic communities, while contributing to NATO's education and training objectives.

As the security environment continues to evolve, emerging and disruptive technologies, cyber threats, artificial intelligence, unmanned systems, and increasingly complex terrorist networks demand continuous adaptation and close cooperation among Allies and Partners. Through our activities, COE-DAT remains committed to promoting knowledge sharing, strengthening interoperability among Allies and Partners, and helping NATO and the broader counter-terrorism community anticipate, adapt to, and mitigate the threats of tomorrow.

I would like to thank all colleagues and contributors for their support and valuable contributions.

I hope you enjoy this issue and find it a useful reflection of our work and achievements.

Col. Halil Sıddık AYHAN

Director, COE-DAT

2026 COE-DAT Activities

• First Half of 2026

The COE-DAT continued its active engagement across NATO platforms throughout the first half of 2026. From high-level forums and marketplace exhibitions to mobile training deployments, COE-DAT reinforced its role as a key contributor to the Alliance's counter-terrorism education and outreach efforts.

09-11 FEBRUARY 2026 | Bydgoszcz, Poland

NATO-Ukraine Workshop on Certification of SSU National Academy Courses

Major Festim ALIMADHI from COE-DAT participated in the NATO-Ukraine Workshop on Certification of SSU National Academy Courses, which was held on 9-11 February 2026 at the Joint Analysis, Training and Education Centre (JATEC) in Bydgoszcz, Poland, and he delivered an introductory presentation on COE-DAT.



16-19 FEBRUARY 2026 | Mons, Belgium

NATO Annual Disciplines Forum



The **Annual Disciplines Forum (ADF)** is an annual event held as part of the management of the Global Programming where the Department Heads of the different disciplines come together to get an update about current and future challenges and to conduct their pre-ADCs (Annual Discipline Conferences).

Major Ahmet AKÇA and Major Sefa MERZİFONLUOĞLU, both serving at the COE-DAT, participated in the "NATO Annual Disciplines Forum" held in Mons, Belgium, from February 16-19, 2026. At the forum, Major Ahmet AKÇA presented on "Integration of Multi-Domain Operations into Counter-Terrorism Training Disciplines."

23-26 MARCH 2026

Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Military Strategic Partnership Conference (MSPC)

COE-DAT participated in Military Strategic Partnership Conference (MSPC) which was held in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 23-26 March 2026.

As part of the conference, an exhibition was organized featuring representatives from NATO Centres of Excellence and Partnership Training and Education Centres.



12-13 MAY 2026

Brussels, Belgium

2026 COE Marketplace

COE-DAT participated in the '2026 COE Marketplace' held at NATO Headquarters (HQ) in Brussels from 12 to 13 May 2026. This event is very important for COEs to gather and know each other well.

As part of the event, an exhibition was organized to introduce COE-DAT in NATO HQ and among the other COEs.



Mobile Education and Training Teams (METTs)

Extending counter-terrorism expertise beyond the classroom.



Extending counter-terrorism expertise beyond the classroom, COE-DAT's Mobile Education and Training Teams (METTs) deliver tailored education and training directly to NATO Headquarters, Partner Nations, and other requesting organizations.

Designed to enhance counter-terrorism capabilities through flexible and cost-effective training, METTs can offer both NATO-approved courses and customized programs adapted to operational needs. Since 2007, COE-DAT has successfully conducted 33 METTs in more than 20 countries, supporting NATO transformation and partner capacity-building efforts.

In June 2026, COE-DAT delivered an Advanced Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Against Terrorist Attacks Course in **Chisinau, the Republic of Moldova**, bringing together 7 experts from 4 countries and 46 participants to strengthen resilience against evolving terrorist threats.



33
METTs CONDUCTED
SINCE 2007


7
EXPERTS FROM
4 COUNTRIES

20+
COUNTRIES
REACHED


46
PARTICIPANTS

COE-DAT's Contribution to NATO Global Programming

COE-DAT Global Programming Responsibility

As NATO Counter-Terrorism (CT) Discipline Department Head, COE-DAT supports HQ Supreme Allied Commander Transformation (SACT) in translating NATO education and training requirements into individual training solutions and coordinating those solutions as a de-conflicted and mutually enhancing package.

Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) ACOS J5 performs the Requirement Authority role for the CT Discipline and reviews requirements annually.



25–26 March 2026

CT Annual Discipline Conference

COE-DAT led the review, coordination and synchronization of CT training requirements and solutions. The conference had 43 participants from the NATO Headquarters and Commands, Centres of Excellence, Education and Training Facilities and Academia.

SHAPE ACOS J5 presented updated requirements in accordance with the NATO Counter-Terrorism Education and Training Requirements Revision 2026, dated 27 February 2026. Following the conference, COE-DAT developed the Discipline Alignment Plan and submitted it to HQ SACT MDFD. The final CT Discipline Alignment Plan was expected to be approved and distributed by HQ SACT MDFD in September 2026.

Completed and available courses

COE-DAT completed and uploaded ADL 146, “CT Awareness,” to the JADL platform. Modifications to ADL 165, “NATO’s Role in CT,” were also completed, and both courses were made available on JADL Moodle. COE-DAT assumed ownership of ADL 165 and will continue to update CT ADL courses routinely.



Dimensions of Counter Terrorism I

COE-DAT is developing this course to address identified educational gaps. It will serve as a prerequisite for related CT Discipline courses and will contain four modules:



- ✦ Critical Infrastructure and Layered Resilience
- ✦ Cyberspace
- ✦ Cognitive Warfare
- ✦ Crisis Management

COE-DAT's Contribution to NATO Global Programming

■ Dimensions of Counter Terrorism II

The next ADL Course is planned for the following year and is included in the draft COE-DAT Programme of Work 2027. The ADL courses are intended to give students common basic knowledge before residential CT Discipline courses and to form part of CT Discipline blended solutions. Their relevant content will therefore be incorporated into the Course Control Documents of related courses.



○ 1–5 May 2025 — Georgia Pilot Course

The National Defence Academy of Georgia conducted the pilot iteration of its new course, “Strategic Operations Against Terrorism and Insurgency.” The course was developed to satisfy a NATO CT-specific requirement. Its Course Control Documents were subsequently updated with pilot feedback and COE-DAT CT Discipline Department Head input, after which it received NATO Selected certification.



○ 26 June 2025 — Training Needs Analysis Workshop

COE-DAT conducted a Training Needs Analysis Workshop to identify capability gaps and recommend new Education and Individual Training solutions for the CT Discipline. The workshop also produced Course Control Documents for the new “Human Security from a Gender Perspective and Child Protection in CT” course.



○ 13–17 April 2026 — Pilot Course

COE-DAT delivered the online pilot course “Human Security from a Gender Perspective and Child Protection in CT.” After the pilot, the Course Control Documents were updated on the basis of feedback and the course was granted NATO-Approved certification.



○ November 2026 — Cultural Property Protection Course

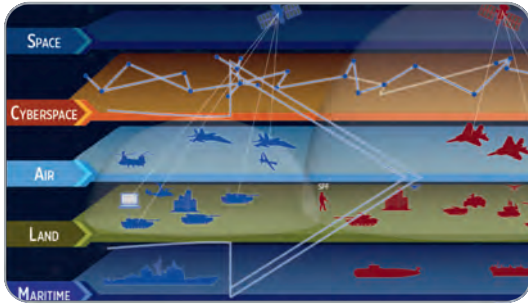
One requirement presented during ADC 2026 concerned the coordination of inter-governmental and civilian efforts against terrorism financing linked to illicit cultural property trafficking. The NATO Stability Policing Centre of Excellence course “Cultural Property Protection as a Means to Counter Terrorism Financing” is an existing NATO-listed solution.

Following the ADC discussions, NATO SP COE was to revise the course. During its October iteration, the CT Discipline Department Head was to observe whether it satisfied the NATO CT-specific requirement and complied with NATO standards. NATO SP COE would then apply for NATO-Approved certification in the CT Training Discipline.

COE-DAT's Contribution to NATO Global Programming

Integrating MDO Content into CT Training

The first step of the MDO integration plan was to introduce lectures into the four courses considered most relevant, with the aim of introducing the MDO mindset and awareness and beginning to address the relationship between MDO and CT training.



MDO Integration into COE-DAT Courses (First Group)

- Defence Against Terrorism (DAT)
- Basic Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Against Terrorist Attacks (BCISRATA)
- Efficient Crisis Management to Mitigate the Effects of Terrorist Activities (ECMMETA)
- Terrorist Use of Cyberspace in General Terms (TuCyS)

The second step is to integrate lectures into the next four relevant courses in line with NATO MDO concept and doctrine development. These courses and their MDO content were presented during the ADC 2026 for their 2027 iterations.

Second group for 2027 iterations

- Maritime Counter-Terrorism
- Counter-Terrorism and Counter-Insurgency
- Terrorism and Media
- Advanced Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Against Terrorist Attacks

Planned CT Discipline Development

COE-DAT contributes to NATO Global Programming through the review of CT education and training requirements and the development of the Strategic Training Plan. The Strategic Training Plan sets the discipline's strategic direction and provides the basis for developing the Training Requirement Analysis. The new CT Strategic Training Plan was under Military Committee approval. Following approval, COE-DAT plans to hold a workshop to create a new CT Training Requirement Analysis report, most likely together with CT ADC 2027. A Training Needs Analysis Workshop is planned on "the basis of the new CT Training Requirement Analysis report."



Key terms used in Chapter

ADC	Annual Discipline Conference
ADL	Advanced Distributed Learning
CCD	Course Control Document
COE-DAT	Centre of Excellence Defence Against Terrorism
CT	Counter-Terrorism
DAP	Discipline Alignment Plan
DH	Discipline Department Head
E&IT	Education and Individual Training
ETF	Education and Training Facility

HQ SACT	Headquarters Supreme Allied Commander Transformation
JADL	Joint Advanced Distributed Learning
MDO	Multi-Domain Operations
RA	Requirement Authority
STP	Strategic Training Plan
TNA	Training Needs Analysis
TRA	Training Requirement Analysis

Main Events in NATO

NATO Summit 2026



07 - 08 July 2026



Ankara, Turkey

The 2026 NATO Summit, hosted in Ankara, Türkiye, marked a significant milestone in strengthening the Alliance's collective security and defence posture. Bringing together Allied leaders, partner nations, and senior officials, the Summit reaffirmed NATO's commitment to unity, deterrence, and adaptation in response to an increasingly complex global security environment. Discussions focused on enhancing defence capabilities, fostering innovation, and reinforcing cooperation across the Alliance to address both current and emerging challenges.

A key highlight of the Summit was the NATO Summit Defence Industry Forum (NSDIF26), which underscored the vital role of the defence industry in supporting NATO's long-term strategic objectives. By convening policymakers, military leaders, industry executives, and innovation experts, the Forum promoted dialogue on expanding defence production, strengthening transatlantic industrial cooperation, and accelerating the development of advanced capabilities. The event reflected NATO's determination to transform increased defence investment into tangible operational readiness, technological innovation, and a more resilient defence industrial base for the future.



Main Events in NATO

NATO Steadfast Dart 26 Exercise.



08 - 25 February 2026



Germany

Held in Germany from February 8 to 25, 2026, Steadfast Dart stood as NATO's most comprehensive live exercise of the year, marking the inaugural deployment of the Allied Reaction Force within the Joint Force Command Brunssum area of responsibility. Bringing together approximately 10,000 personnel from eleven allied nations, the operation successfully pressure-tested consultation and decision-making processes during complex crisis scenarios while significantly improving the overall operational readiness of participating forces.

The exercise demonstrated exceptional multi-domain integration across land, air, space, cyber, and maritime environments. In a highly synchronized sequence, operations commenced with the launch of a Bayraktar TB-3 unmanned aerial vehicle from the Turkish amphibious assault ship TCG Anadolu. The drone provided real-time intelligence over the objective area, rapidly guiding precision strikes by German Eurofighter 2000 aircraft against simulated hostile targets. With the operational area shaped, Spanish Special Operations Forces executed an underwater insertion to clear coastal explosive hazards. Turkish and Spanish naval special operations teams then fast-rope ashore, securing key positions for the main landing force under the close air support of Turkish attack helicopters.



Ultimately, Steadfast Dart delivered a resounding strategic signal of collective resolve. General Gerhartz emphasized this achievement by highlighting how southern European nations deployed seamlessly to Central Europe to jointly defend shared values. In an increasingly dynamic security environment, the exercise unequivocally proved that the Alliance remains united, adaptable, and prepared to defend its territory wherever and whenever required.

Inside Defence Against Terrorism

Contributions of COE-DAT to Counter-Terrorism Community

It has been a privilege to witness the evolution of the COE-DAT from its earliest days. I had the unique opportunity to join the Centre as its Concept Specialist and to serve as a member of its permanent staff between 2005 and 2011. Since then, in my capacity as a lecturer and academic advisor, I have remained closely connected to its education and training activities, allowing me to observe its continued growth from a different perspective.

Looking back over two decades, what has consistently distinguished COE-DAT is its ability to anticipate emerging challenges and translate them into meaningful dialogue, education, and research. Rather than merely responding to developments within NATO, the Centre has often been among those helping to shape the conversation. Whether by initiating discussions on gender perspectives in counter-terrorism (CT) through its pioneering workshop series which started in 2019, well before the topic gained wider prominence within the Alliance, or by examining the implications of Multi-Domain Operations (MDO) for CT while NATO was still translating the MDO concept into doctrine, capability development, and operational practice, COE-DAT consistently demonstrated an ability to anticipate emerging challenges rather than simply respond to them.



Zeynep SÜTALAN (PhD)

Today, COE-DAT has firmly established itself as an international hub for counter-terrorism expertise. Its education and training programmes, research initiatives, and the Defence Against Terrorism Review continue to advance professional knowledge and strengthen the links between research, policy, and operational practice. Equally, the annual Terrorism Experts Conference has become the Centre's flagship forum, bringing together military leaders, policymakers, practitioners, and academics from Allied and Partner nations to exchange operational lessons, examine emerging trends, and inform future policy and strategy. Having been part of this journey from the beginning, it is immensely rewarding to see COE-DAT continue to foster informed debate and remain at the forefront of NATO's CT community.



The Future of Anticipation: Why Strategic Foresight Needs the Youth

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Strategic foresight is not merely about predicting tomorrow; it maps out possible futures to guide today's decisions. In a world defined by polycrises, technological acceleration, and climate change, traditional planning tools risk failing if they are not fueled by fresh perspectives. This is exactly where the presence of young people becomes not just useful, but fundamental. Indeed, younger generations possess an innate aptitude for creativity and lateral thinking—indispensable qualities for shattering old paradigms and imagining truly alternative scenarios.

Youthful creativity is not just an artistic gift; it is a form of cognitive resilience. Because they are not yet boxed into rigid corporate structures or mental patterns cemented by decades of routine, young people look at the world through an unfiltered lens. This "beginner's mind" allows them to identify so-called weak signals and wild cards (low-probability, high-impact events) that senior experts might overlook due to confirmation bias. Where experience tends to optimize the present by replicating the past, youth tends to explore the unknown without the fear of failure.

Furthermore, young people are digital and social natives. They live immersed in cultural and technological transformations long before these changes are formalized in industry reports. Their ability to connect seemingly distant dots, blend different languages, and embrace change fluidly translates into dynamic, inclusive, and deeply sustainability-oriented future scenarios. After all, the youth have a personal, biological stake in the future: they are the ones who will inhabit it.

Excluding younger generations from strategic foresight tables means designing tomorrow through yesterday's eyes. Conversely, integrating their natural creative drive with the methodological experience of more seasoned professionals creates a formidable intergenerational ecosystem of thought. Only by leveraging this innate mental freshness can organizations and governments develop antifragile strategies capable of actively shaping the future rather than just enduring it.

Practical Examples of Generational Inclusion in Foresight

On a global scale, several leading institutions have already recognized this potential and structured dedicated programs:

- UNICEF and UN Global Pulse: They have launched initiatives led by young experts (Youth Foresight Fellows) to co-design global childhood scenario reports, translating youth insights into actionable political agendas.
- Next Generation Foresight Practitioners (NGFP): This global network was founded specifically to fund and connect young futurists under 35, enabling them to apply lateral thinking to challenges like the energy transition and climate justice.
- OECD: Through its Youthwise platform, the organization permanently integrates young people into strategic forums and panels, ensuring that future public policies do not suffer from generational blindness.
- UNESCO: It consistently utilizes Futures Literacy laboratories for young people, viewing them as equal partners in developing educational and social models beyond 2030.

In conclusion, combining the intellectual freshness of younger generations with the discipline of foresight represents the only true insurance policy against strategic obsolescence. Investing in youth within this sector is not an act of paternalistic benevolence, but a logical imperative: to understand the horizon ahead of us, we must give a voice to those who already own that horizon by birthright.

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TECHNOLOGY IN COUNTER-TERRORISM

UAVs in the Fight Against Terrorism

COE-DAT consistently prioritizes the intersection of technology and counter-terrorism. The Centre has published critical research on this evolving threat, notably the Emerging Disruptive Technologies and Terrorism Research Project (2026) and its 2025 project on the Weaponization of Artificial Intelligence.

Operationally, COE-DAT integrates these themes into its curriculum through specialized courses like Terrorist Use of Cyber Space and workshops analyzing technology's impact. Furthermore, the Centre actively collaborates with defense industry companies.

Moving forward, COE-DAT plans to further underline technological impacts by focusing upcoming conferences, research and training on new technologies and autonomous systems.



As a prime example of these autonomous platforms, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) have proven to be critical operational assets in counterterrorism operations.

By significantly enhancing situational awareness, intelligence collection, target acquisition, and precision strike capabilities, UAVs provide decision-makers with increased operational flexibility and a substantial advantage in the planning and conduct of counter-terrorism activities.



Courses

“COE-DAT offers a portfolio of 13 NATO-approved courses. Courses can be conducted on site at our Centre, online, or through Mobile Education and Training Team (METT) engagements.

Each year, most of these courses are delivered to participants from a wide range of nations. These courses are open to selected individuals from NATO, NATO partner countries (such as Partnership for Peace, Mediterranean Dialogue, Istanbul Cooperation Initiative, Partners across the Globe), and international organizations (such as the United Nations, European Union, and Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe).”



Basic Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Against Terrorist Attacks Course- Residential (02-06 February 2026)

Basic Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Against Terrorist Attacks Course was held on 02-06 February 2026 with the participation of 11 lecturers from 5 countries and 49 students from 15 countries.



Defence Against Terrorism Course - Residential (02-06 March 2026)

Defence Against Terrorism Course was held on 02-06 March 2026 with the participation of 14 lecturers from 8 countries 33 students from 13 countries.





Human Security from a Gender Perspective and Child Protection in Counter Terrorism Course- Online (13-17 April 2026)

Human Security from a Gender Perspective and Child Protection in Counter Terrorism Online Course was conducted from 13 to 17 April 2026, with the participation of 23 lecturers from 14 countries and 72 participants from 20 countries.



Fighting the Financial Dimensions of Terrorism Course- Residential (04-08 May 2026)

Fighting the Financial Dimensions of Terrorism Course was held on 04-08 May 2026 with the participation of 11 lecturers from 5 countries and 44 students from 16 countries.



Terrorist Use of Cyberspace in General Terms Course- Residential (11-15 May 2026)

Terrorist Use of Cyberspace in General Terms Course was held on 11-15 May 2026 with the participation of 11 lecturers from 5 countries and 48 students from 24 countries.





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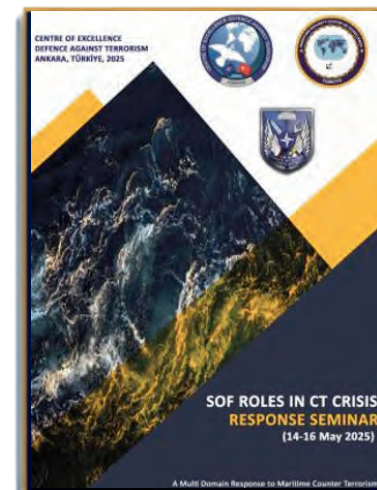
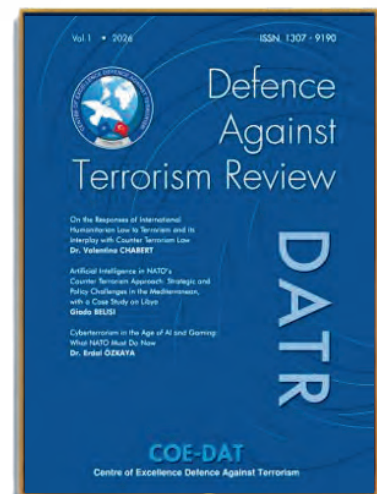
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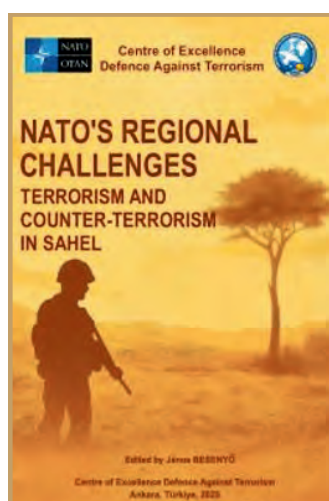
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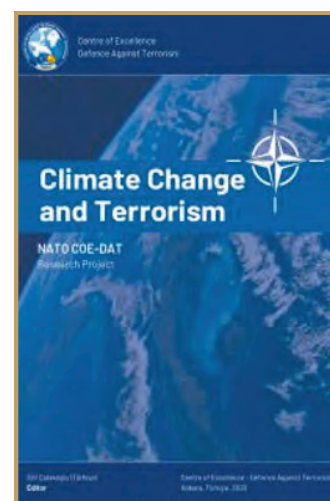
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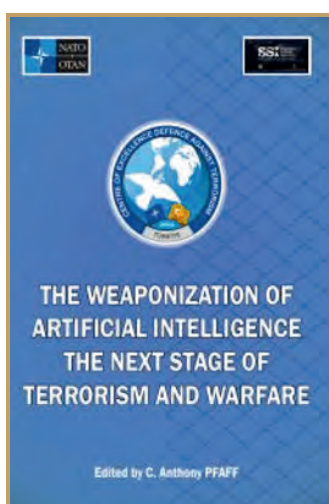
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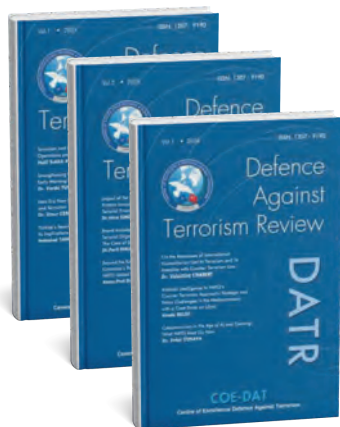


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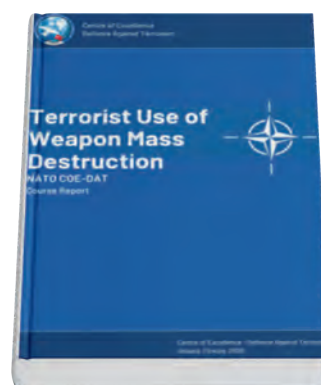
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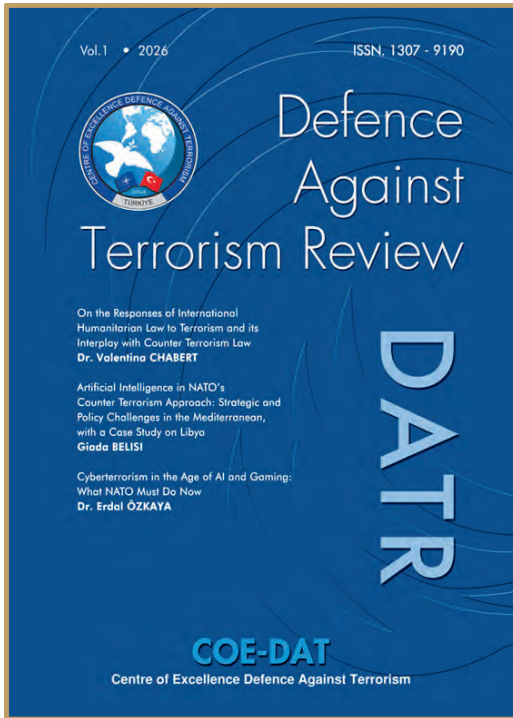
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Defence Against Terrorism Review (DATR)



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The Defence Against Terrorism Review (DATR) has been prepared and published by the Centre of Excellence Defence Against Terrorism since 2008. The journal is published semi-annually and aims to contribute to the fields of terrorism and security studies by publishing high-quality scholarly articles that address current developments and emerging challenges. The first issue of the 2026 volume was published in July 2026, while the second issue is scheduled for publication in December 2026.

Detailed information is available at:
www.coedat.nato.int/datr.html



Submissions should be prepared in accordance with the instructions provided under the "Publishing Procedures" section on the last page of the journal and on the website at <https://www.coedat.nato.int/datrvolumes.html>.

Experts, researchers, and academics who wish to contribute to the second issue of the 2026 volume are welcome to submit their manuscripts at any time. Manuscripts may be sent to (datr@coedat.nato.int) without being subject to a specific submission period, and all submissions will be considered through the journal's standard peer-review process.



Did you know?

To date, 357 activities have been conducted in COE DAT and total of 19,762 people attended these activities from 102 countries.

Upcoming Activities

The Centre of Excellence Defence Against Terrorism continued its active engagement across NATO platforms throughout the first half of 2026. From high-level forums and multistakeholder initiatives to notable training deployments, COE-DAT reinforced its role as a key contributor to the Alliance's counter-terrorism education and outreach efforts.

31 AUGUST-04 SEPTEMBER 2026

Efficient Crisis Management to Mitigate the Effects of Terrorist Activities Course (NATO Approved-Residential)



When terrorism strikes, effective crisis management can save lives, protect public trust, and strengthen resilience. The Efficient Crisis Management to Mitigate the Effects of Terrorist Activities Course equips military and civilian professionals with the knowledge and practical tools to prevent, manage, and recover from terrorist-related crises.

Covering crisis leadership, interagency cooperation, strategic communication, and resilience-building, the course prepares participants to respond decisively to complex threats while minimizing their operational and societal impact.

14-18 SEPTEMBER 2026

Legal Aspects of Counter Terrorism Course (NATO Approved-Residential)

In the fight against terrorism, success depends not only on operational capability but also on a strong legal foundation.

The Legal Aspects of Counter Terrorism Course equips military and civilian professionals with a comprehensive understanding of the international legal frameworks that govern counter-terrorism operations. Covering topics ranging from human rights and the use of force to terrorist financing, cyber threats, and multinational legal cooperation, the course enables participants to navigate today's increasingly complex security landscape with confidence. By integrating legal principles with operational realities and NATO practices, it strengthens interagency cooperation, enhances legal interoperability, and supports effective, lawful responses to evolving terrorist threats.



28 SEPTEMBER – 02 OCTOBER 2026

Counter Terrorism Attacking the Network (AtN) Course (NATO Approved-Online)



Understanding a terrorist attack is only the beginning—defeating the network behind it is the real challenge.

The Counter Terrorism Attacking the Network (AtN) Course (NATO Approved-Online) equips military and civilian professionals with the analytical skills needed to identify, understand, and disrupt the networks that enable terrorist activities.

Through operational-level analysis, real-world case studies, and a multidisciplinary approach, participants learn how to integrate intelligence, operations, planning, and law enforcement

capabilities into a coordinated response.

Emphasizing interagency cooperation and NATO's operational methodology, the course develops the expertise required to transform information into actionable intelligence, strengthening collective efforts to dismantle terrorist networks and enhance security across the modern operational environment.

14-15 OCTOBER 2026

Terrorism Experts Conference (Residential)



Terrorism Experts Conference (TEC), COE-DAT's flagship annual event, brings together leading military professionals, policymakers, academics, researchers, and international experts to examine the latest developments in terrorism and counter-terrorism.

Serving as a premier platform for knowledge exchange, the conference explores emerging trends, operational lessons learned, and future security challenges while fostering dialogue among NATO, partner nations, and international organizations.

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DELEGATION VISITS

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20 JANUARY 2026

The Colombia Police Attaché, Colonel Liliana Andrea del Pilar Jimenez Falla, and the Second Secretary, Mr. Nicolas Covaria Lopez



19 FEBRUARY 2026

The delegation headed by Mr. Javier Colomina, NATO Secretary General's Special Representative for the Southern Neighborhood



 04 MARCH 2026

Capt. (N) Fábio Borges Gonçalves, Defense Attaché of the Federative Republic of Brazil



 20 APRIL 2026

Lt.Col. Muhammad Tuhtanazarov, Military Attaché of Uzbekistan



 05 MAY 2026

The delegation headed by Brigadier General Victor Mario Bados NIETO, Director of the Spanish Institute for Strategic Studies



 15 MAY 2026

Cadets of the Turkish Military Academy



 18 MAY 2026

Qatar Joaan Bin Jassim Academy for Defence Studies



 08 JUNE 2026

NATO Energy Security Centre of Excellence (ENSEC COE) Delegation



 23 JUNE 2026

Pakistan National Defence University Delegation



 16 JULY 2026

Delegation from Office of Poland Defence Attaché



 05 AUGUST 2026

Sri Lanka Defence Services Command and Staff College Delegation Visit



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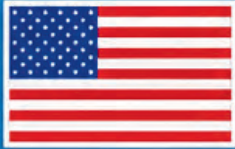


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