

Translated from Arabic

Implementation of the Declaration on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism

1. Security

The Lebanese security services responsible for preventing and countering terrorism are carrying out their duties to the fullest extent. Accomplishments in that regard include the detection of numerous terrorist networks and sleeper cells and the arrest and the prosecution of their members at the competent courts.

Comprehensive measures have been taken to prevent terrorists from surreptitiously exiting or entering Lebanon. Several individuals involved in recruitment and facilitation thereof have been arrested. Search and investigation notices have been circulated for numerous individuals wanted for terrorist crimes and for Lebanese citizens who have left to join terrorist organizations such as Da'esh or the Nusrah Front.

2. Law

The Government of Lebanon, as part of its efforts to combat extremism and terrorism through its competent agencies, has taken many practical steps to control and suppress the financing of terrorism, most notably:

- A special committee, the National Coordination Committee for Combating the Financing of Terrorism was established pursuant to Cabinet Decision No. 106 (2007). It is headed by the Director-General of the Internal Security Forces, holding the rank of Major General, and its membership comprises representatives of the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of the Interior and Municipalities, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants, the Ministry of Finance, the Office of the Public Prosecutor of the Court of Cassation, the Special Investigation Commission and Banque du Liban.
- The Special Investigation Commission has been established at Banque du Liban.
- A specific law on combating money-laundering and the financing of terrorism (Act No. 44 of 24 November 2015) has been promulgated.
- The National Coordination Committee for Combating the Financing of Terrorism has established a mechanism to implement Security Council resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1373 (2001) and subsequent resolutions related to the freezing of terrorist funds or other assets owned by individuals listed by the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities.
- Work has begun to publish, on the website of the General Directorate of the Internal Security Forces, a national list, referred to in article 6, paragraph 5, of Act No. 44 (2015), of persons involved in cases of terrorism against whom judicial decisions or judgments have been issued for crimes of terrorism, financing of terrorism, or terrorist acts. The list is will be published with the approval of the Office of the Public Prosecutor of the Court of Cassation and in coordination with the Special Investigation Commission at Banque du Liban.

3. Implementation of existing multilateral, regional and bilateral instruments relating to international terrorism

- In order to implement the relevant Security Council resolutions, including resolution 2199 (2015), the competent Lebanese security services have adopted stringent procedures and measures, in particular at land, sea and air crossings and along the border with Syria, to ensure that individuals or groups affiliated with or supporting various terrorist organizations, such as Da'esh, the Nusra Front or others, do not smuggle Syrian or Iraqi funds, antiquities or petroleum derivatives through Lebanese territory.
- The Government of Lebanon has approved the Integrated Border Management Strategy, which came into effect on 1 January 2020, to control all types of smuggling and surreptitious movement of persons at legal and illegal crossings.
- Lebanon has coordinated with the countries of the first procedural sub-working group on countering terrorism of the Council of Arab Ministers of the Interior, which, in addition to Lebanon, comprises Iraq, Palestine and Jordan, and has implemented the sub-working group's recommendations, with the aim of enhancing intelligence cooperation among the countries of the sub-working group; exchanging information

related to terrorism, especially with regard to the movement of foreign terrorist fighters between those countries; and promoting cooperation and coordination among those countries' agencies, thus enabling them to arrest or neutralize a number of terrorists.

- The Information Division under the Chief of Staff of the General Directorate of the Internal Security Forces is implementing the following measures to help strengthen procedural cooperation, in particular with respect to information exchange, the extradition of persons wanted for terrorist acts and crimes and the holding of joint workshops:
 - Taking measures with regard Lebanese fighters who have moved to conflict hotbeds, in particular by gathering intelligence about them and placing family members living in Lebanon under surveillance, in order to address the threat posed by the return of fighters to Lebanon or other countries.
 - Setting up networks of informants in the border areas to collect information on smuggling networks and to learn about their links with terrorist organizations and foreign smuggling networks linked to terrorist organizations; those measures have been taken in order to prevent fighters from moving to conflict hotbeds and to prevent terrorist elements from returning to Lebanon to carry out terrorist operations.
 - Gathering intelligence on the logistical networks utilized by terrorist organizations between conflict hotspots and adjacent regions.
 - Monitoring, on an ongoing basis, and analysing the content of social networking sites, open sources, media channels and the forums of terrorist organizations, in order to understand those organizations' strategies. Such measures have contributed to better quality information, which has been shared promptly with counterpart security agencies. In addition, lists of suspicious persons have been developed, enabling that information to be used effectively for counter-terrorism.
 - Investigations conducted by the Information Division led to the verification of a large amount of data and information regarding (Lebanese) foreign fighters who in late 2021 and in 2022 went to locations in Iraq with a Da'esh presence in order to join the organization. Data relating to smuggling networks that have facilitated the movement of foreign fighters have also been verified. In the framework of procedural cooperation, the Iraqi authorities have been provided with that information so that they may take the necessary action. In addition, there has been coordination with respect to many other counter-terrorism-related issues.
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