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CT Programs Overview: Jordan

(SBU) **Background:** The Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan places a high priority on combating terrorism and is a strong partner of the United States in this effort. Jordan is one of the largest recipients of Bureau of Counterterrorism (CT) assistance worldwide. Since FY 2010, CT has provided Jordan with more than \$40M in Non-Proliferation, Anti-terrorism, Demining and Related Activities (NADR)/Anti-Terrorism Assistance (ATA) training. In the past CT invested heavily in a narrow set of objectives to build Jordanian law enforcement's crisis response. As we've seen great success in these efforts and the Jordanians ability to institutionalize those skills, CT has transitioned to providing a broader set of "soft skills," including: counterterrorism finance, border security, building CT investigative capabilities, and elevating Jordan's ability to be a regional counterterrorism leader. **Jordan is uniquely placed to support regional counterterrorism training given its Arabic language instruction, existing training infrastructure, and successes in institutionalizing CT programming domestically. Consequently, CT is pursuing expanded cooperation on counterterrorism efforts with a greater focus on regional actors.**

(SBU) **Enhance Border Security and Information Sharing to Reduce Movement of Terrorists:** Due to the spillover effects of the conflict in Syria, CT has invested in enhancing Jordan's ability to protect its borders and prevent the flow of terrorists and terrorist-related materials (e.g., conventional weapons and IEDs). CT is providing a robust suite of border security courses aimed at enhancing security at ports of entry and along rural borders. Additionally, ATA surged training for law enforcement to respond to CBRN incidents along the northern border with Syria in 2013 and 2014. There are currently no terrorist interdiction or information sharing programs; however, proposals for such are pending consultation.

(SBU) **Build CT Investigative Capabilities:** Following the 2005 Amman hotel bombing, CT reinvigorated its partnership with Jordan, launching a program to enhance their investigative capabilities and improve their ability to respond to terrorists incidents. As the Jordanians' capabilities have improved, CT has been able to offer the Jordanians increasingly sophisticated courses, including courses on digital forensics. Additionally, CT has provided the Jordanians with an Integrated Ballistics Identification System (IBIS) for their recently completed Regional Counterterrorism/Criminal Forensics Laboratory. The provision of this state-of-the art equipment to the laboratory allows the laboratory to improve its capability to investigate acts of terrorism and other complex crime in Jordan and

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throughout the Middle East. This procurement also complements ongoing ATA assistance for Jordan.

(SBU) Elevate Jordan as a Regional CT Leader: Jordan is one of our strongest partners in the region due to their advanced institutional capacity in law enforcement CT skills. In 2014, ATA trained over 850 law enforcement officials from Jordan, the broader Middle East and South Central Asia region. CT is looking to elevate Jordan as a regional leader in CT training by bolstering this aspect of our programming. **CT is focused on building Jordan's ability to serve as a training hub for regional partners, enabling it to export its operational and institutional law enforcement capacity. Key to this effort is our ability to leverage the Jordan International Police Training Center (JIPTC) and other facilities, which allows us to train other regional partners where non-permissive security environments impede in-country instruction and could allow Jordan to host major law enforcement exercises.** Upcoming ATA course offerings include managing an Antiterrorism Training Program and Instructor Development Courses which supports CT's goal in training the trainer and developing a cadre of Jordanian instructors to augment American ATA instructors.

(SBU) Strengthening Regional Cooperation on Countering Terrorism and Countering Violent Extremism (CVE): Jordan is a founding member of GCTF and is part of the Working Group on Detention and Rehabilitation (DRWG). The United States Institute of Peace (USIP) and *Hedayah* designed and implemented a series of CT sponsored courses on CVE and community policing in May 2014 at *Hedayah*. Jordanian law enforcement officials attended this training and were active participants, sharing their current community-oriented policing efforts and experiences with the group. The Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs conducted outreach to imams across the country, encouraging them to refute radical extremist ideology in their sermons. In addition, Jordanian prisons have a religiously based de-radicalization program that seeks to re-engage violent extremist inmates into the non-violent mainstream of their faith. **CT will seek to support Jordan's role in sharing domestic CVE approaches with its neighbors.** One possible area of specialization CT is considering is modeled on the Jordanian Engagement Teams in Afghanistan that focused on moderate Imams. This initiative demonstrated Jordan's expeditionary capability in fielding teams which engaged moderate religious leaders.

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(SBU) Disrupt ISIL and al-Nusrah's Financial Networks and Countering

Terrorism Finance: Jordan is an important partner with the political will to address terrorist financing, making crucial developments in its legal and regulatory frameworks in recent years. CT has invested in providing Jordan with a series of DHS trainings on cross-border financial investigations techniques to build capacity to counter bulk cash smuggling and other illicit cross-border activity.

Additionally, CT also funded DHS to deploy Cross Border Financial Investigations Advisors to the field to act as points of contact and investigative lead for all financial seizures and intelligence related to terrorism finance. CT is also supporting Jordan's financial intelligence unit via a FinCEN-implemented exchange of analysts. Jordan's Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing Unit is a member of the Egmont Group. The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) will be holding Cross-Border Financial Investigation Training (CBFIT) courses in Jordan to provide specialized training, technical assistance and best practices to Jordanian law enforcement personnel, border control, regulatory and judicial authorities as it relates to cross-border financial crime. Additionally, CT funds an RLAs in Abu Dhabi and Kuwait City that provide CTF capacity building assistance to Jordanian interlocutors.

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