



## IMCTC TAKES PART IN THE FOURTH MANAMA AIR POWER SYMPOSIUM (MAPS 2022)



IMCTC Secretary-General, Maj. Gen. Mohammed Saeed Al-Moghedi, took part in the opening session of the Fourth Manama Air Power Symposium 2022, held on November 8, 2022, in parallel with the Bahraini International Airshow, organized by the Kingdom of Bahrain Defense Force, represented by the Royal Bahrain Air Force.

### SECRETARY-GENERAL MEETS WITH BAHRAINI LEADERS



On November 9, 2022, IMCTC Secretary-General met with HE Lt. Gen. Dhiab Saqr Al-Nuaimi, Chief of Staff of the Bahrain Defense Force and they discussed matters of mutual interest. Maj. Gen. Al Moghedi briefed Lt. Gen. Al-Nuaimi on the progress that IMCTC has made so far regarding counter-terrorism initiatives and IMCTC's strategy across counter-terrorism domains.

Meanwhile, IMCTC Secretary-General also met with the Commander of the Royal Bahrain Air Force, HE, Maj. Gen. Shaikh Hamad Abdullah Al Khalifa where they discussed issues of mutual interest.

### IMCTC SECRETARY-GENERAL TAKES PART IN THE SECOND SAUDI MARITIME FORUM



IMCTC Secretary General took part in the Second International Maritime Forum 2022, held under the patronage of HRH, Prince Khaled bin Salman, Minister of Defense and organized by the Royal Saudi Naval Forces. The Chief of the General Staff inaugurated the forum. More than 37 leaders, chiefs of maritime environment stakeholders, and 14 navies of brotherly, friendly countries in addition to large number of military experts from within and outside Saudi Arabia attended the event. The forum took place Nov. 15 through 17, 2022 in Jeddah.

On the sidelines of the forum, IMCTC Secretary General, Maj. Gen. Mohammed bin Saeed Al-Moghedi met with the Commander of the Royal Saudi Naval Forces, VADM, Fahd Abdullah Al-Ghofaili, and commended the efforts made by the navy personnel and organizers of the forum and thanked HE for the warm reception and hospitality.



## A MEDIA SYMPOSIUM HOSTED BY IMCTC ON



IMCTC works hard to achieve the targets of the communications and media as one of the key domains that seeks realize. To that end, IMCTC provides the scholarly means, media and communications outlets to counter, expose, refute terrorist propaganda and educate communities about its impact as well as explaining the values and principles of moderate Islam. With this in mind, IMCTC held a media symposium titled, "The Role of Media Outlets in Countering Terrorism" to which several experts from IMCTC member countries were invited. The speakers at the event included four subject-matter experts who presented excellent scholarly papers that addressed three themes on the role of media outlets in countering terrorism. They included Dr. Ibrahim Zakariyya Mousa, Vice Chancellor of the Islamic University of Maldives, who addressed the communications strategies to educate the public against the dangers of terrorism and extremism. While, HE, Mohammed Rahman Sawari, Minister of Information and Communications of the Republic of Sierra Leone, touched on the use of social media outlets in curbing the spread of ex-

trémism, while Dr. Amr Al-Leithi, Director General of OIC Islamic Broadcasting Union highlighted the connection between the new media and terrorist practices. Dr. Faysal bin Abdullah Al-Shehri, member of the Saudi Shura Council moderated the symposium. Dr. Moussa noted that the terrorist attacks claimed by extremist groups are in themselves a form of communication with people in order to prove their self-proclaimed power. He further noted that the media pays great deal of attention to the news of violence. Therefore, media outlets should exercise caution when publishing major news of violent activity to deny the terrorists the opportunity of achieving their goals through exploiting the media outlets to disseminate their violent messages and propaganda. For his part, Minister Sawari pointed out that hate speech fuels conflict and often undermines peace and social fabric, leading to intolerance and hatred. He further noted that social media platforms pose a double-edged sword whose importance in building peace cannot be overemphasized, and at the same time, communities ought to be protected from their abuse and misuse.





# THE ROLE OF MEDIA OUTLETS IN COUNTERING TERRORISM



## دور وسائل الإعلام في محاربة الإرهاب

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Meanwhile, Dr. Al-Leithi pointed out that modern terrorism is media-focused terrorism where the media is attracted to extremist terrorist acts not only because it is its duty to report every major event but also because terrorist drama attracts widespread attention at the same time.

In concluding the symposium, IMCTC Secretary-General, Maj. Gen. Mohammed bin Saeed Al-Moghedi, affirmed that the event aims to formulate a unified media and communications discourse. He further emphasized the need for creating a road map for identifying its evolving means and tools in order to defeat and eliminate terrorism and extremism in the Muslim world and the world at large. Maj. Gen. Al-Moghedi further highlighted the scale suffering both in the Muslim world and globally caused by extremism and terrorism and that Islam has nothing to do with it, while highlighting the enormity of the physical and psychological damage caused by this scourge.

During the Q&A session, the attendees of media delegations shared some of their perspectives that further enriched the

three topics of the symposium stressing the importance of organizing media and communications events and their role aimed at exploring means of countering extremism and the new form of terrorism through social media platforms. The discussions further called for placing more emphasis on the media field and expanding channels of communications to cover the entire Muslim world and in particular IMCTC member countries. In addition, both speakers and attendees highlighted the need for uniting, intensifying member countries' efforts to expose and defeat the propaganda of extremist groups, and instill hope and optimism in Muslim communities.

The symposium is part of presentations, seminars and workshops organized by IMCTC for sharing international experiences on countering terrorism and extremism; elevate the level of coordination, cooperation and discussions among media, intellectual and cultural sectors in order to come up with effective means and tools that help in countering terrorism at the communications and ideology levels.





## IMCTC CENTER INAUGURATES PROJECT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM & METHODOLOGY, LED BY THE IT DEPARTMENT

On November 6, 2022, IMCTC held at its headquarters an event to launch Project Management System and Methodology led mainly by the IT Department in the presence of IMCTC Secretary-General, Maj. Gen. Mohammed Saeed Al-Moghedi, and personnel.

The event aimed at raising awareness about project management and implementation of the best international practices. IMCTC Secretary-General inaugurated workshop by delivering opening remarks in which he underscored the importance of project management and the need for IMCTC to keep abreast of the huge leaps in project management, implementation of best practices, and automation of all project management tools in a professional and effective manner to ensure transparency across all levels. He further added that project management should be used as a tool for accomplishing organizations' objectives, enhance planning, organization, execution, monitoring of activities for making the optimal use of resources and capabilities.

Meanwhile, the Chairman of the Project Management Committee, Eng. Rayan Ahmed Al Jamah, gave a presentation on the best project management methodology and international practices used in designing this methodology, conducted in collaboration with IMCTC Development Program. The methodology addressed the assessment of the current state of IMCTC Center's projects, including an overview of the key milestones and development proposals that would constitute an essential input in building and designing the operational model for managing IMCTC projects. On the other hand, similar experiences were also presented that could contribute to the identification of the most important functions, services provided by the Project Management Office to manage programs and achieve specific strategies that constitute, at the same time, an essential input in building and designing the operational model of the Project Management Office. Accordingly, the operational model, the governance model of the Project Management Office were designed, including mechanisms for holding meetings, developing, publishing reports, procedures for project management and follow-up, as well as defining the interactive model internally and externally. As such, a methodology was designed to manage and follow up the implementation of projects, including project management processes from the initiation to the closing stage and their relevant reports and forms.

Then, the presentation covered the evaluation of current practices in project management and the most important observations including the development proposals and implementation methods. This included the defining the role of the Project Management Committee and its mandate. The PMC will contribute to the realization of IMCTC strategy by overseeing the implementation of projects, evaluating the extent to which IMCTC strategic objectives would be achieved, and by supporting IMCTC leaders in decision-making. The Committee's objectives will be confined to the following:

- Ensure the implementation of projects in accordance with the approved governance to achieve IMCTC strategy objectives and targets.
- Provide the stakeholders with a comprehensive view of the status of implementation of initiatives and projects.
- Ensure the integration of efforts between stakeholders involved in the implementation of IMCTC projects, including internal and external entities.
- Ensure the quality and speed of the completion by analyzing and managing escalations processes pertaining to risks and challenges that impede the progress of projects workflow.
- Efficiency and effectiveness by ensuring quality of project supervision and implementation follow-up.

It is noteworthy that the projects governance is divided into three parts: guidance, oversight, follow-up, coordination, and implementation. Then the speaker explained the escalation steps regarding the challenges, risks, their related levels and utilization method.

At the conclusion of the event, IMCTC Secretary-General inaugurated the project management system and spoke highly of the work done by the IT Department and the efforts made in building the project management system. He further stressed the need to comply with the projects rules and principles and update them regularly.





# AWARENESS RAISING PRESENTATION ON THE WORLD Diabetes Day



On the World Diabetes Day, Dr. Amjad Abdulrahman delivered, on Nov. 14, 2022, an awareness raising presentation about diabetes timed on the World Diabetes Day. The event included organizing a walking marathon to raise awareness about the importance of exercise in enhancing the quality of healthy life and inauguration of health show that displayed various health and awareness highlights.

In his presentation, Dr. Abdulrahman pointed out that IMCTC pays considerable attention to the promotion of public health through raising awareness and education about the most widespread diseases, including diabetes. He added that this entails the provision of preventive and therapeutic services in line with sustainable development goals in the area of health care. This also requires taking all appropriate measures to reduce its incidence.

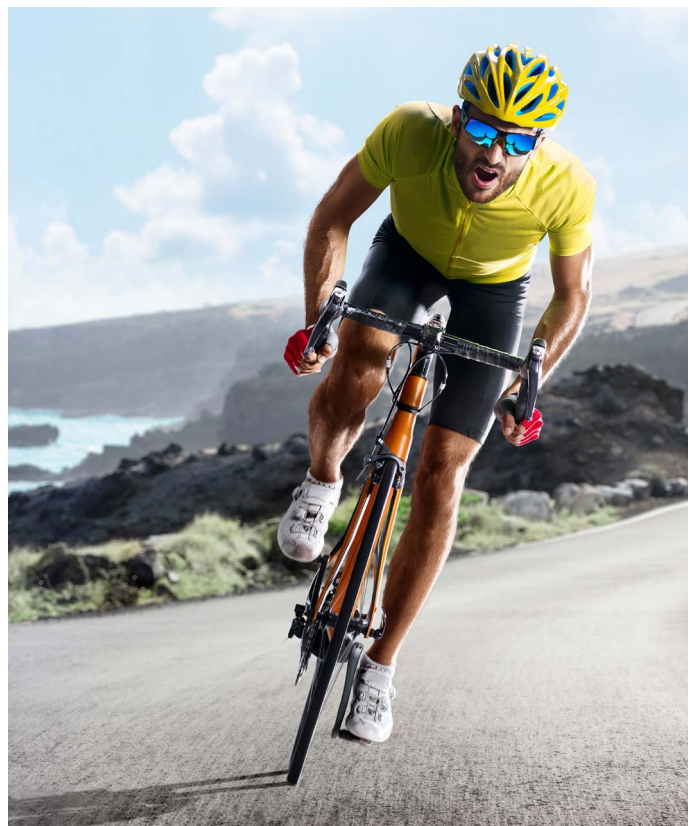
In his presentation, Dr. Abdulrahman pointed out to the increasing incidence rates of diabetes worldwide in the past years. Statistics published by the International Diabetes Federation suggest that more than 537 million people currently live with diabetes. Most of those cases are of Type 2 diabetes, which is largely preventable through physical activity and healthy balanced diet.

Further, Dr. Abdulrahman stressed that diabetes is one of the main causes of diseases of the heart, blood vessels, eyes, kidneys and feet, causing early death, disability, hence impeding the ability of countries to achieve the sustainable health development goals.

He also explained that diabetes has two types; type 1, which constitutes (5% - 10%) of diabetics worldwide and it is an autoimmune disease that affects the "beta" cells in the insulin-producing pancreas, leading to the destruction of pancreatic cells and dissolution the insulin. Diabetes type 2, may affect children. While diabetes Type 2, accounts for (90%) of diabetic cases. While there is no conclusive cause for the incidence of diabetes, yet, research suggests that there is a link between diabetes and some other diseases, incidences. Such diseases include high blood pressure, smoking, obesity, stress, psychological anxiety, and other metabolic diseases, such as diseases of the adrenal, pituitary or

pancreatic glands, as well as some other steroid medications, including chronic use cortisone.

In concluding his presentation, Dr. Abdulrahman pointed out that Saudi Arabia exerts great efforts to reduce the spread of diabetes as one of the main causes of health complications and mortality rates according to international statistics. Those efforts focus on strengthening awareness programs of diabetes prevention, in addition to the provision treatments and periodic examinations for diabetic patients in all primary healthcare centers and hospitals. He further added IMCTC's event today takes place to join the rest of the world and international health organizations in celebrating the World Diabetes Day that occurs on November 14 every year.





## DELEGATES OF THE SULTANATE OF OMAN CELEBRATE THEIR COUNTRY'S NATIONAL DAY

The Delegates of the Sultanate of Oman held a ceremony celebrating the 52nd National Day of Sultanate of Oman that falls on November 20 of every year. The ceremony was held in the presence of IMCTC Secretary-General, Maj. Gen. Mohammed bin Saeed Al-Moghedi. Lt. Col. Rashid Mubarak Al-Rashidi, addressed the gathering and touched upon the ancient, modern history of the Sultanate of Oman and the efforts of the statesman, late Sultan Qaboos, may Allah have mercy on him, who greatly contributed to the building of the modern Sultanate of Oman and strived to achieve development across the country. He also commended the champion of the promising revival and visionary current leader, Sultan Haitham bin Tariq bin Taimur, may Allah protect him. He provided a brief overview of the Sultanate of Oman in which he said; "The beginning of human civilization in Oman dates back to the eighth millennium BC, and it was previously known as Majan, meaning "the land of copper" where copper used to be exported to Mesopotamia.

### ■ KEY FEATURES OF THE HISTORY OF OMAN

In the past Oman used to be called "MAZOOON", meaning (rainy cloud). Some say that that the name "Oman" dates back to Oman bin Ibrahim, may Allah have peace upon him, who built the first city in Oman. Given the importance of Oman, Kings of Oman, Jaifer and Abd Ibn al-Julanda, were among the Kings whom Prophet Mohammad (May Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) invited to Islam and voluntarily embraced it. Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) said; May Allah have mercy on the people of Al-Ghubaira – by which, he meant the people of Oman – who believed in me without seeing me. It is such a great source of pride for all Omanis to be praised by Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) when he sent a man to one of the Arab tribes and they had beaten and insulted him. "If you had went to the people of Oman, they would not insulted or beaten you" the Prophet told the man. The first Caliph, Abu Bakr Al-Siddiq, may Allah have mercy upon him, said; to a delegation that came from Oman to offer their condolences on the passing of the Prophet Mohammad (PBUH); O people of Oman, you have had embraced Islam voluntarily and



Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) had not conquered your land. He went on to say; what favor greater than yours, what action is privileged than yours.

### ■ OMAN VISION 2040

Lt. Col. Al-Rashidi highlighted the current rebirth of the Sultanate and went on to add that in the inauguration address in 2020, Sultan Haitham stated that he would follow in the footsteps of the late Sultan Qaboos to continue the march of the revival of the Sultanate by achieving economic integration and enhancing the government performance. HE added that he would do so by forming a cabinet that comprise highly qualified technocratic government based on competency and experience to help it cope with the challenges we face and to implement Oman's vision 2040.

Thus, HM modernized the Sultanate's administrative apparatus, reshuffled the Cabinet, reviewed the legislative and regulatory aspects, and developed accountability tools as a pillar for the future of Oman. The past five decades have witnessed a major transformation in building the modern state and providing modern and advanced infrastructure. Likewise, both the citizens and expatriates in Oman enjoy the rule of law and institutions based on the principles of freedom, equality and equal access to opportunities. And despite the fact that we still have a long way to go, yet HM is up to the task. Hence, the Sultanate has embarked on implementing Oman Vision 2040, with confidence and determination towards a brighter, more promising future of development and growth. Oman is working in tandem with its brothers in the GCC to accomplish a comprehensive development in the region leveraging its unique geopolitical location and natural resources. On the economic front, the Omani economy in 2022, witnessed marked improvement and growth in its GDP, where the government budget achieved a surplus of \$4 billion. The various sectors saw remarkable growth, thanks to the economic stimulus policies pursued by the government where the state's public debt shrank to 46% of the GDP thanks to the fiscal equilibrium plan. This, in turn, led to an improvement in the Sultanate's credit rating with a stable outlook due to the





significant improvement in the state's overall economic and financial indicators. Oman's economy is set to establish a solid foundation based on diversification, knowledge, innovation, and strengthening of the contribution of non-oil sectors to GDP through the national program Tanfeeth.

At the cultural level, more than 500 Omani castles and forts stand today as historical evidence and tourist attractions that tell the ancient history of Oman. Jibreen Fortress represents one of the amazing wonders of Omani architecture. When history is retold, the Bahla Fortress, which dates back to pre-Islamic era, jumps one's mind. It is world heritage site listed on the UNESCO's list of Omani heritage sites, among four other Omani archaeological sites. The Omanis were able to adapt the terrain to their advantage. They have created an irrigation system known as the Aflaj, since the sixth century BC, which contributed to the establishment of cities and metropolises on the slopes of the valleys and mountain peaks. This system uses gravity to channel water into watercourses. In 2006, five Omani Aflaj systems were listed on the UNESCO World Heritage List in recognition of their exceptional cultural value.

At the level of the Omani famous figures, six influential Omani persons listed on the UNESCO program for important historical events and globally influential figures. The most recent one was the well-known Omani navigator and captain, known as "Lion of the Seas", Ahmed bin Majid Al-Saadi. At the tourist level, Allah has endowed Oman with a genuine nature in which the elements of nature blend to form a breathtaking aesthetic landscape that makes Oman one of the favorite tourist destinations. The peak of Jabal Sham is the highest mountain peak in the Arabian Gulf. Its height reaches more than 3,009 meters above sea level. The Green Mountain is famous for its resorts and agricultural terraces, in which damascene roses, pomegranates, walnuts, pears and grapes are grown. Meanwhile, Al-Sharqia Sands represents a charming destination for tourists as one of the most beautiful camping areas in Sultanate. The sand colors range from red to brown as far as the eye can see. Being the original home of Bedouins, this area attracts

many desert adventurers and fans as well.

The world has known Oman throughout its ancient and bright history as a vibrant and influential civilized entity that contributed to the regional development, prosperity, maintenance of security and peace. Generations take turns raising their flag and are keen to keep a message of peace spread across the world, carrying great legacy and noble goals.

#### ■ Omani landscape

The Sultanate of Oman is also famous for its beautiful valleys. Wadi Tewi and Wadi Bani Khaled top the list of Omani valleys owing their permanent flow of water, in addition to the presence of several large water ponds and lakes amidst rock formations, where people can enjoy swimming in the picturesque nature. The south has gone through a unique climatic phenomenon that transformed the entire region into a tropical paradise. The city visitors enjoy the autumn season in summer, a term given to the period that witnesses the monsoons winds carrying mist and light rain, which contribute to low temperatures; as fog envelops the plateaus, the nature gets colored, and the greenery blankets the plains in a fantastic scene.

In concluding his speech, Lt. Col. Al-Rashidi expressed his great appreciation and gratitude to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, for constantly taking the initiative in every step of the way to advance Muslim countries and for hosting IMCTC with its noble goal of rallying the efforts of Muslim countries to counter terrorism and extremist ideology. He went on to add that IMCTC strive to send a message to the entire world that Islam is a faith of moderation and tolerance. He also thanked IMCTC Secretary-General for his great role in leading this organization and for his successive achievements and desired objectives. He further thanked the Secretary General for sponsoring the ceremony and the Department of International Cooperation as well as the Media Department at IMCTC for their effort in making this event possible. May Allah keep our countries safe, stable and prosperous!



## A DISTANT HORIZON, COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA IN COUNTERING TERRORISM

### ■ Mustafa Abul Azaem, Chairman, Board of Directors of Arab-African Center for Media Services

I was pleased and honored to be part of the media delegation invited by the Department of Moral Guidance of Sudan's Armed Forces to participate in a symposium on the Role of Media outlets in Countering Terrorism organized by the Islamic Military Counter-Terrorism Coalition (IMCTC) in Riyadh, the capital of Saudi Arabia. The Sudanese delegation had really excelled and done a good job at the event. In the coming days, we will devote a special report about the details of the presentations and discussions that took place in auditorium at IMCTC Headquarters. Therefore, here I would like to highlight some important points.

First, the significance of the attention paid by the Saudi leadership to the issue of terrorism, which has become a global phenomenon that has nothing to do with any religion, culture or custom. We saw instances of that during the past decades in many countries around the world. The attention of the leadership of Saudi Arabia to this phenomenon came about in the initiative of Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud to establish the Islamic Military Counter-Terrorism Coalition and announce its inception on Dec. 14, 2015 when HRH was then Minister of Defense. Then came the first meeting of the chiefs of staff from 39 Islamic countries in Riyadh on Mar. 27, 2016, and then the announcement of the official inauguration of the IMCTC at the next meeting of defense ministers, held in Riyadh with the participation of 40 countries, under the motto "Allied against Terrorism".

What happened at the time clearly highlighted the strategic and security vision of the young Prince, who later assumed the greatest responsibility upon HRH appointment as the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia. HRH made important transformations in various fields, reflecting the spirit of the new youth in the leadership of Saudi Arabia. I sat for a long time outside the Conference auditorium with HE Ma. Gen. Mohammed Saeed Al-Moghedi, IMCTC Secretary-General, as one of the prominent military leaders in the Kingdom, and listened to him. He also listened to me and to my friend and colleague Mr. Fateh Al-Rahman Al-Nahas. He was broad-minded and deeply knowledgeable about his role and IMCTC's role and objectives. We spoke about various security issues; he was a polymath who enriched us with his great knowledge and expertise. What I remember most during our conversation with him is when he said that IMCTC is an official platform for open and transparent cooperation among the

member countries. He added that IMCTC is a coalition that brings together countries aspiring to work together effectively to counter terrorism and anchored on key principles including its legitimacy which it draws from the fact that the majority of Muslim countries joined it, support of international community. He went on to add to emphasizing the respect sovereignty of IMCTC's member states and the independence of their laws, regulations, along with the collective action through the participation of the member states across all stages of work, starting from the study and planning stages to analysis and decision-making. For sure, this inevitably leads to the alignment, among the member states, on IMCTC's importance and the need for aligning the Coalition's vision and its strategic goals. Consequently, this inevitably leads to cooperation and coordination among the member states and eventually pave the way for the making agile and effective decisions with flexibility to act and address any developments that might occur, at the right time. He further emphasized the use of local cultures to counter terrorism in member states by developing regional and local solutions. We came out of that unplanned for encounter with IMCTC Secretary General, Maj. Gen. Mohammed bin Saeed Al-Moghedi with a conclusion that any success achieved would hinge on the key principles upon which IMCTC is founded. Such principles include establishing partnerships with international counter-terrorism organizations, supporting nations of advanced capabilities in countering terrorism and the contribution of member countries in funding counter-terrorism and extremism initiatives based on their will and capabilities.

In fact, this demonstrates that there is a great work being done by great people and wise leadership. For that, we should be grateful to Allah Almighty and grateful to those who entrusted them to embark on this endeavor. It is incumbent upon us to say thank you to HRH, Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, for making this initiative and thank you for the leadership of Saudi Arabia for adopting this initiative until it became a reality. And thank you to all member countries, thank you for our Sudanese Armed Forces that gave us the privilege to attend this event here through their delegates.

Finally, we say to HE Maj. Gen. Mohammed bin Saeed Al-Moghedi, we are grateful to you and you have proved that the Saudi citizen is capable of doing great things.



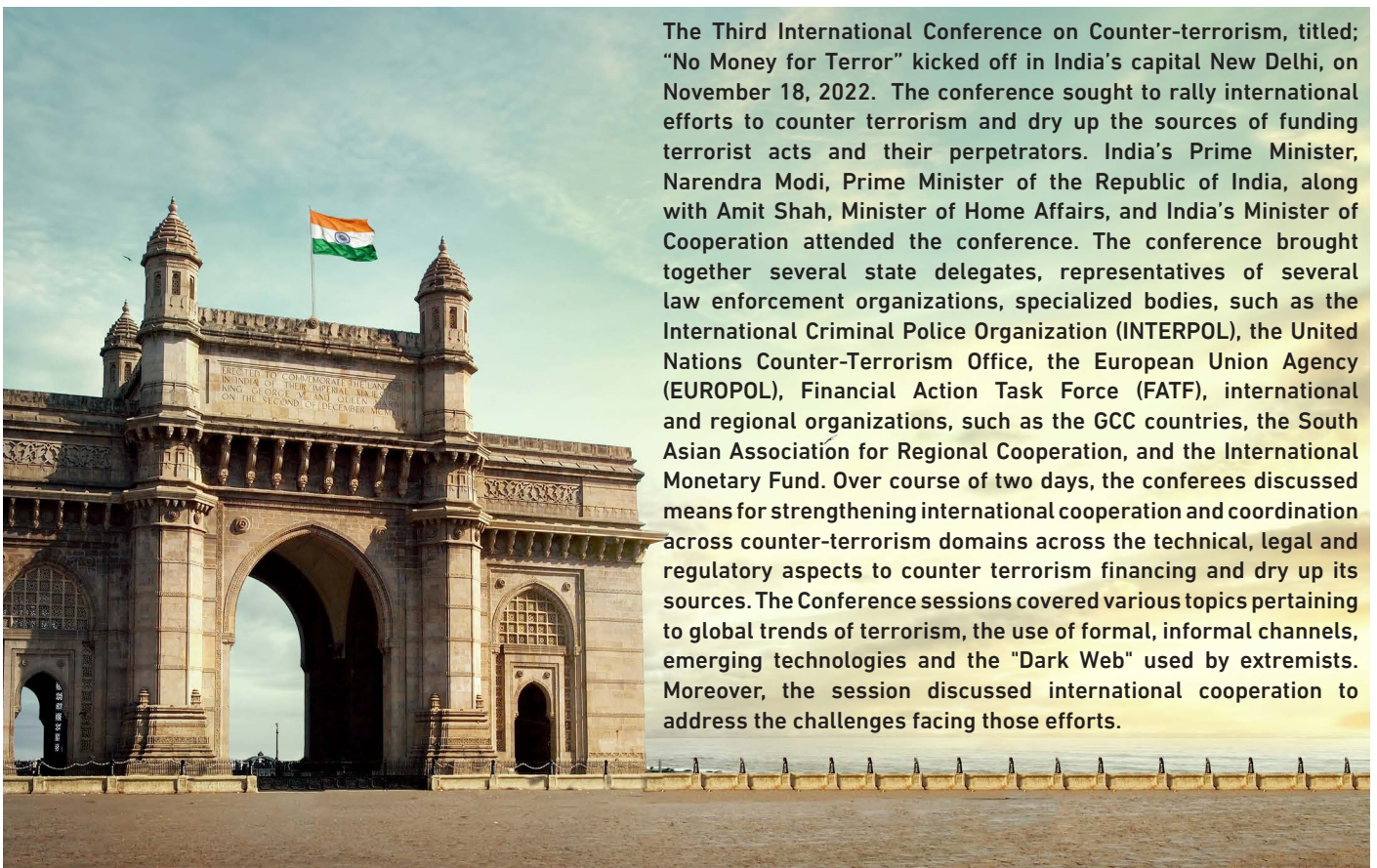
# INTERNATIONAL CYBERTERRORISM CONFERENCE 2022



On December 6, 2022, the Islamic University of Madinah launched a three-day International Cyberterrorism Conference 2022, bringing together researchers, academics and subject-matter experts. His Highness Prince Dr. Mamdouh bin Saud bin Thunayyan, President of the Islamic University of Madinah, pointed out that the Conference seek to highlight the international counterterrorism efforts made, define its terms, types, gravity of its danger, identify the novel forms of cyberterrorism, strengthen means of guarding against it and presenting a proposed vision to counter it. The sessions of the Conference addressed nine major topics, including the definition

of cyberterrorism along with its associated concepts, objectives, methods, domains, its impact on creed, in addition to the role of international counterterrorism treaties and national laws in countering it. The session also addressed cyberterrorism from the perspective of Islamic Sharia and means of tackling this threat. The Conference also addressed the topic of cyber and financial crimes and their relation with terrorism financing, information security and the roles of education and moral values, the role of the media, its platforms in countering it, and Saudi Arabia's efforts in combating cyberterrorism.

## INDIA HOSTS THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON COUNTER-TERRORISM



The Third International Conference on Counter-terrorism, titled; "No Money for Terror" kicked off in India's capital New Delhi, on November 18, 2022. The conference sought to rally international efforts to counter terrorism and dry up the sources of funding terrorist acts and their perpetrators. India's Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of the Republic of India, along with Amit Shah, Minister of Home Affairs, and India's Minister of Cooperation attended the conference. The conference brought together several state delegates, representatives of several law enforcement organizations, specialized bodies, such as the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Office, the European Union Agency (EUROPOL), Financial Action Task Force (FATF), international and regional organizations, such as the GCC countries, the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation, and the International Monetary Fund. Over course of two days, the conferees discussed means for strengthening international cooperation and coordination across counter-terrorism domains across the technical, legal and regulatory aspects to counter terrorism financing and dry up its sources. The Conference sessions covered various topics pertaining to global trends of terrorism, the use of formal, informal channels, emerging technologies and the "Dark Web" used by extremists. Moreover, the session discussed international cooperation to address the challenges facing those efforts.



## IMCTC RECEIVES A DELEGATION OF STUDENTS AND FACULTY MEMBERS FROM THE UAE



On November 21, 2022, IMCTC received at its headquarters a delegation of students and faculty members from of the National Defense College, Course 10th, in the United Arab Emirates.

The delegation was briefed on IMCTC's counterterrorism efforts across the four (ideological, media, counterterrorism financing, and the military) domains and got acquainted with the role played by the Coalition in coordinating and intensifying the efforts of its member states. Over the course of the meeting, matters of common cooperation between IMCTC and the UAE on issues of mutual interest.

In responding to the delegation's questions, IMCTC Secretary-General pointed out that the Coalition represents an important platform that seeks to enhance cooperation among its member states. He added that IMCTC is anchored on the values of legitimacy, independence, coordination, participation, and striving to ensure that all the actions and efforts of IMCTC member states in countering terrorism are consistent with

international regulations, norms and laws. He further added that terrorism has become a global problem that requires all countries, regional and international organizations to come together to eradicate terrorism by all appropriate means. He also pointed out that the methods of addressing terrorist groups are constantly changing with the advances in modern technologies. He further added that countering terrorism on the ideology front is of paramount importance, followed by addressing terrorist communications methods through intensive communications and media campaigns across all social media and conventional media channels. In addition to that, we need to focus on cutting off all the sources that provide terrorist with the funds required to carry out its criminal plots, leading to their eventual military defeat.

The UAE delegation commended IMCTC's efforts across the various domains of counterterrorism and lauded IMCTC's strategic methodology in countering extremist groups in line with its four counter-terrorism domains.



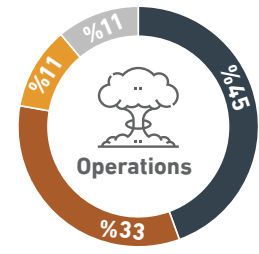
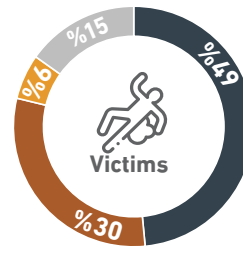


# Terrorism in the Sahel Countries (G5) in November 2022



In November, the Sahel Countries (G5) were hit by (9) terrorist operations, with a relative drop of 44% compared to October 2022. Terrorism in the Sahel Countries (G5) poses a threat to the stability of the countries of the region in view of the crises that took place in the wake of the Russian-Ukrainian war and the lack of coordination between all the active forces to confront terrorism and extremism, and in the presence of an environment that nurtures and supports the spread of extremism and terrorism, in addition to the weakness of local governments and collective action mechanisms.

Country	Terrorist Operations		Victims (deaths and injuries)	
	Oct 2022	Nov 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2022
Burkina Faso	6	↓ 4	98	↓ 32
Mali	4	↓ 3	58	↓ 20
Niger	5	↓ 1	77	↓ 4
Chad	1	= 1	0	↑ 10
Mauritania	0	= 0	0	= 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>↓ 9</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>↓ 66</b>



■ Burkina Faso ■ Mali ■ Niger ■ Chad

## Sectors targeted in terrorist operations

	Military Sector	Civilians	Non-governmental Organizations
Burkina Faso	23 Victims, 2 Operations	9 Victims, 2 Operations	0 Victims, 0 Operations
Mali	0 Victims, 0 Operations	11 Victims, 1 Operation	9 Victims, 2 Operations
Niger	0 Victims, 0 Operations	4 Victims, 1 Operation	0 Victims, 0 Operations
Chad	10 Victims, 1 Operation	0 Victims, 0 Operations	0 Victims, 0 Operations

■ Victims ■ Operations

## Impact of terrorist operations according to perpetration method

Perpetration Method	Mali	Burkina Faso
Explosion	9 Victims, 2 Operations	5 Victims, 1 Operation
Armed Attack	27 Victims, 3 Operations	11 Victims, 1 Operation
	10 Victims, 1 Operation	4 Victims, 1 Operation

## Terrorist operations and victims according to perpetrators

Perpetrator	Mali	Chad	Niger
The Islamic State in the Greater Sahara (ISGS)	11 Victims, 1 Operation		
Boko Haram		10 Victims, 1 Operation	4 Victims, 1 Operation

**Burkina Faso:** The government of C Burkina Faso called on the population to observe calm and exercise restraint following a demonstration against the presence of France in the Sahel countries (G5).

**Mali:** France has confirmed that Mali had arrested a number of its nationals whom the authorities in Bamako described as criminals and drug traffickers.

**Niger:** The European Union intends to form a military partnership mission in early 2023 to help strengthen Niger forces against terrorists.

**Chad:** General Mohammed Idriss Deby Itno, head of the transitional period in Chad, has issued a decree appointing 104 additional members in the National Transitional Council, which acts as a de facto parliament.

**Mauritania:** The Mauritanian Ministry of Defense stated that the Mauritanian Minister of National Defense, Hanana Ould Sidi, held talks with a Saudi military delegation, which addressed relations of cooperation between the two brotherly countries and methods of enhancing them.

## IMCTC RECEIVES DELEGATES OF THE REPUBLIC OF TOGO



On Tuesday 22nd November 2022, the delegates of the Republic of Togo, Lt. Col. Aboubakari Salifou, Lt. Col. Balakim Andji, and Lt. Col. Yao Bali, reported to duty at IMCTC headquarters. HE, Secretary-General, Maj. Gen. Mohammed bin Saeed Al-Moghedi, welcomed the delegates of the Republic of Togo and wished them success in their roles. The Secretary-General emphasized the tasks entrusted to IMCTC member states' delegates of realizing IMCTC's objectives and its counter-terrorism initiatives.

It is worth noting that IMCTC aims to exchange efforts among its member states across the various domains, provide the necessary resources to counter terrorism in accordance with the developed strategy, establish agreements, partnerships with international centers and organizations to develop the capabilities of counterterrorism across IMCTC member states. Further, it seeks that its member states to abide by international rules, norms and laws in countering terrorist financing and other relevant policies and laws.

## IMCTC CONGRATULATES IMCTC MEMBER STATES ON THEIR NATIONAL DAYS



IMCTC congratulated the Kingdom of Morocco on its 67th independence anniversary on Nov. 18, 2022. IMCTC also congratulated the Sultanate of Oman on its 52nd National Day, on Nov. 20, 2022. Similarly, the Coalition congratulated the Lebanese Republic on its 79th independence anniversary, Nov. 22, 2022. IMCTC also congratulated the Islamic Republic of Mauritania on its 62nd in-

dependence anniversary, dated Nov. 28, 2022, wishing them and their people security and prosperity.

Countries and peoples celebrate their national occasions because those occasions have their great impact in strengthening the sense of belonging to homeland and promoting the values of unity, fraternity, tolerance and peace in their respective nations.