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Eid Al-Fitr



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Eid al-Fitr is a time for celebration, reflection, and giving back to the community. One of the most important aspects of Eid al-Fitr is the emphasis on fostering harmony and good values within communities. We are encouraged to forgive and forget any

past grievances, to reconcile with those we may have had disagreements with, and to strengthen our bonds with family, friends, and neighbors. This is reflected in the tradition of visiting loved ones and exchanging gifts and sweets within the communities.

Eid al-Fitr promotes values such as self-discipline, empathy, and compassion. Fasting during Ramadan requires self-discipline, and the celebration of Eid al-Fitr marks the successful completion of this spiritual journey. Eid al-Fitr is also a time for charity and giving back to the community. We are encouraged to empathize with those less fortunate and to demonstrate compassion towards those in need.

Eid al-Fitr is a celebration that opens our door and reminds us of harmony, forgiveness, and good values. As such, it plays an important role in promoting social cohesion and fostering a sense of community and solidarity among the society.

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 لمنع وتكفير الإرهاب
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“...And let them pardon and overlook. Would you not like that Allah should forgive you? And Allah is Forgiving and Merciful”

Surah An-Nur, verse 22

NCTC meets with all lead agencies in preparation for the Review Workshop on the National Action Plan on Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (2020-2024)

6–18 April 2023

NCTC convened meetings with the lead agencies from 6 to 18 April 2023 in preparation for the Review Workshop on the National Action Plan on Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (NAP-PCVE) which will take place on 2 and 3 May 2023.

The preparatory meetings discussed the roles of the lead agencies in the NAP-PCVE implementation, the five outcomes outlined in the NAP-PCVE, and all lead agencies were instructed on the NAP-PCVE Outcome Matrix, which was developed to check the completion rates for all lead agencies. The preparatory meetings emphasized the need of the lead

agencies addressing the challenges and proposing suggestions for any revisions to the NAP-PCVE in order to make the NAP-PCVE more rewarding and effective.



- On 6 April 2023, NCTC met with the NAP-PCVE Focal Points from Ministry of Home Affairs, Maldives Police Service, and Ministry of Gender, Family and Social Services.
- On 9 April 2023, NCTC met with the NAP-PCVE Focal Points from Ministry of Education, Ministry

of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment, and Ministry of Islamic Affairs.

- On 11 April 2023, NCTC met with the NAP-PCVE Focal Points from Ministry of Economic Development, and Ministry of National Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.
- On 12 April 2023, NCTC met with the NAP-PCVE Focal Points from Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Attorney General's Office and Maldives Immigration.
- On 13 April 2023, NCTC met with the NAP-PCVE Focal Points from Ministry of Health and National Drug Agency.
- On 17 April 2023, NCTC met with the NAP-PCVE Focal Points from Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, and Technology and Ministry of Higher Education.

Creating Awareness of Transnational Organized Crime

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Introduction

Transnational organized crime (TOC) refers to illicit activities carried out by groups that operate across national borders and often involve multiple criminal activities. This criminal activity can range from human trafficking, drug trafficking, money laundering, cybercrime, and the illicit trade of firearms (Griset & Mahan, 2013). The globalization of economies and the advent of new technologies have made TOC more widespread and sophisticated. This has led to increased concerns about the impact of TOC on national security, social stability, and economic development. Creating awareness of TOC is critical to prevent and combat this criminal activity.



Importance of Creating Awareness of TOC

TOC is a complex and dynamic phenomenon that requires a multifaceted approach to tackle effectively. Raising awareness about TOC's nature, scope, and impact is an essential first step in building the necessary political will and public support for effective counteraction. It is essential to educate individuals, organizations, and

government entities about the threat posed by TOC and the need for collaborative efforts in combating TOC.

Effective awareness-raising campaigns can catalyze social and political action against TOC. Such campaigns can mobilize public opinion, create political pressure, and promote a culture of intolerance towards TOC. Awareness-raising can also help identify the warning signs of TOC and prevent individuals from becoming victims or being exploited by TOC groups.

Strategies for Creating Awareness of TOC

Creating awareness of TOC requires a comprehensive and targeted approach that involves various stakeholders, including government, civil society organizations, the media, and the private sector. Some of the strategies that can be employed to create awareness of TOC include:

- Information campaigns: Government and civil society organizations can develop and implement information campaigns that provide information about TOC's nature, scope, and impact. These campaigns can be delivered through various mediums, including social media, broadcasting channels, radio, and printed media. The campaigns should be tailored to reach specific audiences, including vulnerable populations, youth, and law enforcement agencies.
- Training and capacity building: Government and civil society organizations can provide training and capacity-building programs to law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, and other relevant stakeholders. These programs can equip these stakeholders with the knowledge and skills needed to identify, investigate, and prosecute TOC activities.

- Collaboration and partnership: Collaboration and partnership between government, civil society organizations, and the private sector are essential for effective action against TOC. Partnerships can facilitate sharing of information, resources, and expertise to promote a coordinated response against TOC.
- Public-private partnerships: The private sector can play a vital role in creating awareness of TOC. Private sector organizations can develop and implement their awareness-raising campaigns, provide financial and technical support to government and civil society organizations, and support the development of effective legal frameworks and policies.

Conclusion

Creating awareness of TOC is critical to prevent and combat this criminal activity. Effective awareness-raising campaigns can catalyze social and political action against TOC. The strategies for creating awareness of TOC include information campaigns, training and capacity building, collaboration and partnership, and public-private partnerships. The government, civil society organizations, the private sector, and individuals all have a role to play in creating awareness and combating TOC. Only through a coordinated and comprehensive approach can we effectively prevent and combat TOC.



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