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A WEEK OF INTENSE FOREIGN COLLABORATION IN COUNTERING TERRORISM AND VIOLENT EXTREMISM

"The question is not that we tolerate each other - It is that we respect each other and that we love each other - and this requires a huge investment in the social cohesion of our societies"

UN Secretary General

Antonio Guterres



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DIRECTOR GENERAL OF NCTC MEETS WITH THE DEFENCE ATTACHÉ OF THE US EMBASSY IN SRI LANKA AND US PACOM TEAM

18 October 2018

Director General of NCTC Brigadier General Zakariyya Mansoor met with the Defence Attaché of the US Embassy in Sri Lanka, Lieutenant Colonel Douglas Hess and members of the US PACOM team.

DG expressed his gratitude to the Government and people of the United States and for the generous support in the development of the Maldivian Security Sector and continued support in the efforts of Countering and Preventing Terrorism and Violent Extremism in the Maldives.

During the meeting, NCTC provided a presentation on the role of National Counter Terrorism Centre and



Maldives' approaches and efforts to Counter Terrorism and Violent Extremism. Furthermore, during the meeting DG and the Lieutenant

Colonel Douglas Hess discussed on areas of mutual interest and specific areas for mutual cooperation between the two countries

DEFENCE AND NAVAL ATTACHÉ OF THE FRANCE EMBASSY IN NEW DELHI CALLS ON DIRECTOR GENERAL OF NCTC

24 October 2018



Defence and Naval Attaché of France for Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Maldives Lieutenant Commander Philippe Grussenmeyer, paid a call on Director General of NCTC Brigadier

General Zakariyya Mansoor. Lieutenant Commander Philippe Grussenmeyer is based in the US embassy at New Delhi.

During the meeting, DG briefed the French Defence and Naval Attache' on the role of National Counter Terrorism Centre and Maldivian approach to Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism and highlighted on the strategic focus on tourism sector security and critical need of the aviation sector Security. Furthermore, the DG and Lieutenant Commander Philippe Grussenmeyer discussed on the importance of collaboration between both nations and highlighted the specific areas of mutual interest and areas for mutual cooperation in the efforts of Counter Terrorism and Prevention of Violent Extremism.

DIRECTOR GENERAL OF NCTC CALLS ON THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

28 October 2018

Director General of NCTC Brig. Gen. Zakariyya Mansoor met the Commissioner of Police Hamdhoon Rasheed to discuss the issue of the failure to convict the Returning Foreign Fighter cases and the strengthening of collaboration in intelligence fusion, investigation and prosecution of



Terrorism related cases and incidents.

In the meeting DG expressed his gratitude to Maldives Police

Service for their continued efforts in conducting programs in collaboration with the Ministry of Islamic Affairs to Prevent and

Counter Violent Extremism and Terrorism in the Maldives. DG and CP also discussed about overcoming challenges in conducting a proper De-Radicalization program for the returning Foreign Terrorist Fighters and their families. DG and CP also discussed the way forward for both organisations to achieve a more robust “whole of

government” approach in curbing Terrorism and Violent Extremism in the Maldives.

NCTC CONDUCTS A ROUTINE AWARENESS SESSION ON COUNTER TERRORISM AND SECURITY FOR THE STAFF OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

19 October 2018



Major Ibrahim Naeem of NCTC and Capt. Samir of College of Defence and Security Studies conducted a

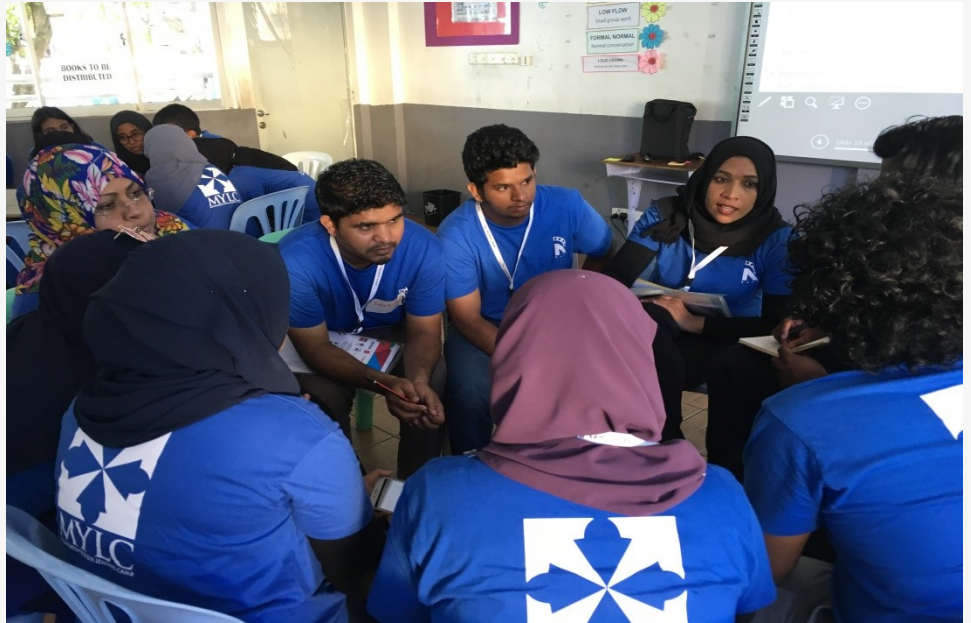
Counter terrorism and Security awareness session for the staff of Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The

session was conducted on 28 October 2018, at Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The participants were briefed on the implications of the social media on security and were given practical examples of how easy it would be to breach security with the use of social media. The participants were also given a session on counter intelligence and security. The participants were briefed on the practical aspects of counter intelligence and behavioral changes that are required especially while working in foreign missions in strengthening the security of the mission.

NCTC CONDUCTED A SESSION ON THE ROLE OF YOUTH IN PEACE BUILDING FOR THE PARTICIPANTS OF MILLENNIUM YOUTH LEADERS CAMP 2018

19 October 2018

As part of the “Whole of Society” approach in Preventing Countering Violent Extremism (PCVE) in the Maldives, NCTC collaborates with the Regional Alliance for Fostering Youth (RAFY) NGO’s dedicated efforts to empower youth through awareness and leadership skill development programs. NCTC conducted a session on “The role of Youth in Building Peace,” for the participants of “Millennium Youth Leaders Camp 2018. The session was conducted by Major Ibrahim Naem, the head of Intelligence and Analysis Department of NCTC. During the interactive session, participants discussed on characteristics of evolving threat environment and nature of youth recruitment activities by criminals, terrorist and violent extremist groups with a specific focus on its impacts on youth community. Furthermore, an exercise was conducted under the theme of “Thinking like Leaders” to introduce and familiarize with problem solving tools and methodologies with practical application of divergent (creative) thinking and convergent (critical) thinking. A specific focus of the exercise was on participation and inclusive decision making with a working session of brainstorming to discuss on challenges for youth community. As part of the exercise, participants were teamed up into small groups to further discuss on the challenges of organized crimes and Violent Extremism. The successful



outcomes of the session consist of identification of contributing factors (conditions conducive) leading to specific challenges such as drugs, violent crime and violent extremism including extremist narratives. At the end of the session, participants presented the outcomes of their practical exercise with a clear understanding of specific roles of youth in prevention of violent extremism, promotion of tolerance and building peaceful societies. At the end of the session, as a concluding remark, the founding president of Regional Alliance for Fostering Youth (RAFY) NGO, Dr. Aishath Rafiyya addressed the participants and further stressed on the critical need of youth participation, critical thinking and sense of responsibility in promotion of tolerance, patriotism and building smart peaceful societies.

Millennium Youth Leaders Camp 2018 was conducted from 18-23

October 2018. Millennium Youth Leaders Camp 2018 was organized and conducted by the Regional Alliance for Fostering Youth (RAFY) NGO for around 22 youth leaders. Regional Alliance for Fostering Youth (RAFY) is a dedicated partner of NCTC and are actively conducting programs to create Youth Peace Ambassadors.

Youth has to play a critical role in promotion of peace and in Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism. In line with the UN Secretary General’s Plan of Action on Prevention and Countering Violent Extremism, National Counter Terrorism Centre collaborates with CSOs in the Maldives to lead programs and campaigns engaging youth to encourage youth participation in the national efforts of peace and development with a specific focus on the role of youth in countering and preventing violent extremism in the Maldives.

ROLE OF WOMEN IN PREVENTING AND COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM

By Ms. Hawwa Abdul Raheem , Lecturer at College of Defence and Security Studies, MNDF



Recently the attention of the world has focused on women's role in preventing violent extremism. Continuous debates on the topic have been going on in different platforms. Women can serve as preventers of violent extremism. We

can play a better role as mothers, wives, sisters and daughters to shape the values of community. It high time we sit back and do some research to find the reasons why our young people find extremist ideologies appealing. When a child is born, we look at them with high hopes and nurture them as the apple of our eyes and

dream of giving a promising life. It's painful to watch these dreams change to nightmares.

Women and children are the main victims of terrorism. They become the victims of all the ruthless acts being committed. History has extensive proof of physical, mental, sexual and financial abuses of women, and these are still continuing. The people who promote extremism have started using a new approach to achieve their mission. The harsh truth is they have started abusing women in a new form. Terrorist group like Al Qaida and ISIS, use women as facilitators, recruiters and moral supporters of men

who fight in the front line in the conflict areas. There are organizations which fund families to raise children in extremist ideologies. If they believe that their mission to spread extremism will be completed successfully by

with extreme love and care. A child needs to feel and believe that she or he is wanted and loved. If they are embraced with love they should not seek reasons to escape.

Today it's very challenging to protect



including women, we should change our tactics and play to a more virtuous role.

Women are represented as givers of life, rather than takers of life. 'Extremists are not born but made'. A sister, a mother, a wife is the first person to observe changes in their children. If she clearly understood the consequences of her actions and worked hard, her mission would succeed. Women should initiate the search to find the push and pull factors leading to extremist ideologies. Let's not wait until it's too late to bring back our daughters and sons. First and foremost is to bring up children

children and adolescents from being influenced by extreme ideologies. Social media is at their fingertips. They are being brain-washed through creative ways and means. As a mother, a sister, or wife, let's take a lead role to observe their social changes, emotional and verbal changes, outward appearances and online behavior. Reporting these changes to the concerned authorities when appropriate will be an important step taken to save our nation. We are blessed with a peaceful country and we do not wish to see our children as our enemies. Once a woman commits to something she is ready to sacrifice her own self to achieve.