III. Resources

230 Websites and Blogs for Terrorism Research

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Abstract

This resource collection lists 230 websites and blogs which are deemed to be valuable information sources for serious researchers in the field of (counter-) terrorism studies. The first part lists websites run by academic, governmental, non-governmental, and private institutes, organisations, companies, as well as individual experts. The second part of the collection comprises blogs, many of them containing analyses of primary source materials as well as up-to-date news.

Introduction

The following resource collection lists 230 websites and blogs that are likely to be useful for students, researchers, and professionals in the field of terrorism and counter-terrorism. It is update as of end of May 2013. The first part comprises websites run by a broad spectrum of actors in the field, including academic, governmental, and private institutes, organisations, companies, and individual experts. Many of the sites contain so-called “Grey Literature”, i.e., non-conventional publications such as reports, working papers, or research briefs. Generally, grey literature is often harder to locate than conventional literature (such as journal articles or books) because it is “neglected by most library catalogs and databases”[1]. It encompasses a broad range and variety of materials. Many of the publications are original, covering topics in a thorough, in-depth fashion – often surpassing in length conventional journal articles. To find publications at a particular website, researchers are advised to search for the relevant section (often entitled “Publications”), which can be retrieved either by browsing or via the site map. A Google search with the site operator (e.g.: publications site :ctc.usma.edu) may also deliver satisfactory results.

The second part of this resource collection covers blogs maintained by terrorism experts. In the dynamic field of terrorism research, blogs are an invaluable information source as they provide users topical and thematic information. Many terrorism research blogs publish well-founded analyses of primary source materials (e.g., statements, video, and audio publications by terrorist organisations), point to news sources or expert literature and also provide links to additional relevant websites (so-called “Blogroll”). Several bloggers in the field run accompanying Twitter accounts where they tweet news headlines and information on newly released publications by terrorist and counter-terrorist organisations, enabling readers to track events in nearly real-time.
The resources assembled here were identified by scanning a variety of information sources such as bibliographies, institutional resource guides and expert blogs. Like every hand-searched resource collection, this one reflects subjective choices. Since the information requirements of researchers differ, the present resource list should not be used as single source for website and blog retrieval in the wide interdisciplinary field of terrorism studies. Especially for disciplinary sub-topics, researchers are advised to look out for additional online resources tailored to their specific needs. Readers should also keep in mind that this list focuses mainly on English-language resources. However, there is a growing amount of Internet resources available in other languages for those who have the necessary language skills.

**Websites**

Afghanistan Analysts Network (AAN), The  
[http://aan-afghanistan.com](http://aan-afghanistan.com)

Algemene Inlichtingen- en Veiligheidsdienst (AIVD)  
[https://www.aivd.nl](https://www.aivd.nl)

American Enterprise Institute (AEI) Critical Threats  
[http://www.criticalthreats.org](http://www.criticalthreats.org)

Analytic Services Inc.  
[http://www.anser.org](http://www.anser.org)

Artificial Intelligence Laboratory (AI Lab)  
[http://ai.arizona.edu](http://ai.arizona.edu)

Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC)  
[http://www.ahrc.ac.uk](http://www.ahrc.ac.uk)

Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI)  

Austrian Center for Intelligence, Propaganda and Security Studies (ACIPSS)  
[http://www.acipss.org](http://www.acipss.org)

Bangladesh Centre for Terrorism Research (BCTR)  

Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs  
[http://belfercenter.ksg.harvard.edu](http://belfercenter.ksg.harvard.edu)

Bipartisan Policy Center (BPC)  
[http://bipartisanpolicy.org](http://bipartisanpolicy.org)

Brookings Institution, The  
[http://www.brookings.edu](http://www.brookings.edu)
CATO Institute – Foreign Policy and National Security
http://www.cato.org/research/foreign-policy-national-security
CBRNE-Terrorism Newsletter
http://www.cbrne-terrorism-newsletter.com
Center for American Progress – Terrorism
http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/terrorism/view
Center for a New American Security (CNAS)
http://www.cnas.org
Center for Applied Counterterrorism Studies
https://securitystudies.uncc.edu
Center for Asymmetric Threat Studies (CATS)
http://www.fhs.se/en/research/research-centres-and-programmes/center-for-asymmetric-threat-studies
Center for Asymmetric Warfare (CAW)
http://www.cawnps.org
Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC)
http://cisac.stanford.edu
Center for Security Research and Technologies (CSRT)
http://www.uml.edu/Research/CSRT
Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)
http://sis.org
Center for Strategic Communication (CSC)
http://csc.asu.edu
Center for Terrorism and Intelligence Studies (CETIS)
http://www.cetisresearch.org/index.html
Center for Terrorism Law (CTL)
https://www.stmarytx.edu/academics/law/centers/ctl
Center for Unconventional Security Affairs (CUSA)
http://www.cusa.uci.edu
Center on Contemporary Conflict (CCC)
www.ccc.nps.navy.mil
Center on Global Counterterrorism Cooperation (CGCC)
http://www.globalct.org
Center on Law and Security, The – NYU School of Law
http://www.lawandsecurity.org
Center on Terrorism, The – John Jay College  
http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/centers/terrorism/index.php

Center on Terrorism and Irregular Warfare (CTIW), The  
http://www.nps.edu/Academics/Centers/CTIW/index.html

Centre for Advanced Security Theory (CAST)  
http://cast.ku.dk

Centre for Conflict and Peace Studies (CAPS)  
http://www.caps.af

Centre for International and Strategic Analysis (SISA)  
http://strategiskanalyse.no

Centre for Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism (PICT)  

Centre for Studies in Islamism and Radicalisation Processes (CIR) [discontinued]  
http://cir.au.dk/en

Centre for the Study of Terrorism (CFSOT), The  
http://www.cfsot.com

Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence (HCSTPV)  
http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/~cstpv

Centre for Transnational Crime Prevention (CTCP)  
http://ctcp.uow.edu.au

Centre of Excellence Defence Against Terrorism (COE-DAT)  
http://www.tmmm.tsk.tr/index.htm

Charity & Security Network (CSN)  
http://www.charityandsecurity.org

Chatham House  
http://www.chathamhouse.org

Chicago Project on Security and Terrorism (CPOST), The  
http://cpost.uchicago.edu

CNA  
http://www.cna.org

Combating Terrorism Center (CTC)  
http://www.ctc.usma.edu

Committee on Homeland Security  
http://homeland.house.gov
Consortium for Countering the Financing of Terrorism (CCFT)  
http://www.c-cft.org  
Council on Foreign Relations (CFR)  
http://www.cfr.org  
Counter Agro Terrorism Research Center (CATRC)  
http://www.catrc.org.il  
Critical Incident Analysis Group (CIAG)  
http://www.medicine.virginia.edu/clinical/departments/psychiatry/sections/cspp/ciag  
CTC Leiden, Database Terrorism, Counterterrorism and Radicalization  
http://www.terrorismdata.leiden.edu  
Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS)  
http://www.diis.dk  
Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC), The  
http://www.dtic.mil  
Demos – Violence and Extremism  
http://www.demos.co.uk/violenceandextremism  
Deutsche Arbeitsgemeinschaft Vorderer Orient für gegenwartsbezogene Forschung und Dokumentation e.V. (DAVO)  
http://www.davo1.de  
Digital Islam  
http://www.digitalislam.eu  
FATA Research Centre (FRC)  
http://www.frc.com.pk  
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), The – Terrorism  
http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/investigate/terrorism/terrorism  
Federation of American Scientists (FAS) – Congressional Research Service Reports on Terrorism  
http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/terror/index.html  
Flashpoint Partners  
http://www.flashpoint-intel.com  
Foreign Policy Research Institute (FPRI)  
http://www.fpri.org  
Forsvarets forskningsinstitutt (FFI)  
http://www.ffi.no  
Foundation for Defense of Democracies (FDD)  
http://www.defenddemocracy.org
Geneva Centre for Training and Analysis of Terrorism (GCTAT)
http://www.gctat.org
German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA)
http://www.giga-hamburg.de
GlobalSecurity.org
http://www.globalsecurity.org
Global Terrorism Database (GTD)
http://www.start.umd.edu/gtd
Global Terrorism Research Centre (GTReC)
http://artsonline.monash.edu.au/gtrec
Global Terrorism Research Project (GTRP)
http://gtrp.haverford.edu
GLORIA Center
http://www.gloria-center.org
Gulf Research Center (GRC)
http://www.grc.net
HELIOS Global
http://www.heliosglobalinc.com
Henry Jackson Society, The
http://henryjacksonsociety.org
Hessische Stiftung Friedens- und Konfliktforschung (HSFK)
http://www.hsfk.de
Homeland Security Policy Institute (HSPI)
http://www.gwumc.edu/hspi/index.cfm
Homeland Security Studies and Analysis Institute (HSSAI)
http://www.homelandsecurity.org
HUMSEC
http://www.humsec.eu
ICOS Group
http://www.icosgroup.net
IFTUS
http://www.iftus.de
IHS Jane's
http://www.janes.com
Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA)
http://www.idsa.in
International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT)
http://www.ict.org.il
International Relations and Security Network (ISN ETH Zurich)
http://www.isn.ethz.ch
International Relations and Security Network (ISN ETH Zurich) / Partnership for Peace (PfP) – Learning Management System (PfP LMS)
https://pfp.ethz.ch
International School on Disarmament and Research on Conflicts (ISODARCO)
http://www.isodarco.it/index.html
Internet Haganah
Investigative Project on Terrorism (IPT), The
http://www.investigativeproject.org
Italian Team for Security, Terroristic Issues & Managing Emergencies (ITSTIME)
http://www.itstime.it
James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy
http://www.bakerinstitute.org
Jamestown Foundation, The
http://www.jamestown.org
Jihadismstudies.net
http://www.jihadismstudies.net
Landesamt für Verfassungsschutz, Berlin, Germany
http://www.berlin.de/sen/inneres/verfassungsschutz/index.html
Manhattan Institute for Policy Research (MI)
http://www.manhattan-institute.org
Maritime Terrorism Research Center
http://www.maritimeterrorism.com
(George C.) Marshall European Center for Security Studies
http://www.marshallcenter.org
Mediterranean Council for Intelligence Studies (MCIS)
http://www.mcis-edu.org
Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism, (MIPT)
https://www.mipt.org
Michael Scheuer's Non-Intervention.com
http://non-intervention.com
MICROCON
http://www.microconflict.eu
Middle East and North Africa Research Group (MENARG)
http://www.menarg.ugent.be
Middle East Forum (MEF)
http://www.meforum.org
Middle East Institute (MEI)
http://www.mei.edu
Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI), The
http://www.memri.org
Middle East Observatory (MEO)
http://www.meobservatory.com
Middle East Virtual Library (MENALIB), The
http://ssgdoc.bibliothek.uni-halle.de
Monterey Terrorism Research and Education Program (MonTREP)
http://www.miis.edu/academics/researchcenters/terrorism
Nationaal Coördinator Terrorismebestrijding en Veiligheid (NCTV)
http://www.nctv.nl
National Center for Risk and Economic Analysis of Terrorism Events (CREATE)
http://create.usc.edu
National Center on the Psychology of Terrorism (NCPT)
http://www.terrorismpsychology.org
National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START), The
http://www.start.umd.edu/start
National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC)
http://www.nctc.gov
National Terrorism Preparedness Institute (NTPI)
http://terrorism.spcollege.edu
NEFA (Nine Eleven Finding Answers) Foundation, The
http://www.nefafoundation.org [discontinued]
NEIL DOYLE
http://neildoyle.com
Netzwerk Terrorismusforschung
http://www.netzwerk-terrorismusforschung.de
New America Foundation – Counterterrorism Strategy Initiative
http://counterterrorism.newamerica.net
NSI
http://www.nsiteam.com
Österreichisches Institut für internationale Politik (OiIP)
http://www.oiiip.ac.at
Pak Institute for Peace Studies (PIPS)
http://san-pips.com
Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)
http://www.prio.no
Philippine Institute for Peace, Violence, and Terrorism Research, Inc. (PIPVTR)
http://pipvtr.com
Phil Taylor's Web Site
http://ics-www.leeds.ac.uk/papers/index.cfm?outfit=pmt
Policy Pointers.org – Defence, Terrorism & Security
http://www.policypointers.org/PolicyAreas/Item/Defence_terrorism_and_security
Project for the Research of Islamist Movements (PRISM)
http://www.e-prism.org
Project on Violent Conflict (PVC)
http://www.albany.edu/pvc/index.shtml
Quilliam Foundation
http://www.quilliamfoundation.org
RAND Corporation – Terrorism and Homeland Security
Real Instituto Elcano (RIE)
http://www.realinstitutoelcano.org
registan
http://registan.net
Research Institute for European and American Studies (RIEAS)
http://www.rieas.gr
Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) – Mathematical and Computational Methods in Counterterrorism
http://www.rit.edu/cos/sms/cmmc/index.php
Royal United Services Institute (RUSI)
http://www.rusi.org
Russia-Eurasia Terror Watch (RETWA)
http://www.retwa.com
Triangle Center on Terrorism and Homeland Security (TCTHS)
http://tcths.sanford.duke.edu
United States Institute of Peace (USIP)
http://www.usip.org
University of Warwick / Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) – New Security Challenges
http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/pais/research/newsecurity
US Army War College (USAWC) / Strategic Studies Institute (SSI)
http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil
USC Center on Public Diplomacy
http://uscpublicdiplomacy.org
U.S. Department of State – Country Reports on Terrorism
http://www.state.gov/j/ct/rls/rls/crt
Violent Intranational Political Conflict & Terrorism (VIPCAT) Research Laboratory
http://www.wm.edu/offices/itpir/vipcat/index.php
Washington Institute, The
http://www.washingtoninstitute.org
Western Hemisphere Security Analysis Center (WHEMSAC)
http://whemsac.fiu.edu

Blogs
Abu Muqawama
http://www.cnas.org/blogs/abumuqawama
Abu Susu's Blog
http://www.abususu.blogspot.de
Activism, Religion & Media
http://research.carmenbecker.net
AfPak Channel, The
http://afpak.foreignpolicy.com
Albar Sheikh
http://albarsheikh.com
All Eyes on Jihadism
http://alleyesonjihadism.wordpress.com
All Things Counter Terrorism
http://allthingscounterterrorism.com
al Sahwa
http://www.al-sahwa.blogspot.de
al-Wasat
http://thewasat.wordpress.com
Always Judged Guilty
http://alwaysjudgedguilty.blogspot.de
Blogs of War
http://blogsofwar.com
Brown Moses Blog
http://brown-moses.blogspot.de
Camille Tawil
http://camilletawil.blogspot.de
Caucasus Report
COMOPS Journal
http://csc.asu.edu/category/comops-journal
Counterterrorism Blog [discontinued]
http://counterterrorismblog.org
FREEd!cals
http://icsr.info/category/blogs/freeradcals
Ghosts of Alexander
http://easterncampaign.com
gudmundson
http://gudmundson.blogspot.de
Informed Comment
http://www.juancole.com
James J. F. Forest
http://www.jamesforest.com
jankuhlmann.net
http://blog.jankuhlmann.net
Jarret Brachman
http://jarretbrachman.net
Jih@d
http://ojihad.wordpress.com
Jihadica
http://www.jihadica.com
Jihadi-Salafismus
http://jihadisalafismus.wordpress.com
Jihadism online
http://www.univie.ac.at/jihadism
Jihadology
http://jihadology.net
Lawfare
http://www.lawfareblog.com
Logbuch al-Qaida
http://www.spiegel.de/thema/logbuch_al_qaida
Long War Journal, The
http://www.longwarjournal.org
Legal War on Terrorism (LWOT), The
http://www.foreignpolicy.com/category/section/the_lwot
Ma'alim fi al-Tariq
http://maalamfiltariq.wordpress.com
Making Sense of Jihad
http://www.makingsenseofjihad.com
Master of Homeland Security
http://www.masterofhomelandsecurity.org
Moor Next Door, The
http://themoornextdoor.wordpress.com
Mr. Orange's War Tracker
http://theorangetracker.blogspot.de
Murphy Raid, The
http://andrewzammit.org
Online Jihad: OSINT AQ – Monitoring Jihadist Online Communities
http://online-jihad.com
On War and Words
http://onwarandwords.wordpress.com
Public Intelligence Blog
http://www.phibetaiota.net
Raffaello Pantucci
http://raffaellopantucci.com
Sahel Blog
http://sahelblog.wordpress.com
Selected Wisdom
http://selectedwisdom.com
Shimron Letters
http://www.shimronletters.blogspot.de
Small Wars Journal Blog
http://smallwarsjournal.com/blog/recent
Talisman Gate, The
http://talismangate.blogspot.de
Terrorismus & Film
http://terrorismus-film.blogspot.de
Views from the Occident
http://occident.blogspot.de
Virtually Islamic
http://virtuallyislamic.blogspot.de
Waq al-Waq
http://bigthink.com/blogs/waq-al-waq
WEBehavior
http://alixlevine.blogspot.de

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