
Welcome from the Editor

Dear Reader,

We are pleased to announce the release of Volume VIII, Issue 6 (December 2014) of *Perspectives on Terrorism* at www.terrorismanalysts.com. Our free online journal is a joint publication of the *Terrorism Research Initiative* (TRI), headquartered in Vienna (Austria), and the *Center for Terrorism and Security Studies* (CTSS), headquartered at the Lowell Campus of the University of Massachusetts (United States).

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This issue begins with a presentation of research data and analysis by Petter Nesser and Anne Stenersen who have catalogued planned, foiled, failed and completed jihadist attacks in Europe. Then Vincent Bernatis examines the use of Twitter by the Taliban in Afghanistan. This is followed by Paul Kamolnick's detailed critique of ideological contradictions and disagreements between al-Qaeda's spokesman Adam Gadahn and a group of militant but respected Islamic scholars. The Resources section features an extensive chronology by Ioannis Mantzikos, listing attacks by Boko Haram, a terrorist group that has managed to conquer and hold territory in the north of Nigeria. Recent and older publications on Single Issue Terrorism and Terrorism and (Social) Media are provided by Eric Price and Judith Tinnes in their bibliographies. The book reviews section by Joshua Sinai highlights new publications as well as some older ones worth mentioning.

This issue of the journal was prepared by the co-editor of *Perspectives on Terrorism*, Prof. James Forest, at the University of Massachusetts Lowell, while the next issue (February 2015) will be prepared in the European offices of the *Terrorism Research Initiative* (TRI) in collaboration with guest editor Paul Gill (University College London).