

## Recent Online Resources for the Analysis of Terrorism and Related Subjects

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### **Introductory Note by the Editor**

*The amount of new publications, reports, policy papers, lectures, presentations, videos and briefings in the field of terrorism and counter-terrorism can be overwhelming for the untrained researcher as well as for young counterterrorist professionals. In the following, a selection of recent open-source online publications, grouped into a dozen categories, has been made by a seasoned former intelligence analyst. An attempt has been made to select items from a variety of sources and positions, presenting different perspectives. Selection not necessarily means endorsement for certain positions or specific lines of argumentation. In addition, an attempt has been made to include also a number of non-terrorist items from the broader spectrum of political violence and armed conflicts.*

*All the items included here surfaced online in the period beginning of April to beginning of June 2017.*

*'Perspectives on Terrorism' plans to offer its readers regular updates in future issues of our journal, categorised in the same format:*

1. *Non-Religious Terrorism: Actors, Groups, Incidents and Campaigns*
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4. *Conflict, Crime and Political Violence other than Terrorism*
5. *Counter-Terrorism – General*
6. *Counter-Terrorist Strategies, Tactics and Operations*
7. *State Repression and Civil War at Home and Clandestine & Open Warfare Abroad*
8. *Prevention and Preparedness Studies (including Countering Violent Extremism, De-Radicalization, Counter-Narratives)*
9. *Intelligence*
10. *Cyber Operations*
11. *Risk & Threat Assessments, Forecasts, Analytical Studies*
12. *Also Worth Reading*

### **1. Non-religious Terrorism: Actors, Groups, Incidents and Campaigns**

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