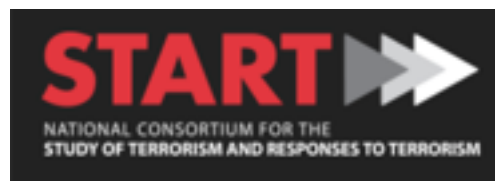


START



Region: World

Organisation responsible: University of Maryland

Period: Since 2015

Activity: The National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism—better known as START—is a university-based research and education centre comprised of an international network of scholars committed to the scientific study of the causes and human consequences of terrorism in the United States and around the world.

Objectives

Conducting original investigations into fundamental questions about terrorism, including:

What is the nature of terrorism in the world today? How has terrorist activity evolved over time? How does terrorism vary across geographies? And what do these trends indicate about likely future terrorism?

Under what conditions does an individual or a group turn to terrorism to pursue its goals? What is the nature of the radicalization process?

How does terrorism end? What are the processes of deradicalization and disengagement from terrorism for groups and individuals?

What actions can governments take to counter the threat of terrorism?

What impact does terrorism and the threat of terrorism have on communities, and how can societies enhance their resilience to minimize the potential impacts of future attacks?

Description

START experts apply a range of research methods to the exploration of these questions in order to deliver findings based on the best available open-source evidence and data. At the heart of START's work are the principles that the research it is conducting must be both scientifically rigorous and directly relevant to homeland security professionals.

Beneficiaries

Decision-makers, Academic community

GOAL 1: Monitor the drivers and impact of all forms of violent extremism

(53) Promote agreements with the academia and think tanks to promote critical research on the causes conducive to and drivers of ALL violent extremists.