



A Bi-National Symposium on the Impact of Global Terrorism on Police and Policing



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(from left) Dr. David Hagy, Minister Dicter and Ambassador Richard Jones

by the Ministry of Public Security, were implemented within the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding for a research partnership between the Bureau of the Chief Scientist (BCS) at the Ministry of Public Security in Israel and the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) at the Department of Justice in the USA, aimed at cooperation and collaboration in research, development, testing and evaluation of policies and technologies.

The Symposium was attended by Dr. David Hagy, Acting Principal Deputy Director of the National Institute of Justice (NIJ). The National Institute of Justice was also represented by Dr. Thomas Feucht, NIJ Deputy Director for Research and Evaluation, Dr. John Morgan, NIJ Deputy Director for Science and Technology and Ms. Lois Mock, NIJ Senior Social Science Analyst. The Ministry of Public

In an era when global terrorism affects every aspect of our life, the Ministry of Public Security and the National Institute of Justice in the United States joined forces in examining its affect specifically on police forces and policing methods while aiming at strengthening the world's last line of defense against terrorism – the police officers patrolling our streets.

A two day bi-national symposium took place in Jerusalem on October 23rd, 2007, jointly headed by the Chief Scientist's Bureau in the Ministry of Public Security and the National Institute of Justice in the United States (NIJ). The symposium, titled

“To Protect and to Serve: Police and Policing in the Age of Terrorism and Beyond”, focused on the subject of the effects of global terrorism on police and policing.

The symposium brought together leading researchers from Israel and United States who conducted researches over the year prior to the symposium investigating various aspects of the effects that terrorism has on policing strategies and on society at large. The objective of the symposium was to report, analyze, discuss and summarize the research findings. The research projects, initiated

Security was represented by Eliezer Rosenbaum, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Public Security; Prof. Israel Barak, Chief Scientist and Director of the Bureau of the Chief Scientist at the Ministry of Public Security; Idit Hakimi, (Ph.d.), Head of Social and Behavioral Division, at the Bureau of the Chief Scientist, Ministry of Public Security; other heads of departments in the Ministry and other Ministry officials.

The professional panel included a selected group

of American police chiefs including Ronal W. Serpas, Chief of Police, Metropolitan Nashville Police Department; James Corwin, Chief of Police, Kansas City, Missouri and Jim Bueermann, Chief of Police, Redlands Police Department, California.

The researchers presented their findings over the two days regarding various aspects of the effects terrorism has had in the past, and will have in the future, on police and policing strategies in democratic societies.

Among the topics discussed over the two day symposium:

Trends in Modern International Terrorism and Methods for coping:

Dr. Boaz Ganor from the Israel Center for Terrorism at the Herzelia Inter-Disciplinary Center

Global Terrorism, Democracy and Crime:

Prof. Gary La Free from the University of Maryland

The Impact of Terrorism on the Police:

Prof. David Weisburd from the Hebrew University

Police Strategies to Counter Terrorism:

Professors Cynthia Lum from George Mason University, and Prof. Maki Haberfeld from John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York

Implications of Terrorism on the Formal and Social Organization of Policing:

Jack Green from Northeastern University and Dr. Sergio Herzog, Hebrew University



During the symposium

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Prof. Israel Barak, Chief Scientist, Ministry of Public Security

The Impacts of Policing Terrorism on Society and the Community:

Prof. Dr. Badi Huseissi from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and Prof. Geoffrey Alpert from the University of South Carolina in the USA

Guest lectures throughout the symposium were given by the Commissioner of the Israel Police, Inspector General Dudi Cohen and the Deputy Commissioner of the Israel Police, Major General Shahar Ayalon.

While speaking to the editor of Innovation Exchange, Dr. David Hagy, Acting Principle Deputy Director of the NIJ, spoke about the cooperation with Israel: “Our partnership with Israel is very important to us. That is why NIJ made a significant investment in these research papers and to this valuable symposium. Naturally, most our work with Israel is related to terrorism. We recognize the high price Israel has paid responding to terrorist events, and we are grateful for Israel’s willingness

Chief Scientist’s Bureau

The Bureau of the Chief Scientist is a professional scientific agency within the Ministry of Public Security, whose principal responsibility is to develop, formulate and promulgate science-driven law enforcement policy as it relates to public security and combating crime in the State of Israel.

Goals and Objectives

- To provide policy guidance in the areas of public security and combating crime
- To generate scientific and technological information and knowledge, as well as basic applied research and development
- To disseminate up to date scientific and technological know-how to public security agencies
- To offer and promote expert opinion and advice to the Minister of Public Security regarding scientific and technological matters
- To develop and maintain scientific and professional ties, both nationally and internationally

The Organizational Structure of the Bureau

The Bureau of the Chief Scientist consists of two main divisions:

- The Social and Behavior Sciences Division
- The Natural Sciences, Exact and Physical Sciences and Technology Division

In each of the above scientific disciplines the Bureau initiates, promotes, co-ordinates, supervises and implements research and development activities in order to aid the Ministry of Public Security in carrying out its operational responsibilities in Israel.

to share the wisdom of this experience with us. We have a lot to learn from Israel; especially in the policing/terrorism field, and this can help to inform NIJ’s research activities in the future. We’re also here to see how NIJ’s knowledge and experience about policing in the U.S. can be beneficial to Israel’s policing and research.”

The opening session of the symposium was held in the presence of the American Ambassador to Israel, H.H. Richard H. Jones and the Minister of Public Security, Avi Dicter, who gave the keynote lecture titled :”Fighting Terrorism in a Democratic Society: Challenges, Opportunities and Implications”.

The American Ambassador to Israel, H.H. Richard H. Jones thanked the Ministry and the NIJ for inviting him and spoke about the struggle against global terror and the importance of the cooperation between the two countries. “The war against terrorism is intertwined – from the local police to the federal agencies,

from Israel to the United States; your mission is critical and daunting. I commend you for your efforts and all your hard and dangerous work, but also for putting this important symposium together”

Minister Dicter spoke about the similarities between criminals and terrorists – both who ignore the danger and harm they cause to innocent people, while using the poor and weak.

“The key word in combating terror is ‘responsibility’” said the Minister. “In regards to the battle against terror, reasonability is shared by the army, the Israel Security Agency (Shabak) and the police. Although it is impossible to share responsibility in any other field, it is done here. When it comes to crime, there is one agency which bears the sole responsibility: the police. The public know this, the media knows this. Yet when a suicide bomber reaches his target, whose responsibility is it? In a democratic society, we want to know who is responsible for our safety”.

“We have created an excellent network between the United States and Israel when fighting terror and crime. It is now time to implement that same model on a local level here in Israel. The question is not whether a democratic society can fight terrorism. It most definitely can. The question is how we do so. The pit of terror has a bottom, yet we don’t have to reach it. We must reach a critical mass that will have an effect on the phenomenon called global terror. That is our job”.

Over the two intensive days, the symposium and its participants confronted and discussed important topics on policing in an era of global terrorism with a hope for a stronger battle against terrorism. Among other things, the end product of the symposium may be the formulation of new ideas and policies regarding how to organize and deploy the police in the face of the threats identified.



(from left) Dr. Idit Hakimi; Police Chief Ronal Serpas; Commissioner Dudi Cohen; Commander Idit Biton; and Police Chief James Corwin