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EASO COI QUERY FINAL ANSWER

Jihadist/terrorist profiles: COI research and products

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Question/Subject

- 1. Do you conduct specialised research on jihadist/terrorist profiles and do you have specific COI products (tables/breakdowns of jihadist groups, fighters, etc.) available for COI researchers/decision-makers on Jihadism/Terrorism?
- 2. If so, could this information be made available to all EU+ countries?

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The target audience is case workers, COI researchers, policy makers, and decision making authorities.

The answer was finalised in Malta on 30 June 2017. Any event taking place after this date is not included in this answer.

Contributing Countries

The final answer is based on information provided by COI specialists/units from BE, CZ, DK, EE, LU, NO, PT, SE, SI and SK.

Answer

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The majority of the answers received from the a.m. EU+ countries indicate that no specialised research is conducted on jihadist/terrorist profiles and no specific COI products are available for researchers/decision-makers on the topic.

BE shared the COI Focus dated 4 April 2017 on 'Syria, Info over het Counter-Terrorism Court' (in Dutch).

Two EU+ countries indicated that although they do not conduct specific research on the topic, they do so in regards to individual queries (SE and SK).

SE added that 'some of Lifos-reports may contain certain chapters relating to Jihadism/Terrorism' where an overview and basic background information is provided. Examples are public and can be found below. One on the security situation on Somalia (with extensive English summary and general information on Al Shabaab), another on Boko Haram (in Swedish only).

SK indicated that the Department of Documentation and Foreign Cooperation of the Migration Office of the SK Republic compiled a number of recent COI queries on different terrorist groups.

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The documents referred to by BE and SK may be found as attachments to this query answer.

Below are the active links to the examples indicated by SE on reports containing chapters relating to Jihadism/Terrorism:

Lifos,

Landrapport Somalia – En sammanfattande analys av säkerhetssituationen, rättsväsendet och civilas situation, 16 June 2016 (http://lifos.migrationsverket.se/dokument?documentSummaryId=37520), accessed 29 June 2017.

Temarapport: Rekrytering till Boko Haram, 8 July 2015 (http://lifos.migrationsverket.se/dokument?documentSummaryId=35231), accessed 29 June 2017.