



STATE SECURITY: PREVENTION AND FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM IN THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

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Abstract

: This article examines the key aspects of the state policy of the Republic of Uzbekistan in the field of combating terrorism. Particular attention is paid to legislative measures, efforts of law enforcement agencies, as well as preventive work with young people and religious circles. The experience of Uzbekistan in countering extremism is analyzed, including cooperation with international organizations and partners within the framework of regional initiatives. The article emphasizes the importance of an integrated approach, including both force methods and ideological work aimed at strengthening social stability and preventing radicalization.

Keywords: Terrorism, Uzbekistan, prevention of terrorism, radicalization, extremism, legal framework, anti-terrorism measures.

Introduction

Terrorism in the modern world is one of the most serious threats to the security and stability of states. Uzbekistan, as an important regional player in Central Asia, also faces challenges related to the prevention of terrorist activity. The country's geographical location, social and political changes, as well as globalization contribute to the emergence of new threats that require special attention from government agencies and the international community. Over the past decades, Uzbekistan has faced a number of terrorist attacks, particularly in the late 1990s and early 2000s. This period saw the rise of extremist groups such as the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan (IMU) and other radical organizations that attempted to



exploit social instability and economic hardship in the region to spread their ideology. One of the key tasks has become the neutralization of the terrorist threat and the prevention of recruitment of citizens into radical groups. State bodies and law enforcement officials are actively fighting and working to prevent extremist ideas, preventing radicalization that may lead to disruption of order and life in society, taking measures to suppress the activities of these groups, as well as to improve cooperation with international organizations.

Measures to prevent terrorism. In order to effectively counter terrorist threats, Uzbekistan has developed a multi-level system of measures aimed at preventing the spread of radical ideas, strengthening security and cooperation in the international arena.

1. Legal framework and state policy Uzbekistan has created a reliable legal basis for the fight against terrorism and extremism. The country has a law on countering terrorism, which regulates measures to prevent, identify and suppress terrorist activities. One of the most important aspects of the law is strict control over the activities of religious organizations in order to prevent the spread of radical ideas under the guise of religious teachings.

2. Law enforcement agencies and security Law enforcement agencies play an important role in the fight against terrorism. National security and public order are under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the State Security Service and other law enforcement agencies. Anti-terrorist exercises are systematically conducted, borders are strengthened, modern technologies are introduced to monitor and analyze threats.

3. Educational work and prevention of radicalization One of the key areas of the fight against terrorism in Uzbekistan is the prevention of radicalization of the population, especially among young people. To this end, various forms of educational work are used, including lectures, seminars and meetings with religious leaders who explain the true content of Islamic teachings and condemn extremism. Particular attention is paid to education and cultural programs aimed at fostering tolerance and understanding of the diversity of religious and cultural traditions. Not only schools and universities, but also the media and social networks, which are used to promote anti-extremist ideas, play an important role in this process.



4. International cooperation Uzbekistan actively cooperates with international organizations such as the UN, OSCE and SCO to develop effective measures to combat terrorism. International conferences and forums are regularly held to discuss security issues in the region and exchange experience in the fight against extremism.

One of the most important aspects of international cooperation is Uzbekistan's participation in global anti-terrorist operations. Joint exercises with neighboring countries such as Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan help strengthen regional security and exchange information on terrorist groups. Prospects and Next Steps In order to successfully prevent terrorism in Uzbekistan, it is necessary to continue implementing comprehensive measures aimed at improving security, raising citizens' awareness of the risks of extremism and radicalism, and strengthening international cooperation.

1. Strengthening social stability It is important to continue working to improve the socio-economic situation of the population, especially in remote areas where the standard of living is lower. This will help prevent radicalization and reduce the likelihood of citizens being recruited into terrorist organizations.

2. Improving security technologies The development of modern technologies, such as artificial intelligence, monitoring systems and big data analysis, can significantly improve the ability of law enforcement agencies to prevent terrorist attacks and identify potential threats.

3. Strengthening international cooperation In the context of globalization and increasing cross-border threats, it is important to continue active cooperation with the international community, as well as expand cooperation in the field of intelligence sharing and joint anti-terrorist operations.

Conclusion

Preventing terrorism in Uzbekistan requires a comprehensive approach that includes both internal security and prevention measures and active international cooperation. Improving social stability, educating young people, and introducing modern technologies play a key role in preventing radicalization and extremism.



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