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## EU launch border security cooperation programme in North Africa

This month the European Union has launched a programme to support border security in North Africa and the Sahel region.

This is an important recognition of the fact that despite being the other side of the Mediterranean, North African nations are the EU's immediate neighbours and therefore vital partners in securing EU's borders and security.

The French have been preaching this mantra for decades, which is why they were the first to involve themselves in Mali and Libya.

But for Northern Europeans it has taken the Arab spring, regional wars, international terrorism and the worst migration crisis since WWII to recognise the fact.

Instability in Middle Eastern, sub-Saharan and North African nations such as Libya pose a major threat to their North African neighbours and by implication, to Europe.

The programme starts with six African countries Algeria, Tunisia, Niger, Mauritania, Mali and Burkina Faso.

This is the first EU supported programme promoting border security cooperation at regional levels among North African countries and is part of the EU's overall objective to reduce the risk of hazardous materials (e.g. Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN)) being misused for criminal or other malicious purposes.

The programme has three main components:

1. Standardisation and adaptation of legislative texts relating to hazardous materials and border security in line with international standards, while taking into account regional specificities.
2. Provision of specialised and technical regional training to enable border personnel to efficiently respond to incidents involving hazardous materials.

3. Measures to improve information exchange between agencies in charge of border controls.

The programme called "Strengthening cross-border capacity for control and detection of CBRN substances" will run for 3 years with a total budget of €3.5 million and will be implemented by the French public Agency "Expertise France" which is only fitting.

Converting the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) into a fully operational agency for the EU's external borders was a long overdue first step towards securing the EU's borders.

But in the long run, it will be outreach programmes like this, helping others, to help themselves, to help ourselves, which will prove more effective in securing the future!

Tony Kingham  
Editor

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# TOURISM AS A DRIVER FOR PEACE

BY WORLD TRAVEL & TOURISM COUNCIL



Countries with a more open and sustainable tourism sector tend to be more peaceful. This research looks for the first time at the empirical links between tourism and peace.

*Travel & Tourism has often been recognised for its ability to drive peace, security and understanding. World leaders, from John F Kennedy to Bill Clinton to Tony Blair, have highlighted the importance of the sector. Now, for the first time, the World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTC) has partnered with the Institute of Economics and Peace (IEP) to explore the links between tourism and peace.*

Many world leaders have highlighted the importance of the sector, which supports 10% of global GDP and 1 in 11 of the world's jobs, not only as an economic force but as a force for good.

However, while it is widely argued that travel promotes cultural interchange and understanding which brings people together and in turn creates more peaceful societies,



to date, there is little empirical evidence to support these views.

To explore the empirical links between tourism and peace, the World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTC), a global organisation representing the Travel & Tourism private sector partnered with the Institute of Economics and Peace (IEP) to produce a report.

"Tourism as a Driver for Peace" uses IEP's three indices<sup>1</sup> that look at peacefulness and compared them to a composite Tourism Index that was developed specifically for this study. The Tourism Index brought together indicators across political, cultural, social and environmental domains, which combined, are representative of the health or sustainability of a country's tourism sector.

The research shows how important an open and sustainable tourism sector can be for the levels of peace in a country and serves as a starting point for further empirical analysis of the relationship between tourism and peace.

### Tourism, terror and conflict

Increases in tourism sustainability can lead to improvements of the functioning of governments. Governments respond to tourists' demands which can create a welcoming environment for further tourism expansion.

This ultimately means that countries with open and sustainable tourism sectors tend to be more resilient to terror or conflict. In

non-conflict affected countries, even when the security situation of a country deteriorates, tourism sustainability does not necessarily suffer. Countries who score poorly on the Tourism Index are also those who tend to see extreme scores on the IEP's Terrorism Index. Countries who have higher scores on the Tourism Index have milder terrorism scores.

In conflict-affected countries, of which all saw their levels of peace drop in the period between 2008 and 2015, those that had more open and sustainable tourism sectors saw a significantly lower drop in peace than countries with less sustainable tourism sectors.

The results from the analysis indicate that the Tourism Index is also a good predictor of future levels of overall positive peace - countries

that have more open and sustainable tourism sectors will likely enjoy higher levels of positive peace in the future by having the attitudes, institutions and structures which create and sustain peaceful societies.

### Creating peace

Over the last decade the world has become increasingly unequal in terms of its levels of peacefulness, with the most peaceful countries enjoying increasing levels of peace and prosperity, while the least peaceful countries are facing greater levels of violence and conflict.

The global average change between 2008 and 2015 in the Tourism Index was an improvement of 10%, showing that countries were improving their



<sup>1</sup>. negative peace i.e. the absence of violence is measured in their Global Peace Index; positive peace, or the levels of institutions and attitudes in place to foster and promote peace, is measured in their Positive Peace Index and the negative impact of terrorism on lives lost, injuries and property damage is measured by their Global Terrorism Index

openness and sustainability. Over the same time period, the world has become a more violent place and the global average change in the Global Peace Index was a drop of 2.4% (indicating higher levels of conflict and violence).

Analysing conflict affected countries separately to the rest of the world tells a more nuanced story. Between 2008 and 2015, the average change in Tourism Index for conflict-affected countries was a deterioration of 14.8%, whilst non-conflict countries saw an average improvement of 12.8%.

- The Election Period Tourism Operating procedures in Kenya, set up in response to tourist fluctuations around election time, provides a platform for stakeholders to work together to promote and maintain peace during periods of heightened political tensions.

- In Namibia, the development of the tourism sector has led to local communities developing skills such as languages and trades such as cooking, leading to increased human capital development.



million jobs in 2015, which is 1 in 11 jobs worldwide.

Furthermore, Travel & Tourism brings people together as it connects travelers to local communities stimulating knowledge of cultures and traditions and therefore overcoming any fear of the unknown.

In a world of increasing risk and security concerns, this research is compelling evidence of why governments should continue to focus on tourism development for the good of their people, and make policy decisions that balance the safety of their citizens with the continued facilitation of travel for business and leisure purposes.

The full study can be found at <http://www.wttc.org/-/media/files/reports/special-and-periodic-reports/tourism-as-a-driver-of-peace--full-report-copyrighted.pdf>

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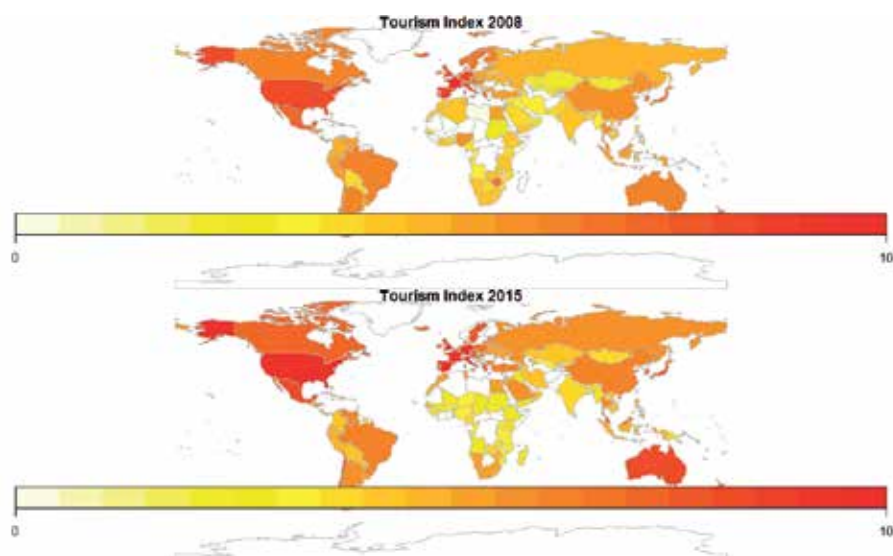


Figure 1: Global distribution of the Tourism Index 2008 and 2015

Countries that score higher on the Tourism Index (a score closer to ten) have more open and sustainable tourism sectors

## Case studies

The report looked at various case studies including the following:

- In Nepal, the government response to increased influxes of tourists to Pokhara led to the implementation of Codes of Conduct for Peace Responsive Tourism to guide the behaviours of all stakeholders.

## Tourism a force for good

As part of WTTTC's Tourism for Tomorrow strategy, the organisation highlights that tourism is a force for good and brings an enormous economic and social benefit to the world community. Travel & Tourism generates around US\$7.2 trillion to the world economy, which is nearly 10% of total global GDP. Additionally it supported over 284

## INTERPOL strengthens cooperation in combating corruption in Africa



INTERPOL Secretary General Jürgen Stock has said that regional law enforcement cooperation in Central Africa is interconnected with security efforts across Africa and beyond.

Speaking at a meeting of security ministers

from countries of the Central African Police Chiefs Committee (CAPCCO) which was officially opened by Prime Minister of Equatorial Guinea, Francisco Pascual Obama Asue, the Head of INTERPOL said crimes in one region can affect other parts of Africa and outside the continent, and vice versa.

“In the face of global threats, Central Africa is impacted like other regions on the continent or around the world. INTERPOL’s unique global presence and reach are crucial to help link investigations outside the region and continent. For policing to be effective, we must look to provide a global response to regional threats,” said Secretary General Stock.

## Global response to terrorism must evolve with the threat

The Head of INTERPOL has said that the global response to transnational terrorism must adapt to the evolving and expanding nature of the threat.

Speaking at an international ministerial meeting on Countering the Cross-Border Movement of Terrorism, Secretary General Jürgen Stock said effective information sharing, capacity building and regional structures underpin the global response to terrorism, bolstered by INTERPOL’s unique global reach.

“Across the world, attacks are becoming less predictable. Soft targets dominate the picture, and radicalization cycles are shortening. This

requires faster decisions at the frontlines and at borders,” said Secretary General Stock.

With international police investigations relying on up-to-date global data, and greater access to INTERPOL’s criminal databases, Mr Stock said that more information is required to help identify potential links to terrorism via its databases.

As recognized by UN Security Council Resolution 2178 (2014), sharing information through INTERPOL’s global network is vital to better identify and prevent the travel of suspected foreign terrorist fighters (FTFs).

## Regional border security focus of INTERPOL training in Brunei

Enhancing border security across Southeast Asia was the focus of an INTERPOL training course held under the framework of the EU-ASEAN Migration and Border Management Programme II.

Hosted by the Royal Brunei Police Force,

the training course on integrated border management aims to build the capacity of countries in the region to address crimes such as illegal immigration, people smuggling and illicit trade, as well as terrorism, using INTERPOL’s global policing capabilities.



## OSCE supports advanced training course in Germany on addressing cross-border challenges in identification of foreign terrorist fighters



An OSCE-supported training course for 17 border security and management officers and counter-terrorism experts from participating States and Partners for Co-operation countries on the identification of foreign terrorist fighters (FTF) concluded today in Garmish-Partenkirchen, Germany. The one-week course is the second stage of a multi-phase project to establish the first ever OSCE multi-national and multi-agency mobile training team for the identification of FTF at the borders.

The OSCE Transnational Threats Department (TNTD) conducted the training course in close co-operation with the OSCE Border Management Staff College and with the support of the Partnership for Peace Consortium of Defence Academies and Security Studies Institute, the German representation at the George C. Marshall Center and the Security Governance Group.

The training course was supported by experts from international and regional organizations, including INTERPOL, the United Nations Counter Terrorism Center, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, as well as national experts from Austria, Finland, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.

The first deployment of the team is scheduled for late 2016.

## OSCE supports workshop on best practices in border surveillance for Kazakh, Kyrgyz and Tajik border officials

A five-day OSCE-supported workshop for twenty border officials from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan on best practices in border surveillance concluded today at the OSCE Border Management Staff College in Dushanbe.

The workshop was a combination of lectures and hands-on exercises during which the participants exchanged experiences and learned about modern border surveillance systems. Among the topics discussed were strengths and weaknesses, needs and tasks of border structures; external and internal influences; co-operation enhancement requirements, and interoperability between forces on the spot.

"The prevention of illegal cross-border activities and the fight against criminal networks implies the implementation of thorough and comprehensive surveillance and control systems at borders," said Dita Nowicka, Director of the OSCE Border Management Staff College. She noted that the event demonstrated the need to discuss the existing and emerging threats as well as further enhancement of co-operation between border professionals from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.



## Modern security challenges and border management discussed at OSCE-led course in Vienna

Twenty mid- to senior-level border security and management officials from Australia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Portugal, Tajikistan, Tunisia, and Ukraine attended the study sessions organized as part of the one-year blended learning course on Border Security and Management for Senior Leadership (BSMSL). The course is co-organized by the OSCE Border Management Staff College and the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) and combines in-class lectures and online learning with the aim of

enhancing the professional skills of current and future border security managers in international standards.

The workshop focused on cross-border dilemmas, highlighting current and emerging migration trends and challenges, human trafficking issues and counter-strategies, the world drug map and drug economy, the financial disruption of drug trafficking, anti-corruption techniques, cyber security threats and legislation, the phenomenon of foreign fighters, and counter-terrorism strategies, among other topics.

## Border and customs officers trained on border inspections at regional OSCE-supported event in Kazakhstan

An OSCE-supported workshop for 20 border guards and customs officers from Central Asian countries on border inspection ethics and public service standards took place in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

The three-day event, organized by the EU-funded Border Management in Central Asia

Programme (BOMCA) and the OSCE Programme Office in Astana, aimed to strengthening the capacity of border control and customs officers in identification and profiling mechanisms, which would help them to better categorize different types of persons crossing the borders while respecting human rights.

## UNHCR, OSCE welcome decision to form Co-ordination Team to monitor implementation of refugees and displaced persons rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees' Regional Representation for South-Eastern Europe (UNHCR) in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Mission to BiH welcome the decision of the BiH Council of Ministers to form a Co-ordination Team to follow the implementation of rights of refugees and displaced persons under Annex VII of the Dayton Peace Accords.

The Co-ordination Team will consist of the Ministers for Human Rights and Refugees, Civil Affairs, Security, Finances and Treasury,

and Foreign Affairs. Follow-up on the implementation of rights under Annex VII will include actions as set out in the Revised Strategy for the Implementation of Annex VII.



## International Criminal Network Behind Large-Scale Payment Fraud Dismantled



The Italian Polizia Postale e delle Comunicazioni in close cooperation with the Romanian DIICOT, the General Inspectorates of the Romanian Police and Gendarmerie and Europol, disrupted an international criminal group responsible for large-scale misuse of compromised payment card data, prostitution and money laundering. Composed mainly of Romanian nationals, the criminal network used sophisticated ATM skimming devices which allowed them to compromise ATMs and deceptive phishing techniques to perform a high volume of fraudulent transactions in the area of Milan and Monza (Italy). Estimated losses incurred by the criminals' activities amount to several hundred thousands of euros.

This operation resulted in multiple house searches, the detention of 14 individuals of which 7 were arrested in Italy and Romania. Micro camera bars, card readers, magnetic strip readers and writers, computers, phones and flash drives, several vehicles, as well as thousands of plastic cards ready to be encoded

were seized in several locations in Romania and Italy as part of this operation.

The primary modus operandi of the criminals was to harvest financial data from different attack vectors such as ATMs skimming and phishing. The compromised card data was used to create fake payment cards which were subsequently used to perform a high volume of fraudulent transactions in the area of Milan. To secure the exchange of sensitive information among the members of the criminal group, the associates used a digital version of the pizzino<sup>1</sup> on encrypted internet based communication services.

Europol's European Cybercrime Centre (EC3) started supporting the case earlier this year and helped the involved law enforcement authorities in their efforts to identify the suspects. Operational meetings were held at Europol's headquarters in The Hague and EC3 provided analytical support and expertise throughout the investigation including the deployment of a mobile office during the final action day to assist the Italian and Romanian authorities on-the-spot.

## Latest Trend in Migrant Smuggling

Between early 2015 and the summer of 2016, the picture of migrant smuggling to and within the EU has undergone significant changes. One key development is the shift in migrant smuggling routes used to enter the EU and reach preferred destination countries. In the past weeks, crossings along the Eastern Mediterranean route have increased, whereas the Central Mediterranean route continues to be the primary entry route for migrant smuggling into the EU in 2016.

A number of features of migrant smuggling remain nonetheless consistent throughout the

whole period under consideration. Smugglers have demonstrated a constant ability to adapt to stricter border controls and use new routes and modi operandi to evade law enforcement attention and maintain their highly profitable business. Bottlenecks and informal camps have emerged at intra-Schengen border areas where stricter controls have been implemented (Idomeni, Dunkirk, Como etc.). As a result these have become a preferred place for smugglers to advertise their services to stranded migrants, increasingly offering fraudulent documents to allow them to move forward into the EU.

# OUTSOURCING BORDERS

BY TONY KINGHAM



The UK Home Office recently asked private companies to bid for an estimated £80 million contract to provide “40 Authorised Search Officers, 24 hours per day, 365 days per year” for the Eurotunnel, Calais and Dunkerque ports. Now, whilst this has caused quite a stir in some quarters, outsourcing roles traditionally performed by in-country border officers is nothing new, not even in the UK.

Wagtail UK have been providing Live Body Detection dog teams for UK Border Force at ports in Northern France since 2008. They

provide trained dogs and handlers to detect the presence of human scent concealed in or on freight and vehicles leaving Northern France bound for the UK. Since the start of the contract they have successfully detected many thousands of illegal immigrants trying to enter the UK.

The management of the detention “holding facilities” at the Eurotunnel and Dunkerque ports, is already outsourced to Tascor, a Capita plc subsidiary, as part of another mammoth border security contract for all deportation “escorting” and short term detention facilities.

The UK is not alone in outsourcing border functions to private companies. Other countries have gone much further.

In Kuwait, International Vehicle and Container Inspection Services Company (IVACIS) provides a services solution for Port, Border, Frontier and Point of Entry security inspection and screening requirements.

IVACIS begins with the primary function of conducting electronic scanning of vehicles and cargo using their own scanners, and offer a full range of inspection functionality for the detection of contraband, explosives and narcotics. They largely recruit locally and are responsible for training local staff.

IVACIS maintain a local maintenance facility, complete with the necessary spare parts and materials to ensure continuous operations.

IVACIS operate on a shared-income basis, deriving its revenue



from a percentage of customs duties paid.

Kudumba has a similar approach in Mozambique. Part of the contract is to supply some of the very latest equipment and technologies. It is up to Kudumba to supply and operate the equipment at its own expense. Again Kudumba makes its revenue by collecting tariffs for its services direct from customs revenues.

As part of the contract Kudumba purchased and deployed a range of high-energy non-intrusive inspection systems for the inspection of all cargo, (whether containerized or bulk/break bulk) entering, exiting and transiting Mozambican borders.

This initial deployment was to the Port of Maputo using a Nuctech High Energy X-Ray 4MeV MT1213LT mobile system mounted on a Volvo F12 vehicle chassis.

Other inspection capabilities were also provided within the port site, including a comprehensive CCTV system, a Radiation Portal Monitor RM 2000, trace detection capability and under-vehicle surveillance system (UVSS).

These systems permit the electronic and non-intrusive inspection of goods for customs purposes, but also provides assistance with the identification of firearms, explosives and different contraband materials.

Another part of Kudumba's contract is to implement and ensure the transfer of skills and technologies to the customs and law enforcement agencies to combat tax evasion, thereby

increasing customs revenues and technologies.

Whilst there are clearly concerns about this sort of approach the benefit to the authorities and tax payer are considerable.

The first to consider in the case of the UK contracts is the human factor. Manpower is often the single biggest cost to any organisation. It's not just the cost of monthly wages but the costs involved in recruitment, training, in-work benefits such as sick pay, maternity/paternity leave and of course, pensions.

On top of the direct costs of each employee are the associated costs of administering all of the above, which means more employees with all their associated costs, plus office space and capital equipment.

The contractor takes on all of these responsibilities, so the benefit of outsourcing is obvious.

In the case of IVACIS and Kudumba, again there are even greater advantages to be had as much of the equipment needed at the border is very expensive, especially the large scale non-intrusive scanners for the big trucks and containers.

The outsourcing approach to border management could have huge attractions for cash-strapped governments still struggling to cope with the post financial crisis, but particularly in developing countries in Africa and elsewhere. According to data from the UN Council of Trade and Development, between 40 per cent and 80 per cent of revenues from developing countries are derived from the customs revenues.



They need the equipment, personnel, training and infrastructure to collect the revenues but find it hard to raise the considerable sums necessary to purchase the equipment and recruit and train the staff.

By contracting this border function to a private company, it becomes the contracted company's responsibility to provide the necessary financing to purchase the equipment, supply and train the staff, provide logistic support and undertake maintenance. The company collects its tariff and the government collects the revenues.

It is a model that has huge possibilities. No longer should

it always be assumed that it is necessary for governments to become the owners and operators of huge amounts of expensive equipment or the employer of everyone that works on behalf of the state.

Clearly, there are areas of government activity where this approach is never going to be applicable and some countries for ideological reasons will be fundamentally opposed to this approach. But with the right oversight, for many others, this could be the way forward!



## **ASEANAPOL Secretariat Received a Visit From GCCPOL**

ASEANAPOL Secretariat received a visit from officers of the Gulf Cooperation Council Police (GCCPOL), led by Colonel Seif bin Mohammed Al-Khayareen, Director of Security Integration Department, accompanied by Lt. Col. Mubarak Alkhaily, Director of GCCPOL and Mr. Hafeed Alzeidi, Advisor to the GCCPOL Director. They were welcomed by the Executive Director of ASEANAPOL Secretariat, Brig. Gen. Yohanes Agus Mulyono, Director for Police Services PSSUPT Ferdinand R. P. Bartolome, Director for Plan & Programme Supt. Yuli Cahyanti and Staff.

The GCCPOL is a security cooperation integrated security works between the Member States of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC). It linked to the police agencies in the GCC countries and builds partnerships with regional and international police organisations to ensure efficiency

in fight against crime. Their strategic objective are to ensure coordination and communication between GCC countries, raise the level of regional and international cooperation in the fight against terrorism, organised crime and cybercrime.

They visited the Secretariat to initiate collaboration and cooperation on the policing partnership with international organisation such as ASEANAPOL seeing the importance of achieving joint security interest. Purpose of the GCCPOL in cooperation with ASEANAPOL is to facilitate rapid exchange of criminal and security information among police and security agencies and enhancing analytical capabilities in the security and strengthening of their ties for more effective, strategy on combating and prevention of transnational crime.

# STATE OF THE UNION

BY TONY KINGHAM



*"Tolerance cannot come at the price of our security. We need to know who is crossing our borders. We will defend our borders with the new European Border and Coast Guard. We will defend our borders with strict controls on everyone crossing them."*

President Juncker, State of the Union 2016

On the occasion of President Juncker's 2016 State of the Union address, the Commission today set out how the European Union can enhance security in Europe by improving the exchange of information in the fight against terrorism and strengthening external borders. The measures proposed include the accelerated operational delivery of the European Border and Coast Guard, quick adoption and implementation of an EU Entry-Exit System and upcoming proposals to create a European Travel Information and Authorisation System. Additionally, as part of the Commission's efforts to pave the way towards a genuine and effective Security Union, the Communication also proposes to take further actions to improve the security of travel documents to prevent document fraud and to strengthen Europol's European Counter-Terrorism Centre.

First Vice-President Frans Timmermans said: "Security is one of the major concerns of Europe's citizens. Today the Commission is proposing practical measures

to upgrade information exchange - essential to fighting terrorism – and to secure our Union's external borders and strengthen control over who enters and leaves the EU. These measures will require closer coordination and cooperation within the EU and between Member States. There's no escaping the fact that in this mobile world only truly closer cooperation will make us more secure."

Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs, and Citizenship Dimitris Avramopoulos said: "By strengthening our external borders we will be better prepared for facing severe migratory challenges. Enhancing the exchange of information will enable us to fight terrorism more effectively. To ensure Europe's security, we need both strong borders and smart intelligence. Measures like the European Border and Coast Guard, the Entry-Exit System and the European Travel Information and Authorisation System will help secure Europe's borders, while strengthening Europol's role in



the effective sharing of information and combatting document fraud are concrete steps towards establishing an effective Security Union.”

The Communication adopted today sets out a number of practical and operational measures to accelerate the implementation of the European Agenda on Migration and the European Agenda on Security and pave the way towards a genuine and effective Security Union:

- **European Border and Coast Guard:** Built on Frontex, with the newly created ability to draw on a reserve pool of people and equipment, the new Agency will ensure stronger shared management of the EU's external borders. It will support Member States by identifying and, where necessary, intervening to address weaknesses before they become serious problems. The Commission, Frontex and Member States have already undertaken preparatory work, and this will be accelerated further to ensure that the new Agency becomes operational as a matter of urgency. Steps to be taken by the Commission include work on agreements with third countries and adopting the budgetary proposals necessary to allow the Agency to swiftly recruit additional staff. The Commission calls on Member States to ensure that national contributions to the reserve pool of border guards and equipment are ready for immediate use and to fill current shortfalls in response to calls for experts for Frontex operations in Greece, Italy and Bulgaria.
- **EU Entry-Exit System (EES):** Proposed by the Commission on 6 April 2016 together with a supporting amendment to the Schengen Borders Code, the

proposed EU Entry/Exit System (EES) will improve the management of the external borders and reduce irregular migration into the EU (by tackling visa overstaying), while also contributing to the fight against terrorism and serious crime and ensuring a high level of internal security. The system will collect data including identity, travel documents and biometrics as well as registering entry and exit records at the point of crossing. It will apply to all non-EU citizens who are admitted for a short stay in the Schengen area (maximum 90 days in any 180 day period). Negotiations with the co-legislators on the two proposals are currently ongoing, and the Commission calls for final adoption of the proposals by the end of 2016 with a view to the System becoming operational in early 2020 after three years of development.

- The idea of establishing a European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS) with similar objectives to the well-known US 'ESTA' system was launched by the Commission in April. Creation of such a system provides an additional layer of control over visa-exempt travellers. ETIAS would determine the eligibility of all visa-exempt third country nationals to travel to the Schengen Area, and whether such travel poses a security or migration risk. Information on travellers would be gathered prior to their trip. The Commission has launched a feasibility study on ETIAS, with results due in October 2016, and based on the results of the study as well as consultations, the Commission intends to present a legislative proposal by November 2016 for the establishment of ETIAS.
- **Reinforcing Europol:** As the EU's core tool to enhance cooperation

between national security authorities, Europol has taken some major steps forward, with the recent creation of the European Counter Terrorism Centre (ECTC) as well as the European Migrant Smuggling Centre and the European Cybercrime Centre. The Commission will work with Europol to further strengthen the agency's counter-terrorism capabilities, but also its work against migrant smuggling and cybercrime, for example through providing the additional resources needed to meet the needs and expectations placed on it. Improving Europol's access to key databases is also important. In the same vein, the Commission encourages Member States to facilitate some form of information exchange hub to create a platform where authorities obtaining information related to terrorism or other serious cross border security threats would share it with law enforcement authorities.

- **Secure travel documents** are crucial for establishing the identity of a person. Better management of free movement, migration and mobility relies on robust systems to prevent abuses and threats to internal security caused by the ease with which some documents can be forged. The Commission is pursuing new ways to enhance electronic document security and identity document management. By December 2016, the Commission will adopt an Action Plan on document security to make residence cards, identity documents and Emergency Travel Documents (ETD) more secure.



# AGENCY NEWS AND UPDATES

## **E**uropean Border and Coast Guard: final approval

On 14 September 2016, the Council gave its final approval to the European Border and Coast Guard. The adoption of the regulation, which the Council approved by written procedure, paves the way for the Border and Coast Guard to begin its activities in mid-October.

The main role of the European Border and Coast Guard is to help provide integrated border management at the external borders. It will ensure the effective management of migration flows and provide a high level of security for the EU. At the same time it will help safeguard free movement within the EU and respect fully fundamental rights.

It will consist of a European Border and Coast guard agency (the current Frontex agency with expanded tasks) and those national authorities responsible for border management. The main focus of its activities

will be the establishment of an operational strategy for border management and the coordination of assistance from all member states.

## **O**rban plans another fence along Hungary's border with Serbia



If Hungary is now a minor transit country for migrants, the recurring theme of the government's PR campaign for the upcoming referendum on the EU's migrant quota system is of a strong government repelling a national invasion. On October 2, Hungarians will vote on the question: "Do you want the European Union to be able to mandate the obligatory resettlement of non-Hungarian

citizens into Hungary even without the approval of the National Assembly?"

Orban has been publicly touting another barrier. "One fence is not enough," he said in late August. Another "very serious fence" will be built along the southern border, as well as facility to hold "hundreds of thousands of migrants," Orban added.

## **R**omanian police, prosecutors dismantle migrant trafficking ring

Romanian border police officers and prosecutors from Timisoara Directorate for Organized Crime and Terrorism (DIICOT) dismantled a migrant trafficking network.

They captured four Serbian citizens suspected of smuggling migrants as well as a group of 24 Syrian immigrants who were trying to cross the border from Romania to Hungary illegally.

According to a DIICOT statement, the Serbian citizens took the migrants from the asylum center in Bucharest. The immigrants usually paid between EUR 4,500 and EUR 5,500 per person to the smugglers.

## **B**ulgaria urges EU to boost border security aid

Bulgaria's Prime Minister Boyko Borissov has called on the European Union to "immediately" provide his country with 160 million euros (\$180 million) to enhance the security of its border with Turkey in face of refugee influx.

"I want more than statements of solidarity," Borissov said during his visit to the border on Wednesday, adding, "At the Bratislava summit I will insist on 160 million euros being granted immediately."

Bulgaria, a member of the European Union, shares a border with Turkey that is one of the major routes for refugees to reach Europe.

## **S**erbian-guided migrant smugglers' gang, dismantled at Romania's Western border

A migrant smugglers gang acting at Romania's Western border was dismantled by the Timis-based Police in the Cenad frontier area, where as many as 24 Syrian migrants and



4 Serbian guides were taken into custody.

"After monitoring the criminal activity of a migrant smuggling organized gang, Timisoara Border Police officers in cooperation with the Timisoara Brigade for Combating Organised Crime and officers with the Special Operations Directorate, under the coordination of a Directorate for Investigating Organised Crime and Terrorism (DIICOT) Timisoara prosecutor, have dismantled a gang of migrant smugglers, having managed to detain near the Cenad Border Crossing a group of 24 migrants and 4 guides," a release by the Timisoara Border Police sent on Wednesday reads.

## **C**yberattack on biometric data poses security risks at border, documents warn



Canada's border security

agency warns cyber-attacks could overwhelm network, infiltrate biometric databases.

Border officials warn a cyberattack on their facial recognition or fingerprints databases could result in barring innocent travellers from Canada — or letting the wrong people in.

In documents prepared for Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale in November, Canada Border Services Agency officials said they need to "keep pace with emerging security vulnerabilities" to systems governing who can enter the country.

The agency's growing use of "biometric" data — such as fingerprints, facial recognition, and retinal scans — was cited as an example.

"A malicious cyberattack, for example, could infiltrate the back-end of a biometric identification system and produce false acceptances and/or rejections," reads the document, obtained by the Star under access to information law.

"Such attacks could disrupt border traffic flows and compromise the integrity of border controls. CBSA must protect Canadians from increasingly complex safety and security threats and continue to advance security monitoring in all technologies."

It's an extreme example that would require sophisticated hackers, but CBSA noted that cruder methods could still cause chaos. A denial of service



attack — where a network is overwhelmed with traffic — could “lead to unavailability of essential services.”

## DHS officials say border databases are working together



In the past year, hundreds of immigrants have been denied entry to the U.S. because they turned up in U.S. terrorism or criminal databases and thousands more were not allowed to board aircraft into the U.S., Department of Homeland Security officials told lawmakers.

Deep checks of multiple intelligence, homeland security, federal law enforcement, foreign national databases and expert agency personnel overseas are making it difficult for terrorists to enter the country, said Francis Taylor, undersecretary for intelligence and analysis at DHS.

He and other top officials from the Transportation Security Administration, Customs and Border Protection, Citizenship and Immigration Services, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement testified at a House Homeland Security Committee hearing on how their agencies

are blocking terrorist pathways into the U.S.

## EU spending on extra border controls ‘at least €17bn



A report by the think-tank, published today, revealed that since 2014, European governments have spent €1.7bn (\$2bn) on tighter border controls. This includes the wall the UK recently announced it would be building in the French port of Calais.

The bulk of funds however have been spent on agreements between the EU and partner countries like Turkey, and to pay for other deterrence measures, which have cost the bloc €15.3 (\$17.2bn).

## Drug bust across ACT-NSW border arrests nine, ice and weapons seized



SA four-month police operation has cracked an alleged drug supply ring operating in Canberra and Queanbeyan, and seized an estimated \$100,000 worth of methylamphetamine, also known as ice.

Officers from Strike Force Lupo, which was set up to investigate the supply of prohibited drugs in Queanbeyan, also discovered illegal weapons, including a compound bow and two replica handguns.

Police first swooped in stopping a vehicle driving across the ACT-NSW border from Canberra to Queanbeyan.

The 33-year-old male driver was returning to Queanbeyan after allegedly purchasing methylamphetamine with an estimated street value of almost \$30,000.

## Japan donates Sh20m facilities to tighten border security



Kenyan Interior Cabinet Secretary Joseph Nkaissery received five border patrol vehicles, computers as well as furniture from the Japanese Government.

The Japanese Government donated the facilities through

collaboration with the International Organization of Migration to Kenya's Immigration Department to help address security challenges at the border points.

## **European Border and Coast Guard set to start activities soon**

On 14 September, the Council gave final approval for the adoption of the European Border and Coast Guard Regulation. The European Border and Coast Guard agency will be the successor of Frontex, with expanded competences. The agency's activities which are set to begin on 6 October include technical and operational assistance in support of search and rescue operations, appointing liaison officers of the agency in Member States, drafting vulnerability assessments of Member States' border control capacity and organising, coordinating and conducting return operations and interventions.

One of the most contentious provisions in the Regulation is the establishment of a rapid reserve pool of at least 1500 border guards that can be sent to a country without the country's explicit consent.

## **Calais migrants: Work begins on UK-funded border wall**

Construction work has begun on a UK-funded wall near the

so-called Jungle migrant camp in Calais.

Dubbed the "Great Wall of Calais" by some media, it is an attempt to prevent migrants from trying to stow away on trucks heading for Britain.

The 4m (13ft) barrier will run for 1km (0.6 miles) along both sides of the main road to the northern French port.

The UK government has said that while it provides money for security, French authorities choose how to spend it.

Local authorities in Calais say construction is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

The wall will pass within a few hundred metres of the sprawling migrant camp, which charities say now houses more than 10,000 people.

## **1 50-200 Terrorists Waiting To Infiltrate Into Valley: Border Security Force**



The number of illegal aliens reAround 200 terrorists from across the border are trying to infiltrate into Kashmir, while some have already sneaked

into the Valley and the number of encounters along the Line of Control has increased, a senior BSF officer said.

"There has been an increase in the number of encounters along the LoC this year, and seeing that there is no denial that infiltration has taken place... Around 150-200 militants are waiting on the other side of LoC to infiltrate," Inspector General BSF, Kashmir Frontier, Vikash Chandra said.

He also blamed Pakistan and terrorist organisations for the ongoing unrest in the Valley.

"This whole unrest is Pakistan sponsored. The militant organisations there have a huge hand in all this and they are trying their best (to fuel the unrest)," Inspector General Chandra said. He said some terrorist, who were waiting in launch pads in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir, have managed to infiltrate into the Valley.

## **Border Agents Seize more than \$290,000 in Marijuana, Foil Human-Smuggling Attempt**

Vigilance by U.S. Border Patrol agents in southern New Mexico led to three halted smuggling attempts in Deming and Santa Teresa over the weekend. Agents seized a total of 366 pounds of marijuana and arrested 26 smuggled subjects during that period.

Deming agents patrolled NM Hwy 9--east of Hachita-New

Mexico, when they came upon a suspicious Chevrolet truck traveling east. Agents attempted to pull the vehicle over, but the driver failed to yield. A controlled tire-deflation device was ultimately deployed and the truck came to a stop.

Agents arrested the driver, later identified as 27-year-old Fernando Monsivais Reyna, a Mexican National. Agents also found 20 additional subjects hiding inside the cab and bed of the pick-up. Further investigation revealed several small bricks throughout the bed area that later tested positive for marijuana.

The driver of the vehicle, along with the 210 pounds of marijuana valued at \$168,000, were transferred over to Homeland Security Investigations for prosecution. The 20 subjects were taken into custody and detained at the Deming Station.

**M**exican police may have found a 'homemade bazooka' used to launch drugs across the border



Maryland County SMexican federal police in Sonora came across a panel van with modifications and additions that allowed it carry a "cannon" possibly used to launch drugs over the border into the US.

According to a release from the federal police, officers came across the van while it was parked in northwest Sonora state's Agua Prieta municipality, which borders Arizona and Texas. The van was found without license plates and its doors were open.

Inside the vehicle, authorities found "an air compressor, a gasoline motor, a tank for storing air and a metallic tube of approximately 3 meters in length (homemade bazooka)."

The "unit," as the release referred to it, also had a cut in the end that could have allowed the metal tube to be hooked up to launch projectiles, possibly across the border.

**B**angladesh's Border Guard says cattle smuggling across India border has come down

Cattle smuggling, which is the "root cause" for firing incidents across the Indo- Bangla border, has dwindled to about one per cent in the past one year after India's clampdown on the illegal trade, top Bangladeshi border guard officials said on Tuesday. Commander of the Border Guard Bangladesh's (BGB) South West Region Md Khalilur Rahman told a visiting group of



Indian journalists in Jessore that cattle, especially cow, is "not being received" from the Indian side and such incidents have gone down by 99 per cent in the last one year.

The Additional Director General rank officer of the BGB commands the second largest frontier of the country (opposite North 24 Parganas in West Bengal) and is the most notorious area between the two neighbours in terms of cattle smuggling and other criminal activities. "Cow smuggling incidents across the Indo-Bangla border have come down to about 1 per cent as compared to the statistics of sometime back. To give an example, last year in a particular area we had about 11,000 cattle coming in a day but now this time the figures are only about 200-300.

**P**olice officers at Kenya-Ethiopia border finally get vehicle to replace donkey

The National Police Service has issued a vehicle to officers posted to Kibish sub-county along the Kenya-Ethiopia border. Area Sub-county Commissioner Eric Wanyoyi said the vehicle replaces donkey transport, which police officers in the region had relied



on for decades. He said the vehicle will serve Kemothia and Lokamarinyang colonial police posts to boost ground mobility.

## **Japan gives hand to Uganda immigration**

The government through the Ministry of Internal affairs, Directorate of Citizenship and Immigration Control has received logistic support from Japan worth \$1.8 million to improve border security control.

The logistics which include four vehicles; one Toyota land cruiser and three Toyota Hilux pickups were donated to the Directorates under the theme: Strengthening Border Security in Uganda Which is under the Directorate of Citizenship and Immigration Control within the Ministry of Internal affairs .

Handing over the logistics equipment to the Minister of state for internal affairs Obiga Kania, the Japanese's Ambassador to Uganda Kazuaki Kameda said the donation will help Uganda to tighten security at all her border entries. "With this support Uganda will manage to enforce Immigration security at all her border posts. Lack of logistics like patrol vehicles has been a big challenge to Immigration officers that is why Japan had to come in and assist the country by supporting the Immigration and Citizenship control Directorates with logistic support," Kazuaki said during the handing over of the logistic equipment at the Ministry of Internal affairs in Kampala.

## **Yes on Quebec border crossing are 700km away in Hamilton**



Morses Line is one of those places where the Canada-U.S. border is truly just an artificial stop on a country road.

The Remote Traveller Processing program — a one-year pilot project — has been underway since February but the Canada Border Services Agency already has plans for similar operations at 19 other points-of-entry across the country if the program is deemed a success.

It works much like a high-tech drive-thru. Those seeking to enter Canada at Morses Line enter into a closed garage and park next to a kiosk that allows them to communicate with a border agent, show their passport and even pay duties on alcohol, tobacco or other goods with the swipe of a credit card.

"Are we letting our guard down?" said CBSA spokeswoman Dominique McNeely. "The building was designed with enhanced security in mind. There are additional gates, there are many cameras and, compared to other border crossings nearby, there's much more technology here to secure

the border."

That includes impact-resistant gates, a garage door that doesn't open unless the border agent is satisfied there is no risk, and plenty of powerful cameras.

## **Border Security Force looking for land to se up armed forces training centre**



A team led by Pavanjeet Singh Sandhu, Inspector-General of Special Operations, Border Security Force, visited Bidar and held a meeting with Assistant Commissioner Venkat Raja and Superintendent of Police Prakash Nikam to look for a suitable site for a Central Armed Police Forces training centre.

The Union government has expressed interest in setting up a Central Armed Forces training centre in Bidar district, MP Bhagwant Khuba, who was present in the meeting, said here on Monday.

The Union government will set up the training centre by investing Rs. 800 crore, if the State government were to give it around 400 acres of land, Mr. Khuba told The Hindu . It will create a lot of job opportunities.

## AU Advancing to Deploy AFRIPOL Against Transnational Crime

The headquarters of the African Union's new police cooperation body against transnational crime, the African Mechanism for Police Cooperation (AFRIPOL), has hosted a meeting for the first time since its inauguration in December 2015.

The Algerian headquarters of AFRIPOL, the AU's incoming continental police cooperation organization, hosted a consultative meeting to brainstorm on the operationalisation of AFRIPOL in the immediate, medium and long term.

Present at the meeting were representatives of INTERPOL, EUROPOL and South East Asia's ASEANAPOL as well as Chairs of regional police cooperation organizations in Africa.

The meeting was also to help explore modalities for information exchange between AU member states, AFRIPOL and similar police cooperation bodies.

The establishment of AFRIPOL's secretariat

and the AU's efforts to get it to commence operations, comes amidst rising threats of terrorism and violent extremism in Africa.

Dr Tarek Sharif, Head of Defence and Security Division at the AU's Peace and Security Department was reported to have called for more cross-border policing as vulnerability to transnational crime will increase with Africa's regional integration efforts.

"This scenario calls for the establishment and strengthening of robust law enforcement networks at bilateral, regional and global levels, to counter common threats faced in Africa and beyond. In this regard, AFRIPOL which will contribute to enhanced cooperation among Member States including with other existing continental structures and institutions like the ACSRT, regional cooperation mechanisms like the Nouakchott and Djibouti Processes and the Liaison and Fusion Centres is of necessity," Dr Tarek Sharif was quoted as saying.

## FRAN Quarterly: Illegal Crossings Down in the First Quarter of 2016

In the first quarter of this year, FRAN indicators on illegal border-crossing between border crossing points (BCPs), illegal stay and asylum eased after reaching record levels in the fourth quarter of 2015. Irregular migration pressure steadily decreased between January and March 2016, although it was still higher than in any previous first quarter since the FRAN data collection began in 2007.

In total, there were 284 525 detections of illegal border-crossing in the first quarter. With more than 150 000 crossings reported, the Eastern Mediterranean experienced the largest migration pressure, although the number of detections has been falling steadily after peaking in October 2015. After the EU-Turkey statement came into effect and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia applied stricter border policies at its border with Greece in March, some 8 800 migrants

were detected on the Eastern Mediterranean in the period between April and June.

FRAN Quarterly reports are prepared by the Frontex Risk Analysis Unit to provide a regular overview of irregular migration at the EU's external borders, based on the irregular migration data exchanged among Member State border-control authorities.



## Summit on Refugees and Migrants Begins as IOM Joins the United Nations



The United Nations Summit on Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants which took place in New York, provides a singular opportunity for the global community to forge a greater consensus on managing the world's movements of migrants and refugees. IOM considers migration to be a mega-trend of the 21st Century representing unprecedented human mobility with one of every seven persons worldwide living or working somewhere other than their place of birth.

"We are gathered here today for an historic Summit—the first ever to assemble Heads of State from around the world to address the question of refugees and migrants," said International Organization for Migration (IOM) Director General William Lacy Swing in opening remarks for the events.

With representatives of nearly two hundred nation states looking on, Ambassador Swing signed a document formally linking IOM to the United Nations. IOM from now on will join

the UN as one of its related organizations, giving the United Nations, for the first time, an explicit, official migration mandate.

With their signatures Monday, UN Secretary General Ban ki-Moon and IOM Director General Swing signalled the culmination of a process that began in earnest in June 2016 when IOM Member States unanimously endorsed the process to join the UN. Ambassador Swing emphasized that the process reflects a growing recognition of the importance of migration and the need to better link human mobility with related policy agendas, including in the humanitarian, development, human rights, climate change and peace and security domains.

"The signature of this historic agreement brings the leading global migration agency, International Organization for Migration (IOM) – into the United Nations – the culmination of a 65-year relationship. For the very first time in 71 years, the UN now has a 'UN Migration Agency,'" Ambassador Swing said, adding, "This is a singular honour for our Organization – and a genuine success for migrants and Member States and indeed for this Summit."

The UN Summit will also set in motion a much longer process focused on migration – a Global Compact on safe, regular and orderly migration that upholds the human rights of migrants and their families, irrespective of migration status.

## Mediterranean Human Trafficking and Exploitation Prevalence Survey

IOM has found that 76 percent of almost 1,400 migrants and refugees interviewed in Italy from 24th of June to 3rd August 2016 – and who travelled along the Central Mediterranean Route connecting North Africa to Europe – have responded positively to at least one indicator of the presence of human trafficking and other exploitative practices on the route.

The anonymous surveys are designed to provide reliable data on the environments through

which migrants and refugees make their journey, the hazards and risks that they face, and their often extreme vulnerability.

The recent findings – which are the first from new efforts in Italy to monitor migration flows through North Africa – provide strong evidence of predatory behaviour by smugglers and traffickers and the kinds of enabling environments within which trafficking and associated forms of exploitation and abuse thrive.



# TACKLING INTERNATIONAL BORDER SECURITY CHALLENGES

## EVENT UPDATE



**World Border  
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2016 has seen no reduction in migration numbers, adding to the continuation of migration challenges for the border management and security community.

There is also little sign of peace and security in the Middle East. Without stability and security here, people will continue to seek out a better safer life elsewhere.

The porous borders in Africa continue to provide challenges,

where more effort needs to be applied to secure borders from illegal trafficking and exploitative gangs that can out manoeuvre the authorities and agencies with their ability to be more nimble.

The World Border Security Congress is a high level 3 day event that will discuss and debate current and future policies, implementation issues and challenges as well as new and developing technologies that contribute towards safe and

secure border and migration management.

The ever-changing nature of migration flows imposes a continuous search for common ground and shared solutions among different players .

It is generally agreed that in a globalised world borders should be as open as possible, but threats continue to remain in ever evolving circumstances and situations.

We need to continue the discussion, collaboration and intelligence sharing.

The World Border Security Congress, ***supported by the Ministry of Interior of Morocco, Organization for Security & Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), International Security Industry Organisation, National Security & Resilience Consortium and***

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Registration to attend the Congress is now open where you can book your delegate place online and discover further details at

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## Carrasco International Airport modernizes Border Control procedures and paves way to future end-to-end single-token travel journey

Montevideo's Carrasco International Airport has just inaugurated an innovative integrated Border Control solution.



Easy Airport is the program that is offering passengers, for the first time in the country, self-service Automated Border Control, reinforced by the simultaneous modernization of assisted procedures. Vision-Box™ is one of the designated partners to meet the goal of the overarching SISCA - Integrated Airport Security and Control System – of

boosting security, whilst revolutionizing the passenger experience. Integrating both Automated and manual Border Control, the solution was designed and implemented by Vision-Box™. A robust bank of vb i-match™ eGates is already operational at Arrivals offering a full self-service experience and ensuring passport authentication, background checks

and biometric passenger verification. Manned control booths have also been endowed with new touchpoints to optimize

processes: vb AIC desktops (Automated Immigration Control) are being used to assist Border Guards in identifying passengers.

## Egyptian Ministry of Defence chooses Smiths Detection to provide advanced aviation security systems

Smiths Detection has been awarded contracts worth almost £19m by Falcon Group to provide advanced detection systems for passenger checkpoint, hold baggage and cargo screening to airports across Egypt.



The HI-SCAN 6040aTiX and HI-SCAN 6040-2is HR, which combine multi- or dual-view, high resolution imaging with sophisticated software to

The award for X-ray scanners, people screening systems and trace detectors is part of national programme to provide an additional layer of security to existing equipment at airports. Smiths Detection systems were chosen by the Egyptian Ministry of Defence for their lifetime high performance and quality, as proven by earlier contracts.

automatically detect explosives in carry-on baggage, will be deployed at security checkpoints. The innovative millimeter-wave eqo scanners, which can detect threat items of any material under clothing, will provide additional passenger screening. The recently launched IONSCAN 600, which detects and identifies explosives from traces

found on baggage or clothing, will be deployed at passenger checkpoints and in hold baggage screening.

The contract also includes HI-SCAN 100100T-2is and HI-SCAN 145180-2is X-ray machines for screening oversized baggage and air cargo for explosives and other threats. Additional vehicle and cargo screening will be provided by the CIP-300 and HCVP Z60 car inspection X-ray portals and the mobile HCVM35 for the inspection of loaded trucks and containers at airport entrances. Deliveries will be completed by August 2016.

Falcon Group is the main security supplier for Egypt and is in close

relationship to the Military Intelligence which is a part of the Egyptian Ministry of Defence.

Tony Tielen, Regional Vice President EMEA, at Smiths Detection, said: "Enhancing aviation security through leading-edge technology is our top priority. With a broad portfolio of detection technologies, an excellent customer-orientated sales team and a strong local partner, ITI, we are proud to be a trusted partner of the Egyptian Ministry of Defence. The range of screening systems included in this contract will help provide world-class detection capabilities to protect against evolving threats."

## Crossmatch Introduces Innovative Mobile Ten-Print Technology

Crossmatch has unveiled its latest ten-print sensor technology that promises to revolutionize mobile livescan. The new FAP60 thin film transistor (TFT) sensor provides the ability to process FBI compliant enrollments and rapid ID checks on a single device, all without the weight and bulk of optical-based sensors.

"There are several ten-print devices on the market today that claim to be the lightest

and smallest," said Ben Ball, government market director at Crossmatch. "Yet the

optical technology in these devices cannot match the flexibility and mobility of our radically thin and lightweight TFT sensor."

Crossmatch is introducing the FAP60 TFT sensor technology in a mobile handheld device with wireless capabilities to demonstrate its ability to integrate with existing phones, tablets and laptops

"The options that the new FAP60 sensor deliver are expansive, offering the truly mobile ten-print capability our customers are demanding," noted Richard Agostinelli, CEO of Crossmatch. "Up

to this point, mobile customers have been limited by smaller FAP30 and FAP45 sensors which do not meet FBI standards for enrollment. Being able to complete a mobile 4-4-2 capture without stitching opens up new use cases that previous and current market technologies are unable to fulfill."

Use cases for the new technology and wireless device include in-field "book and release" offense processing by law enforcement, mobile border control / immigration processing and rapid mobile identification.

## 3M Live Face Identification System Takes Security Solutions from Reactive to Proactive

Recognizing faces in a crowd takes diligence and identifying each one correctly takes advanced technology. In order to support public and private security teams tasked with keeping individuals safe, 3M introduces 3MTMLive Face Identification System.

A facial recognition system that is both extremely scalable and easily configurable, 3M Live Face Identification System uses live video to match identities in

real time. The system automatically recognizes multiple faces simultaneously from live or imported footage in order to identify individual people from



"Knowing the challenges that law enforcement and border patrol agents are faced with when providing security for uncontrolled environments, 3M's new

dynamic, uncontrolled environments. Faces are captured and matched in real time, and any connected desktop PC or mobile device is notified immediately when there is a hit against the database. This process allows security and law enforcement officers to take action quickly and help prevent an issue before it occurs.

"Developed through years of thoughtful research, Live Face Identification System increases the accuracy of matches and the likelihood of a successful ID by utilizing a several-to-many comparison," said Christopher Ede, Global Business Manager for 3M Cogent.

software is truly an effective yet practical solution for proactive security."

3M Live Face Identification System was designed with ease of use and integration in mind. Users are able to choose how they store and manage data with Live Face Identification System's flexible server deployment. Additionally, the software captures images from a wide range of compatible cameras that are connected to the server, ensuring no proprietary hardware is needed. The system can also be scaled from a local to national level simply by connecting more devices.

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