



Welcome to *On the Front Lines*--an e-newsletter highlighting the activities of the Jebesen Center for Counter-Terrorism Studies at The Fletcher School, Tufts University

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### Jebesen Center Announces February 28-29, 2008 Conference: Countering Terrorism in Africa through Human Security Solutions

On February 28 and 29, 2008, the Jebesen Center for Counter-Terrorism Studies will present a two-day conference, "[Countering Terrorism in Africa Through Human Security Solutions.](#)" The conference—which is co-sponsored by the [Fletcher Institute for Human Security](#), the [Feinstein International Center at Tufts University](#), the Conflict and Human Security Studies Program at the [U.S. Military Academy, West Point](#), and [Synexxus, Inc.](#)—will feature three panels highlighting the complex political, development, and security environment in Africa and its implications for international policymakers.



Speakers representing a range of professional sectors (including diplomatic, military, NGO, government, and academic) will explore the mutual concerns of development, human rights, and security professionals working in a region that, due to poverty, civil violence, and mismanaged security interventions, may be susceptible to: influence and activity carried out by global terrorist networks such as al Qaeda and affiliated movements (AQAM); radicalization and the formation of independent violent terrorist cells; and the use of violent, civilian-focused terrorist tactics. The goal of this conference is to explore collaborative efforts to improve human security in Africa by addressing both development and security issues, which could help to improve conditions on the continent and, by

extension, prevent terrorist networks from exploiting grievances and garnering support.

Full panel descriptions, speaker biographies, and an online registration form can be found on the [Jebsen Center Africa conference page](#). For additional details or information, please email [Stacy Neal](#), Associate Director for External Affairs.



## Intelligence Fusion Report: Fall 2007 Conference Summary Now Available

In October 2007, the Jebsen Center for Counter-Terrorism Studies, in collaboration with [Sayres and Associates](#), hosted a one-day conference on "**State and Regional Intelligence Fusion: Experiences and Best Practices in Interdisciplinary Collaboration.**" The conference was a successful gathering of practitioners and officials from the homeland security apparatus, state and federal government, the private sector, and international organizations.

From the rich conversation generated through three panel discussions, the Jebsen Center has compiled a Special Release document containing a detailed summary and findings of the conference. The summary report is available for download as a PDF document [here](#) or on the [Jebsen Center's Publications](#)

[web page](#).

## New JCCTS Research Briefing Series: Senior Fellow Dr. Rohan Gunaratna on Mass Media Response to Terrorism

The Jebsen Center hosts a robust research and analysis program, with a goal of placing researchers in the field and disseminating their findings to a range of academic, law enforcement, and policymaking audiences. The Jebsen Center's Senior Fellows are a key part of that program. Senior Fellows are scholars and practitioners who bring their unique expertise to bear on critical issues in counter-terrorism and security studies. Through our *Research Briefing Series*, an online periodical offered on the Jebsen Center's website, JCCTS Senior Fellows offer their perspectives on current counter-terrorism topics.

The Jebsen Center announces the release of a new Research Briefing Series paper this month. Senior Fellow **Rohan Gunaratna**, bestselling author of *Inside al Qaeda*, continues his series on strategic counter-terrorism with "**Strategic Counter-Terrorism: Part 3, Mass Media Response to Terrorism.**" The full PDF file of the paper can be accessed [here](#) or on the [Jebsen Center's Publications web page](#).



## JCCTS Research Activities and Opportunities

The Jebsen Center conducts customized research projects for government agencies, law enforcement officials, and private sector



corporations that focus on counter-terrorism and security policy. Recent projects include a field survey of port security compliance and operations, a content analysis of jihadist websites, and the development of an original terrorist profile database. For more information on Jebson Center research capabilities, please contact [Stacy Neal](#), Associate Director for External Affairs, or visit the [Jebson Center's website](#). Selected contract project summaries can be viewed by downloading an [overview document](#).

The Jebson Center also provides travel and research funding to select graduate students and Ph.D. candidates from greater Boston academic institutions. Candidates must submit a fully developed research proposal for consideration, and all proposed costs must be applied to direct research and travel expenses. To see examples of past funded projects, please visit our [research page](#) or download a [complete set of research award guidelines](#).

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## About *On the Front Lines* and the Jebson Center

*On the Front Lines* is distributed by the Jebson Center for Counter-Terrorism Studies, a research center established at The Fletcher School, Tufts University in September 2005. Our mission is to increase the understanding and competency of counter-terrorism professionals and academics around the world. To accomplish this mission, the Jebson Center funds a robust research and analysis program, hosts conferences and a visiting fellows program, and conducts outreach activities. We promote research and dialogue with an emphasis on predicting, preventing, and preempting terrorist activity. *On The Front Lines*, an e-newsletter launched in Fall 2007, reflects our commitment to field-based, practical research and inquiry to promote innovative, proactive solutions in the field of counter-terrorism. For more information about the Jebson Center, please visit our [website](#).

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