



# INTERPOL

## FACT SHEET

### *CBRNE terrorism*

CBRNE terrorism poses a clear threat to public health and safety, national security and economic and political stability on a global level. Accordingly, the prevention of such incidents is of the highest priority.

#### ► INTERPOL'S RESPONSE

At INTERPOL, our comprehensive CBRNE Sub-Directorate specializes in the prevention of the different aspects of CBRNE:

- Radiological and nuclear terrorism;
- Bioterrorism;
- Chemical and explosives terrorism.

The programme consists of three main pillars:

- Intelligence analysis for police services;
- Programmes preventing the illegal dispersal of CBRNE materials;
- Responding to and investigating CBRNE threats and malicious incidents.

#### ► INTELLIGENCE

We produce a monthly intelligence report covering all aspects of CBRNE terrorism, shared with our member countries. The reports provide information about incidents involving CBRNE materials, emerging threats, trends, trafficking routes and methods.

Our activities follow established practices and processes for intelligence research, analysis and production, in line with those used in the international community. We continually strive to improve our reports, making them increasingly useful and relevant for the law enforcement community.

#### ► PREVENTION

Given the gravity of a CBRNE terrorist attack and its consequences, prevention constitutes an essential element in both national and international strategies. In order to help prevent such attacks, we carry out the following activities:

- Conducting threat assessments and analysis;
- Working to increase the level of awareness of all national law enforcement agencies;
- Delivering training sessions in order to increase law enforcement capabilities;
- Providing prevention methodologies for use by member countries.

### ► INVESTIGATION

We are actively engaged in Operation Fail Safe, an initiative to counter nuclear smuggling launched at the Nuclear Security Summit in 2012. It allows police to track the international movement of individuals involved in the trafficking of radioactive or nuclear materials, primarily by using INTERPOL's green notices. A green notice is an international alert issued to warn INTERPOL member countries about a person's criminal activities if that person is considered a possible threat to public safety. The CBRNE Sub-Directorate plays a pivotal role in the real-time dialogue regarding these individuals and related intelligence analysis support.

In the event of a terrorist attack, members of the programme can be sent as part of an Incident Response Team deployed by INTERPOL to assist a member country's authorities in investigations.

### ► WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

Due to the complex nature of CBRNE prevention and response, a multi-disciplinary approach is essential. Action needs to be coordinated at a governmental level, ensuring close cooperation and information exchange between the various ministries, agencies and institutions involved: from those specialized in CBRNE materials regulation and security, to public health and law enforcement.

This inter-agency approach needs to be extended on an international level. At INTERPOL, we work on the global stage, connecting our worldwide network of member countries and maintaining close partnerships with other international agencies specialized in the CBRNE field.



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