

Expanding Counterterrorism Partnerships: U.S. Efforts to Tackle the Evolving Terrorist Threat

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The State Department's counterterrorism coordinator explains how the U.S. government is growing global partnerships to aid the fight against terrorism.

The attacks in Paris were a stark illustration of the serious terrorist threat confronting the United States and its allies, not only in the Middle East, South Asia, and North Africa, but far closer to home as well. In his [May 2014 West Point address \(http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2014/05/28/remarks-president-united-states-military-academy-commencement-ceremony\)](http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2014/05/28/remarks-president-united-states-military-academy-commencement-ceremony), President Obama emphasized that a successful long-term counterterrorism approach will revolve around strong partnerships with key actors overseas. What steps is the United States taking to bolster its counterterrorism partnerships with other governments and with nongovernmental actors? How should the U.S. strategy evolve in light of the Paris attacks and the continuing challenge posed by foreign terrorist fighters and the conflict in Syria and Iraq? What is the role of the State Department in this effort?

To address these timely issues, The Washington Institute invited Ambassador Tina Kaidanow to address a special Policy Forum.

[Read Ambassador Kaidanow's prepared statement \[PDF\] \(/media/2551\)](/media/2551)

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