

Countering Today's Enduring and Adaptive Terrorist Threats

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The director of the Defense Intelligence Agency briefs a special Policy Forum on the shifting capabilities and strategies of terrorist organizations around the world.

On September 10, 2009, Lt. Gen. Ronald Burgess addressed a Washington Institute Policy Forum as part of an ongoing counterterrorism lecture series sponsored by the Stein Program on Counterterrorism and Intelligence. General Burgess focused on the shifting capabilities and strategies of terrorist organizations worldwide, and what the United States and its allies need to do to counter this adaptive threat.

[Download the text of General Burgess's prepared remarks \(PDF\). \(/media/5897\)](/media/5897)

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