

HUMAN FACTORS IN THE DEFENSE AGAINST TERRORISM: THE CASE OF JORDAN

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Biography

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Alistair Harris is a former UK diplomat and UN war crimes and terrorism investigator. He is the CEO of The Stabilisation Network which specialises in counter extremism research and programming for governmental clients. Alistair holds a first class degree from Emmanuel College, Cambridge in Theology and Social and Political Sciences, an MLitt from the University of St Andrews in Terrorism and Political Violence and is completing an MBA from the London School of Business. He is an Associate Fellow at the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) and with South Africa's Brenthurst Foundation and has written extensively for think tanks (USIP, Carnegie, Foreign Policy, RUSI) and peer-reviewed journals (Maghreb Review, Terrorism and Political Violence).

Contribution

Mr. Alistair HARRIS, O.B.E CEO, The Stabilisation Network stressed the difficulties facing Jordan as it is currently the highest exporter per capita of foreign fighters to Syria and Iraq. By analyzing the trends that have led 2500-3000 Jordanians to join the growing network of foreign fighters, he outlined that the majority of Jordanian foreign fighters have gone to fight for Al-Nusra rather than ISIL due to Al-Nusra's strategic messaging tactics and engagement strategy with the civilian population.



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