

Community Engagement and Human Rights



Terminal Learning Objective

- By the end of this module, you will be able to explain the importance of community engagement and human rights in deterring terrorism



Source: AFP



Value of Community Engagement

It is not the police and the intelligence services who will defeat terrorism; it is communities who defeat terrorism.

London Metropolitan Police Commissioner
Sir Ian Blair



Discussion Questions

- **Think about the quote. How does it apply to your job responsibilities?**
- **What are some examples of successful community engagement?**



Scenario (1 of 3)

Refer To:

Handout 3.1



▪ Pre-Event

- City planned an event expected to attract large crowds
- Officials developed joint plans for traffic and security



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Scenario (2 of 3)

Refer To:

Handout 3.1



- **Few Days Before the Event**
 - Community members announced plans for a peaceful protest against a controversial government policy
 - A radical group from outside the community posted materials on social media sites encouraging violence and threatening to disrupt the event



Source: Getty Images



Scenario (3 of 3)

Refer To:

Handout 3.1



▪ Day of the Event

- Crowds were larger than anticipated and transportation systems were overwhelmed
- Protesters were initially orderly, until an unruly group appeared and started antigovernment chanting
- Crowd began throwing rocks and bottles at law enforcement personnel



Source: DS/T/ATA



Discussion Questions

Refer To:

Handout 3.1



- How could officials engage with the community to de-escalate the situation?
- What could officials do to prevent future conflicts?
- How do these strategies relate to countering terrorism?



Successful Community Engagement (1 of 2)

- **Law enforcement and government officials:**
 - Provide a needed public service and protect the community
 - Remain visible and accessible to all community members
 - Are accountable to the law and the public



Successful Community Engagement (2 of 2)

- **Law enforcement and government officials:**
 - Offer easy ways for the community to provide input
 - Respect and value all community members
 - Are fair and protect human rights



Universal Declaration of Human Rights

- **Recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice, and peace in the world**



Source: Penn State University



Regional Human Rights Treaties (1 of 2)

- African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights
- American Convention on Human Rights
- Arab Charter on Human Rights
- Association of Southeast Asian Nations Human Rights Declaration



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Regional Human Rights Treaties (2 of 2)

- **European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms**
- **Pacific Plan Initiative 12.5**



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Why Are Human Rights Important?



Source: Costa Rican Times

To deny people their human rights is to challenge their very humanity.

Nelson Mandela



Protecting Human Rights

Refer To:

Workbook 3.1



- Review the human rights in Workbook 3.1
- Select one human right you feel is most significant
- Describe one action you can take in your work to protect this right



Module Summary

