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United States Conducts Anti-Terrorism Assistance Training in Algiers

Ms. Foria Younes, Mr. Steven Moores, and Mr. Patrick Chagnon, representing over 75 years of combined law enforcement and military experience in the FBI, State Police, and US Army, conducted a 5-day Anti-Terrorism Assistance Program (ATA) Prevention Workshop for 23 senior level National Police, Gendarmerie, and Defense Ministry officers at the Ecole de Formation de la DGSN in Chateauneuf, Algiers. This consultation involved a combination of lectures, case studies, and practical discussions to cover a wide variety of subjects, including terrorist motivations, characteristics, planning cycles, target selections, weapons selections, and post-blast response responsibilities. The aim of this workshop was to assist Algerian security forces in the development of counter-terrorist strategies and actions.

Ms. Younes, Mr. Moores, and Mr. Chagnon bring with them tremendous experience from their involvement in the 9/11 investigations, extensive terrorist interviewing in places like Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, Jordan, and Yemen, involvement in the USS Cole bombing investigation, explosive detection, intervention, and prevention, and police management strategies for conducting these types of operations.

The ATA program provides extensive learning materials, to include voluminous manuals, CDs, and in-class exercises based on real cases, to share the profound expertise of veteran U.S. Law Enforcement with our Algerian Colleagues. The training was completed on March 1, 2012.

This was the 7th ATA-hosted training course since 2010, with multiple future trainings planned for the rest of this year with Algerian Government security officials.