



PRESS RELEASE

Top Terrorism Experts at State Department, Institutes to Speak at UCF Forum

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ORLANDO -- Leading international terrorism experts will participate in an open forum on "The Evolving Terrorism Threat" at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, at the University of Central Florida Student Union.

The forum, which is free and open to the public, will feature Hekmat Karzai, who will head the Afghan Counterterrorism Centre that is being established in Kabul, Afghanistan; and Edward J. Salazar, acting deputy coordinator for programs in the Office of the Coordinator for Counterterrorism at the U.S. Department of State.

Other speakers will be Brian Michael Jenkins, senior advisor to the president of the RAND Corporation, and Stephen Sloan, a UCF professor who has studied terrorism and conducted simulations and workshops on the subject for four decades.

The forum will be in the Cape Florida Ballroom, Room 316, of the Student Union. Co-sponsors are the UCF Global Perspectives Office, the Centre for Terrorism and Political Violence at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland and the Institute for Transitional Democracy and International Security in Budapest, Hungary.

Karzai now serves as an RMS Fellow at the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies in Singapore. His most recent articles about terrorism, "Terrorism, Is There a Need for a Definition?" and "Afghanistan's War on Narcotics," were published in the Georgetown University Journal.

At the State Department's Office of the Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Salazar coordinates programs related to terrorist finance, travel interdiction, technical cooperation, and international anti-terrorism and law enforcement assistance. He also manages the State Department's counterterrorism public diplomacy efforts.

Jenkins, one of the world's leading authorities on terrorism, founded the RAND Corporation's terrorism research program in 1972. He has served as an

advisor to the federal government and private sector on terrorism. In 1996, he was appointed by President Clinton to be a member of the White House Commission on Aviation Safety and Security. He was an advisor to the National Commission on Terrorism in 1999 and 2000. He also is the author of "International Terrorism: A New Mode of Conflict," and the editor and co-author of "Terrorism and Personal Protection."

Sloan, a consultant on terrorism and peacekeeping issues to governments and corporations worldwide for four decades, began working in fall 2004 as a fellow in the UCF Global Perspectives Office and as a professor teaching courses on international terrorism. Sloan previously taught for 38 years at the University of Oklahoma.

Sloan worked in summer 2004 as a faculty member and seminar leader for the Program on Terrorism and Security Studies at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies in Germany. With Sean Kendal Anderson, Sloan co-wrote "Terrorism: Assassins to Zealots," published in 2002, and the "Historical Dictionary of Terrorism," published in 1995.

The forum is part of the Connecting the UCF Community series, which promotes academic and civic engagement and is designed to create meaningful dialogues among students, faculty and the community. UCF sponsors are the Office of Undergraduate Studies, the Political Science Department, the Department of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies and the Middle Eastern Studies Program. The Orlando Sentinel and Global Connections Foundation also are sponsoring the event.

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