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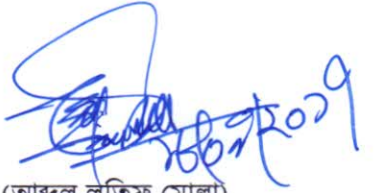
বিষয় : অস্ট্রেলিয়ায় অনুষ্ঠিত “Countering the Financing of Terrorism” শীর্ষক প্রশিক্ষণ
কোর্সে মনোনয়ন সংক্রান্ত।

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উপর্যুক্ত বিষয় ও সূত্রোক্ত স্মারক ও আনুসঙ্গিক ব্রশিয়ার এতদসঙ্গে প্রেরণ করা হলো। অস্ট্রেলিয়া সরকার কর্তৃক চলমান সহায়তার অংশ হিসেবে আগামী ২০ নভেম্বর থেকে ০১ ডিসেম্বর, ২০১৭ অস্ট্রেলিয়ায় অনুষ্ঠিত “Countering the Financing of Terrorism” শীর্ষক প্রশিক্ষণে মনোনয়নের জন্য তার প্রতিষ্ঠানের মানিলন্ডারিং ও সন্ত্রাসে অর্থায়ন প্রতিরোধের সাথে সংশ্লিষ্ট (প্রমাণকসহ) মিড-লেভেলের কর্মকর্তাদের মধ্য হতে ১ জন করে পুরুষ ও ১ জন করে মহিলা কর্মকর্তাদের নাম ও সংশ্লিষ্ট তথ্যাদি আগামী ২১-০৯-২০১৭ তারিখের মধ্যে আবশ্যিকভাবে এ বিভাগে প্রেরণের জন্য নির্দেশক্রমে অনুরোধ করা হলো।

উল্লেখ্য যে, এ বিভাগের কর্মকর্তা ও সংশ্লিষ্ট ব্যাংক হতে প্রাপ্ত কর্মকর্তাদের তালিকা হতে যাচাই বাছাই করে ০৬(ছয়) জন কর্মকর্তাকে উক্ত প্রশিক্ষণে চূড়ান্তভাবে মনোনীত করে অর্থনৈতিক সম্পর্ক বিভাগে প্রেরণ করা হবে।

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বিষয়ঃ অস্ট্রেলিয়ায় অনুষ্ঠিত 'Countering the Financing of Terrorism' শীর্ষক-প্রশিক্ষণ কোর্সের জন্য কর্মকর্তা মনোনয়ন।

বাংলাদেশে দক্ষতা অর্জনে অস্ট্রেলিয়া সরকার কর্তৃক চলমান সহায়তার অংশ হিসেবে আগামী ২০ নভেম্বর থেকে ০১ ডিসেম্বর, ২০১৭ অস্ট্রেলিয়ায় অনুষ্ঠিত 'Countering the Financing of Terrorism'-শীর্ষক প্রশিক্ষণ কর্মসূচির জন্য সরকারি কর্মকর্তার মনোনয়ন চাওয়া হয়েছে।

২। সংশ্লিষ্ট মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ/সংস্থা হতে কর্মকর্তাদের প্রাথমিক মনোনয়ন পাওয়ার পর তা অস্ট্রেলীয় কর্তৃপক্ষের নিকট প্রেরণ করা হবে। প্রাথমিকভাবে মনোনীত কর্মকর্তাকে আগামী ৩০ সেপ্টেম্বর, ২০১৭ তারিখের মধ্যে (<https://apps.australiaawardssouthwestasia.org/register>) অনলাইনে আবেদন সম্পন্ন করতে হবে।

৩। এমতাবস্থায়, কোর্সের উপযোগিতার আলোকে ০৬ জন (৫০ ভাগ মহিলা কর্মকর্তা) কর্মকর্তাকে মনোনয়ন প্রদান করে; (ক) মনোনীত কর্মকর্তাদের উপরে উল্লিখিত লিংক এর মাধ্যমে সরাসরি আবেদন করার জন্য নির্দেশ প্রদানের অনুরোধ করা হলো এবং (খ) মনোনীত কর্মকর্তাদের নামের তালিকা, ফোন নম্বর ও ই-মেইল ঠিকানা ইংরেজীতে আগামী ২৬ সেপ্টেম্বর, ২০১৭ তারিখের মধ্যে এ বিভাগে প্রেরণের জন্য অনুরোধ করা হলো (যেহেতু ইআরডির অনুমোদন ব্যতীত কোন কর্মকর্তার আবেদন অস্ট্রেলীয় কর্তৃপক্ষ বিবেচনা করবে না)। প্রশিক্ষণ কোর্স সংক্রান্ত কাগজপত্র এতদসঙ্গে সংযুক্ত করা হলো।

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SCA Concept Note

*Countering the Financing of Terrorism -
Bangladesh*

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Background

The Government of Bangladesh has sought assistance from the Australian Government to support its efforts in reducing the impact and severity of violent extremism. Recent events in Bangladesh have increased concern that the secular foundations of the modern state are being challenged by extremists that seek to destabilise the country by exploiting existing vulnerabilities.

Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) is a broad field that typically incorporates a variety of activities and actors representing all sections of society. Effective CVE policies and practices deploy resources both within existing police and law enforcement, and across both national and provincial government agencies and departments. The quality of interactions between these actors and the local communities and individuals that they protect, determines to a large extent, the likelihood that government policies and programs can successfully counter extremist elements.

This Concept Note is a culmination of discussions between the Government of Bangladesh and the Australian Government, led by Dhaka Post. It was preceded by the development of an options paper that broadly set out a number of alternative pathways for assistance in CVE. The alternatives for providing Australian support for CVE in Bangladesh were subsequently focused into two primary areas.

The proposed assistance will take the form of two short courses with the first designed to develop capabilities to counter the financing of terrorism. A complementary course that will examine the use of social media to reduce the impact of radicalisation will follow early in the second half of 2017. Both activities will emphasise capacity building of key personnel through the use of adult training methods.

It is envisaged that this suite of Australia Awards South and West Asia, Short Course Awards, will further the links between respective counterpart agencies by promoting access while awardees are in Australia. The development of networks that could potentially extend beyond the proposed activities and involve security related cooperation between the Governments of Bangladesh and Australia is anticipated.

Purpose

The purpose of these two Short Course Awards (SCA) is to build capacity within the Government of Bangladesh and related law enforcement agencies to effectively deal with violent extremism. Each course will use contextually appropriate examples, and provide participants with exposure to a range of models and practices, currently employed in Australia to counter violent extremism.

Countering the Financing of Terrorism

The focus of this short course will be to explore several dimensions in the financing of terrorism. Content would explore current issues in countering cyber threats and the role of a robust legal and regulatory environment to support efforts to disrupt and degrade the ability of terrorist organisations to gain access to funds. The short course will include coverage of the following key themes:

- Strengthening regional and domestic legal frameworks and compliance mechanisms;
- Understanding and developing capabilities to counter online threats in the financing of terrorist organisations; and
- Developing an understanding of high-risk channels for the financing of terrorist activities.

This course was delivered in early 2017 with 19 participants from different Government of Bangladesh Ministries and Departments. Given positive feedback from the participants and the links that were formed during the course, DFAT has decided to support another batch of this Course, for 20 to 25 participants.

Using Social Media to Counter Radicalisation

The short course award would specifically examine the role of social media in the radicalisation process and explore recent initiatives to counter online threats. Awardees will be encouraged to develop strategies for the deployment of counter-narratives, and to propose activities that could reduce the effectiveness of radicalising elements operating within the social media networks of local communities. The SCA would include coverage of the following key themes:

- Mapping, understanding and monitoring the use of social networks by terrorist organisations and

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affiliated networks;

- Developing counter-narratives within social media networks to degrade the ability of extremist elements to radicalise communities; and
- International cooperation in the surveillance of social networks.

Course Structure

BOTH Short Course Awards will be delivered over three phases:

Component 1: Pre-Course Activities

The Course Provider will be responsible for a series of activities as part of this initial phase. The following services are in addition to the mandatory pre-course activities detailed in the Australia Awards South and West Asia, Short Course Award Handbook:

(i) Pre-Course Needs Analysis.

The Provider will be required to conduct a pre-course survey analysis of awardees to build an understanding of their needs and expectations. It is anticipated that an assessment of English language competence will be conducted. The needs analysis will precede the delivery of all other pre-course services and a report of findings will be provided to Australia Awards.

(ii) Development and distribution of a package of online learning materials.

Reading materials and an accompanying course guide must be structured and designed to assist awardees with developing an understanding of the underlying concepts that will be further explored on-award. These deliverables will be sufficiently developed to allow awardees to progress through the content in a self-paced manner. It is anticipated that some online facilitation may be required and the Provider will need to make provision for this within its costing. The Provider will be responsible for the development of the equivalent of two sessions worth of materials as part of this online component. It is anticipated that a brief survey of awardees, prior to their mobilisation to Australia, would be undertaken by the Provider to determine the extent to which materials have been utilised.

The Program will welcome the use of existing online learning platforms in the delivery of these services.

(iii) Support in the formulation of Return to Work Plans (RWP).

Providers will consult individually with awardees and their supervisors on the development of an initial topic for their return to workplans. The Program will provide a sample template and the standard RWP Guidebook, as well as details of selected awardees. Providers should anticipate a need to tailor the workbook template to suit the specific requirements of each short course.

Component 2: Delivery of the short course in-Australia

Each short course will involve a two-week program of study and experiential activities delivered in one or two locations in Australia.

Component 3: Workshop and Post-course linkages

A workshop for each of the two short courses will be conducted between three and six months post course. These workshops will be held in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Workshops will examine progress in the implementation of Plans developed on-award and explore opportunities for the development of linkages. Awardees will explore the challenges and opportunities for enhancing security cooperation, while senior representatives from key Government of Bangladesh agencies would be invited to participate as part of each workshop program. Additional representation from key Australian counterparts may also be considered by the Program. The Course Provider will assume all responsibility for the design and delivery of the workshops while the Australia Awards Country office in Dhaka will manage the mobilisation of awardees only.

A central outcome for each of the short courses is the formation of collaborative linkages between counterparts. Providers will be responsible for reporting on the nature of any cooperative arrangements that may flow from this assistance.

Potential Participants:

The courses will cater to officers in middle and senior ranking positions with responsibility for the planning and management of initiatives to counter extremist financing and in the use of social media to combat radicalisation. Some officials will be representatives from the Ministry of Home Affairs. It is anticipated that the ability to apply learnings from the course to contribute to ongoing capacity building in CVE will be a prerequisite for selection on these courses. Consideration will be given to applicants representing minority groups and officers who have demonstrated the potential for future leadership within their respective services.

Gender equity will be maintained in the initial nomination and also in the final selected participant list for each short course. Nominations will be provided by the Government of Bangladesh in a prioritised ranking order. Selection will be merit based with the confirmation of awards being subject to background checks.

English language support is anticipated for the SCA. Course Providers will need to source appropriately qualified interpretation and translation services. The Program will provide funding for the recruitment of a full-time interpreter and the translation of key documentation and learning resources. The Provider will, as part of its pre-course needs assessment, determine the extent to which on-course interpretation and the translation of resources will be required.

This call for application is for the Countering the Financing of Terrorism only. There will be a separate application process for the Using Social Media to Counter Radicalisation Short Course.

Specific Selection Requirements – Countering the Financing of Terrorism (Delivery 2)

Awardees will require an understanding of existing international agreements and mechanisms for cooperation in combating the financing of terrorist activities.

It is **suggested** for applicants to come from the following Ministries/Agencies

- (a) Ministry of Home Affairs, including the Bangladesh Police and its relevant units
- (b) Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs
- (c) Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- (d) Ministry of Finance, particularly Bank and Financial Institutions Division
- (e) Ministry of Commerce, including the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies & Firms
- (f) Bangladesh Bank (officers working on anti-money laundering; including Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit)
- (g) National Security Intelligence (civilian personnel)
- (h) Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategies Studies (a statutory agency established by the Government of Bangladesh)

Nomination Process

The nomination process will be coordinated by the Economic Relations Division (ERD). The timelines for nominations for each of the two courses is contained within the 'Schedule and Duration of Training' section of this document. At least 35 nominations will initially be required for **each course**. The final list of 20 confirmed awardees will be determined by Dhaka Post.

ALL applicants need to submit an online application through <https://apps.australiaawardssouthwestasia.org/register> on or before the application deadline. ERD will provide a list of the GoB-endorsed applicants to the Australian High Commission Dhaka. Only applications of those endorsed by ERD will be assessed.

Aligned Australian Counterparts

A primary outcome of these short courses will be the establishment of networks between awardees and their Australian counterparts.

Aligned Australian counterpart organisations may be included as part of site visits or through the engagement of specialist presenters. The following is an indicative list of potential organisations.

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Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC), Australian Crime Commission (ACC), Australian National Financial Intelligence Centre, Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC), Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIPB), The NSW Police Operations Centre (or other state based equivalents), Australian Federal Police (AFP), State based Police force, Office of Attorney General (AG).

Topic Areas – Countering the Financing of Terrorism

Indicative topic areas that could form part of the Short Course Award include:

- Analysis of the major international instruments for countering the financing of terrorism including; United Nations Security Council Resolution 2178 and the International Convention for the Suppression of Financing of Terrorism; and, UN Counter-terrorism Committee Executive Directorate – Universal Legal Framework on Countering the Financing of Terrorism;
- Adopting the Financial Action Taskforce (FATF) recommendations;
- Developing comprehensive domestic terrorism financing offences using the recently introduced Australian 'Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing (Prescribed Foreign Countries) Regulation 2016' as an example;
- Developing strategies that leverage a combined security and law enforcement response to enhanced cooperation in combating terror related financing. Use of financial intelligence to detect, investigate and disrupt terrorism financing;
- Monitoring suspicious financial transactions and associated information gathering strategies;
- Models for engagement with the private sector. Collaboration with security agencies and developing tools and techniques for effective reporting;
- Sources of financing including; state sponsored, private actors and the diversion of legitimate donations to charitable and religious organisations. Understanding national and international terrorism financing risks, identifying vulnerabilities and conducting associated risk assessments;
- Cross-border movement of money controls and monitoring regimes. Border protection as a mechanism for securing the flow of cash and other physical goods used to support terrorist financing;
- Understanding the emerging use of FinTech innovations and related technologies for data mining and improved analytics. Challenges connected to cyber-financing with respect to emerging payment platforms;
- Principles of forensic accounting including: fraud investigative techniques and processes; accounting and auditing standards and procedures; data analysis techniques for fraud detection and data management; issues in compliance, assurance and governance;
- Building regional networks and resilience through the promotion of communication and information cooperation between the Government of Bangladesh and Australian counterparts; and
- Sharing experiences and networking to consider the insights and perspectives of practitioners and professionals representing aligned Australian counterparts.

Feedback from participants and relevant stakeholders (DFAT Post, DFAT Desk, other Government of Australia agencies) from Delivery 1 will be used to revise and enhance the course content and structure for Delivery 2.

Women's Leadership, Inclusivity and Gender Equality

The Australian Government identifies gender equality as a critical cross-cutting theme across the Australian Aid program. One of the ten development objectives of *An Effective Aid Program for Australia* is empowering women to participate in the economy, leadership and education. Gender equality and women's empowerment including: increasing women's voice in decision-making, developing leadership capabilities and peace-building are cross-cutting themes that will be integrated into the design and delivery of the course. Equitable gender representation is a requirement for this short course.

The SCA will specifically address issues in relation to the role of women in promoting peace and security. It will provide a gendered perspective of the impact of terrorism and extremism on women, and develop an awareness of how gender equality and women's empowerment, can contribute to effective CVE policy development and implementation.

Return to Work Plans

The Program requires short course awardees to develop a Return to Work Plan (RWP) that applies the knowledge and skills gained from a course. RWP's are a key deliverable in this suite of short courses and it is envisaged that the work plans to be developed by participants, will contribute to strengthening the capacity of the Government of Bangladesh and its agencies to respond to violent extremism.

Individual RWPs will describe how participants will apply their newly acquired skills and knowledge, to a specific project or set of activities. The Course Provider will engage with awardees and their supervisors as part of Component 1 (online) activities to assist in the framing of appropriate initial RWP topics. Participants will be expected to substantially develop their RWP during Component 2 (in-Australia) with the guidance of the Course Provider.

For each short course, a three day post course activity (Component 3) will provide participants with the opportunity to finalise and present their individual plans. Upon return to their workplace, participants will be expected to implement their individual RWP in conjunction with their supervisor and immediate colleagues.

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Modalities expected for delivery of this Short Course:

The curriculum and course structure for each course should be designed to be appropriate for mid-senior level officers from the Ministry of Home Affairs and related agencies. The following indicate modalities emphasising practical experience and outcomes expected:

- Capacity building to demonstrate competencies in the learning outcomes to be developed by the selected Course Provider;
- Practical applications of successful Australian approaches to countering violent extremism as applied to terrorist financing and countering radicalisation through the use of social media;
- Enquiry-led with a focus on adult learning methods using interactive methods of delivery including; the use of site visits to relevant stakeholders, and specialist presentations from aligned Australian counterparts;
- Developing a return to work plan (RWP) to be implemented on return to the workplace, and
- Networking with professional colleagues during training and creating links with professionals in Australia through presentations and site visits during the short course.

Schedule and Duration of Training:

SCA 1: Countering the Financing of Terrorism

The Short Course Award will be delivered over a two week period (10 training days – in Australia) followed by a 3 day post course workshop to be delivered in Bangladesh. A Pre-course component including structured facilitated online learning (equivalent to 2-days) will be a requirement. Locations for the in Australia component of the course will be determined by the preferred Course Provider but would likely involve travel to Canberra.

The following services are proposed for delivery, in accordance with the following schedule:

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| • Promotion and Selection of Participants by GoB | 1 – 30 September 2017 |
| • Deadline of online applications (Aus Awards Website) | 30 September 2017 |
| • Submission of initial nominee list to Dhaka Post | 5 October 2017 |
| • Confirmation by Dhaka Post of Awardees | 10 October 2017 |
| • Deadline for Visa (Online) Applications | 15 October 2017 |
| • Proposed Activity Dates: (Component 1 – Online) | 6 – 8 November 2017 |
| • Proposed Travel Date to Australia | 17 November 2017 |
| • Proposed Activity Dates: (Component 2 – in Australia) | 20 Nov – 1 Dec 2017 |
| • Proposed Activity Dates: (Component 3 – RWP Workshop) | 23 – 24 April 2018 |

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