

Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)



Soft launch of the International Hub on Behavioural Insights
to Counter Terrorism,
United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism Programme Office, Doha, Qatar

Opening remarks of

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Your Excellency Deputy Prime Minister Al-Thani;

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During the visit, I met with a number of high-level officials, including the Prime Minister; the State Minister for Foreign Affairs; the Ministers of Finance, Justice, and Social Development; and the Human Rights Commissioner.

Our discussions in Doha were in-depth and wide-ranging.

Among the topics discussed was Qatar's efforts to counter violent extremism.

The work of the International Hub will build upon the research already conducted by Qatar University, through the Social and Economic Survey Research Institute, to develop a global index of vulnerability to violent extremism, which includes human rights and gender considerations.

And this work at the research level is matched by Qatar's commitment to countering violent extremism through education, including through the "Education Above All" Foundation.

I also learned, during our visit, about the work of the Silatech Foundation, which is working to address unemployment among youth and thus help counter violent extremism.

Qatar's commitment to countering violent extremism extends also to the diplomatic arena.

The Government of Qatar has engaged in significant diplomatic efforts for preventive diplomacy and mediation in the wider region, to tackle conflicts that create conditions conducive to violent extremism leading to terrorism.

All these efforts were part of Qatar's broader strategy to counter violent extremism.

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