

Ladies and Gentlemen!

We are working hard to ensure that the journal “Terrorism - Studies, Analyses, Prevention” (T-SAP) meets the expectations of its audience - representatives of the entire counterterrorism community of the Republic of Poland and the community of researchers of the phenomenon of terrorism, as well as other people interested in one of the greatest security challenges of the countries of the European Union and NATO. Above all, we are committed to ensuring that the topics covered are significant and topical.

Artificial intelligence certainly is such a topic. In the ongoing public debate, much attention is paid primarily to the threats posed by its use. These indeed pose serious challenges. However, thanks to AI, we have also gained completely new opportunities to develop knowledge and implement solutions to improve various areas of life. Among other things, AI can help us take better and more effective care of security. In what ways? For example, as the authors of the articles point out, by using AI algorithms to increase the resilience of critical infrastructure to terrorist threats or to predict the victims of such attacks.

Nowadays we are also dealing with a rapidly growing market of virtual currencies. In this issue you can read about their use to finance criminal activities, including those of a terrorist nature. The authors of the text analyze this phenomenon from the side of legal regulation and the possibilities of counteracting it by law enforcement and law enforcement agencies.

The COVID-19 pandemic, which until recently we had to deal with, focused our attention on health issues. However,

the topic of food safety and agroterrorism using biological agents has rarely been addressed in the broader forum, and it is closely related to human health well-being. The author of one article analyzes the current challenges in the area of biosecurity and food security - compounded not only by the epidemiological situation, but also by the war taking place in Ukraine, which is among the world's top food producers.

The unstable geopolitical situation in the world increases the risk of acts of a terrorist nature also directed against diplomatic facilities. The author of an article on the architecture of the buildings of 22 embassies located in Warsaw, Berlin and Rome writes about how they are protected by zonal security.

Starting with this issue of T-SAP, we would like to offer you a new, additional formula. It will feature texts that are not strictly scientific. Our goal is to create conditions conducive to a substantive discussion on countering, combating and preventing terrorist threats also from the point of view of practitioners, taking into account their experiences and opinions. In this issue we publish an essay on the role of counterintelligence activities. Its author has devoted many years of service to the Polish anti-terrorist community. The next materials presented were compiled by EU terrorism experts. They described two important anti-terrorism initiatives run by the European Commission - the EU High Risk Security Network and the EU Protective Security Advisors. With a view to exchanging experiences at the international level, we interviewed an expert from the Stockholm police about ways to build resilience to terrorist attacks in Sweden. In this part of the issue, we also publish a commentary by an expert from the American George Washington University, one of the best-known researchers of terrorist threats, on the results of a survey on terrorism in Poland and the directions of its development, conducted by the ABW in 2022.

I have already written about the novelties. Now, traditionally, I would like to encourage you to read the 4th issue of T-SAP, including reviews of two interesting book items. At the same time, I hope that the content presented in

it will meet with interest and contribute to the development and improvement of the anti-terrorist system of the Republic of Poland at every level - operational, tactical and strategic.

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