

## **Ladies and Gentlemen!**

The past experience of Western countries in the fight against terrorism shows that they are able to achieve an operational advantage over terrorists if they create an effective mechanism of coordination and cooperation in counter-terrorism, functioning at the level of international, interministerial and interinstitutional cooperation. Related research and scientific initiatives provide valuable support to the counterterrorism system. Their intensification is in the interest of all services and institutions responsible for national security.

One of such initiatives is a new scientific periodical “Terrorism - studies, analysis, prevention” created within the Internal Security Agency. Scientific and educational materials related to the challenges faced by Poland and other NATO member countries in the fight against terrorism will be presented on its pages. Topics covered will include: legal and organizational aspects of increasing the effectiveness of anti-terrorist systems, ways to build resistance to terrorist attacks, new technologies as tools in the hands of terrorists, historical issues related to terrorism and their translation into contemporary reality, educational activities for anti-terrorist security conducted in different social groups. Foreign affiliation of some of the members of the scientific board, reviewers and authors, as well as English-language translation of the journal will allow it to reach a wider audience.

In the first issue of the new periodical you will find articles devoted, among others, to: selected features of XXI century terrorism, legal aspects of the fight against terrorism in Poland and the EU, the 15th anniversary of the Interministerial Team for Terrorist Threats, radicalization leading to terrorism and methods of preventing this phenomenon applied in France, the use of cyberspace for terrorist activity, unmanned aerial vehicles used for terrorist attacks on objects of energy infrastructure, as well as the activity of the new unit of the anti-

terrorist division of the Internal Security Agency - Terrorism Prevention Centre of Excellence.

Inviting you to read the journal “Terrorism - studies, analysis, prevention”, I hope that it will fulfil its mission of strengthening cooperation between the various communities involved in anti-terrorist protection activities and broaden the perspective of these issues. I also believe that it will systematically develop, gaining a large group of readers and supporters.

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“Terrorism - studies, analysis, prevention”  
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