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Strategies and policies to prevent and contrast radicalization

Panel VI – The strategies

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Algeria's counterterrorism strategy

1. promoting **reintegration** of former terrorists into society;
2. **isolating** returning fighters to prevent their ranks from swelling;
3. waging a **war of ideas**, with peace, inclusion and respect for the rule of law pitted against violence, exclusion and radicalism;
4. encouraging imams to regularly and explicitly **denounce** radical interpretations of Islam that lead to violence;
5. calling on **schools** to reinforce these values starting in kindergarten going through university to ensure radicalism has no place in their education;
6. enhancing participatory **democracy**;
7. enhancing and improving **employment** opportunities
8. Foreign policy activism

Azerbaijan's goals, strategies and policies

Goal:

Decreasing the risk of radicalization among religious communities in Azerbaijan.

Strategies and policies:

- Adopting a program which involves rehabilitation and de-radicalization of radical extremists/returned foreign fighters in detention facilities;
- Supporting civil society organizations/programs in the cities where most of the citizens left to join the war;
- Eliminating discriminatory policies in schools, workplaces, and military;
- Public awareness raising campaigns involving interviews with disappointed returnees.

Available data on Azerbaijani foreign fighters who traveled to Syria or Iraq (2017)

Foreign fighters	+900
Stopped in, deported from, denied entry to Turkey while traveling	252
Killed in armed conflict	300
Remained	x
Returned	x
Prosecuted	92
Deprived of citizenship	260

Nardaran deadly clashes



Responses

- sentencing FTF to lengthy prison terms
- deprivation of citizenship
- State Committee for Work with Religious Associations (SCRWA), strict control over every religious affair in the country, including registration of religious groups, as well as approval of religious materials and responsible for implementing policies and programs to counter violent extremism and promote religious tolerance