



Quarterly CTIP Newsletter

CTIP Forum at Camp Arfijan

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On April 23, 2018, U.S. Department of State (DOS), Army Criminal Investigative Command (CID), and Defense Criminal Investigative Service (DCIS), participated in a Combating Trafficking in Persons (CTIP) forum, presenting issues and concerns of the command while conducting CTIP investigations, especially dealing with the Operation Inherent Resolve area of responsibility. Opening remarks were presented by the Honorable Lawrence R. Silverman, US Ambassador to Kuwait, and the Nasser Al Hajri, Director, Public Authority for Manpower, Kuwait.

Attendees included:

MG Andrew P. Schafer Jr., Commander, 28th Infantry Division, OIR, Kuwait; CSM John E. Jones, HQ, 28th Infantry Division, Pennsylvania Army National Guard; Mr. Ayon Muyeed, Political Officer, US Embassy, Kuwait; Mr. Royce Branch, Supervisory General Services Officer, US Embassy, Kuwait; Mr. Jeff Tang, Vice Consul for American Citizen Service, US Embassy, Kuwait; and Mr. Ali Almutairi, Head of the Work Permits Disputes Labor Relations and Complaints Department Public Authority of Manpower, Kuwait.

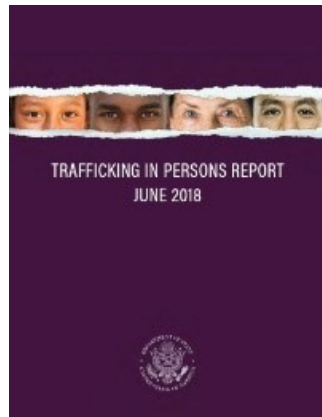
The participants included Contracting Officer Representatives (CORs) from the 408th Sustainment Command, the 401st Army Field Support Brigade, the 355th Communications Squadron, and the 386th Air Wing.

The forum presented an overview of laws and regulations, and the responsibilities to prevent, identify, and respond to abuses. Special attention was given to forced labor issues. Also referred to as labor trafficking, forced labor encompasses the range of activities including: recruiting, harboring, transporting, providing, or use of force or physical threats, psychological coercion, abuse of legal processes, deception, or other coercive means to compel someone to work. These specific CTIP issues have become more common in the region and the forum intent was to educate the CORs to establish a robust proactive CTIP program.



[Photos provided by DCIS.]

2018 Trafficking in Persons Report



U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo released the [2018 Trafficking in Persons Report](#) on June 28, 2018. The Secretary was joined by Ms. Ivanka Trump, Advisor to the President and Ms. Kari Johnstone, Acting Director, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons.

The U.S. Government uses the annual TIP Report as a diplomatic and diagnostic tool to engage with foreign

governments.

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Interagency Activities

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has updated its “Look Beneath the Surface” campaign materials. The updated materials include posters, brochures, stickers, bookmarks and pocket cards. The items are geared towards non-governmental organizations, health care providers and youth.



<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/otip/partnerships/look-beneath-the-surface>.

For more information,
visit
<http://ctip.defense.gov>

DoD CTIP Program Office Updates

The Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness issued a Memorandum on March 1, 2018, reducing the mandatory annual requirement of Combating Trafficking in Persons to within one year of initial entry with follow-on training determined by the Military Departments. The CTIP Office will work with the CTIP POCs to update the CTIP DoDI 2200.01 based on this new requirement.

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Have ideas for the next issue? Submit your suggestions and agency highlights to dodctip@mail.mil.