



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 Mueyed, 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.]

DoD's First Operational Gender Advisor Course **Contributed by U.S. Pacific Command HQ, Office of Strategic Partnerships (J92)**

USPACOM's CTIP lead, Ms. Sharon Feist, taught and participated in the first U.S. DoD Operational Gender Advisor Course (OGC) in Honolulu, Hawaii from June 4-8, 2018. The OGC supports the Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) mandate for training as required by the WPS Act signed into Public Law last year, as well as the U.S. National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security.

Led by the Joint Staff and hosted by USPACOM, the OGC is a joint certified course, designed to be exportable to other Combatant Commands and DoD entities—students are certified as Gender Advisors (GENADS) upon completion.

GENADS are principal advisors on the implementation of gender perspective strategies to the commander and associated staff, which will only complement and even benefit DoD's current CTIP efforts. Integrating a gender perspective into any operation—meaning, understanding the social dynamics of a population and the roles that men, women, boys, and girls play within a cultural and social context—also offers critical insight into the root causes of human trafficking within the affected state. If gender perspective in military plans and operations are implemented effectively, then CTIP would also be strengthened—and more effective—in plans and operations.



Ms. Feist co-lectured on “Gender Considerations for Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Response (HA/DR) Operations,” and provided mini-case studies on the rise of human trafficking following two natural disasters in the Indo-Pacific: Typhoon Haiyan, which hit the Philippines in November 2013 and the Nepal earthquake in April 2015. Even though women and girls were disproportionately affected in the aftermath of both of these crises, in the case of Nepal, women played a crucial yet underappreciated role in relief efforts and continue to do so in long-term recovery efforts.

There are strong linkages between WPS and combating human trafficking. CTIP is a critical component of the “Protection” pillar under WPS, but more broadly, human trafficking – especially that of women and girls - is often connected to and exacerbated during a crisis or conflict, further contributing to human insecurity and national instability.

Since both WPS and CTIP program objectives are mutually reinforcing, it will be exciting to see how these programs could continue to complement each other's efforts. For more information on the OGC, please see USPACOM's press release: <http://www.pacom.mil/Media/News/News-Article-View/Article/1545572/us-indo-pacific-command-delivers-first-us-operational-gender-advisor-course/>.

[Photo provided by Petty Officer 2nd Class James Mu.]

Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute (PKSOI)

Contributed by LTC Marci Hodge, Civil Affairs Officer, US Army Reserves



The [PKSOI](#) advances the U.S. Army's efforts on Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) that were enacted into [Public Law](#) in 2017. In the [U.S. National Action Plan \(NAP\) of 2016](#), one of the high-level objectives calls for "Protection from Violence" stating the "United States Government will strengthen its efforts to prevent - and protect women and children from - harm, exploitation, discrimination, and abuse, including gender-based violence and trafficking in persons, and to hold perpetrators accountable in conflict-affected environments." (Note: An update to the NAP/Strategy is expected by fall of 2018.) Since then, PKSOI has stood up a WPS Cell within the Peace Operations Division and is integrating WPS throughout all divisions, working to operationalize the concept within the Army and supporting the DoD in development of strategic documents that will guide the Military Services. During PKSOI's most recent Peace and Stability Operations Training and Education Workshop in April 2018, the WPS Working Group met for the second consecutive year to further the Draft "Commander and Staff Guide to Integrating Gender Perspectives in Military Operations (GPMO)" that PKSOI plans to release in 2018 and will include TIP equities to further prepare our leaders and staffs for this unfortunate reality of the modern battlefield. For more information on our efforts please contact PKSOI's Peace Operations Division Chief, COL Brian Foster, at brian.r.foster4.mil@mail.mil.

Defense Institute of International Legal Studies Efforts in CTIP

Contributed by CDR Carolyn Leonard-Cho, Deputy Operations Director and Maritime Program Director

DIILS is the lead DoD security cooperation resource for professional education and engagement on rule of law topics with U.S. international partners. Since 1993, DIILS has built partner capacity in 140 countries to effectively implement international human rights law and international humanitarian law, with emphasis on transparency and accountability.

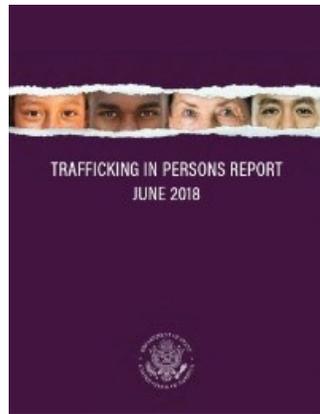


DIILS's engagements, averaging over 100 annually, comprise a variety of efforts in support of the U.S. Government's work in CTIP. In FY 2017, DIILS engaged over 2,000 international participants. DIILS worked with partners to draft laws that authorize their armed forces to conduct CTIP operations, and trained military and law enforcement personnel to conduct CTIP operations in compliance with international law, particularly in

the maritime environment. Notably, DIILS has developed valuable curricula on gender violence that addresses CTIP, describing the relevant international laws and treaties and their application.

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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.

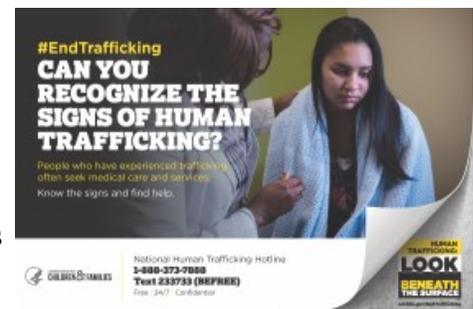
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Interagency Activities

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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