

Policies for the disengagement and rehabilitation of violent extremists

Terrorism and violent extremism pose a threat to societies around the world, from Paris and Melbourne to Jakarta.

In recent decades, terrorist attacks and political conflicts linked to violent interpretations of Islam have changed the security situation in Southeast Asia.

This project aims to build the capacity of Indonesian civil servants, police officers, civil society actors and academics on countering violent extremism (CVE), terrorist rehabilitation, and the role of gender in conflict resolution and CVE. It also hopes to facilitate exchanges of information between these groups, Monash academics, Victorian and Australian police personnel, senior Victorian and Australian civil servants, civil society actors and other countering violent extremism stakeholders.

The course will be conducted over three legs from October 2018 to February 2019.

This includes: a pre-course series of workshops introducing the general concepts in terrorism, countering violent extremism and terrorist rehabilitation, taught in Indonesia; Australia- and comparative-focused workshops on countering terrorism and violent extremism, gender and CVE, and first-hand presentations on Australia's counter-terrorism, CVE and terrorist and extremist rehabilitation programs from private, public and NGO stakeholders, held in Melbourne, Canberra and Sydney;

and a post-course workshop in Indonesia applying the materials from the first two legs to concrete examples in Indonesia.

The main objective of this project is to provide technical knowledge on disengagement for those who draft, analyse and implement policies and programs to effectively disengage and rehabilitate violent extremists and counter radicalisation.

The project will have longstanding benefits through the establishment and enhancement of research and other partnerships between the Indonesian and Australian and Victorian Government, as well as police, civil society, and private sector counter-terrorism, CVE and terrorist rehabilitation stakeholders in both countries

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