

Dear Readers,

The Centre of Excellence – Defence Against Terrorism (COE–DAT) was established with the vision of being NATO’s subject matter expert in terrorism, which is the most prominent threat to our security today. Up to now the Centre has carried out a series of activities including courses, panels, conferences, workshops and symposiums, all of which have brought together renowned experts and scholars from around the world in order to share their knowledge on the lesser known aspects of terrorism.

The *Defence Against Terrorism Review (DATR)* which is being launched by the Centre as a bi-annual academic publication is a great opportunity to reach out to all parts of the world with the articles that will reflect different perspectives on the complex phenomenon of terrorism.

I am confident that the *DATR* will also serve the ultimate goal of achieving global cooperation, which is the *sine qua non* condition of the struggle against terrorism. It is worth remembering in this regard what the great leader Atatürk had once said: “*Mankind is a single body and each nation a part of that body. We must never say “what does it matter to me if some part of the body is ailing?” If there is such an illness, we must concern ourselves with it, as though we ourselves had that illness.*”

I would like to thank the staff of the COE–DAT for taking such an initiative. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the authors who shared their invaluable knowledge experience with the readers.

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