

PERSPECTIVE : Terrorists treatment

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Former terrorists to be adapted to the society , inter alia, table football with Saudi Arabian -based rehab .

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Should the terrorist acts in the rehabilitation of sentenced persons to invest ? In the Islamic world believed it . Over the past decade rehabilitation programs have been introduced in 12 countries. Results have been mostly positive, but still waiting for a solid research data .

Debate on the Koran , swimming, computer games , art therapy, gifts for family and housing allowances . Saudi Arabia, these soft means trying to rehabilitate former terrorists, and re- introduce them into society , a normal life. The task is challenging , because Saudi Arabia has long been the cradle of radical ideas , Osama Bin Laden since. Most of the fighting in Iraq, the Saudis are the foreigners , as well as the majority of 9/11-iskujen factors.

Saudi Arabia for more than 3 000 terrorists convicted prisoners have gone through rehabilitation. Of these, only about 10 percent is returned to the subject of radicalism . The oil rich country to eradicate terrorism has invested in - one prisoner rehabilitation costs over 100 euros a day. The other hand, in Bangladesh, the former terrorists can rehabilitate ten times lower than that amount.

- If you do not invest rehabilitaatioon , released terrorists will continue to radicalize their actions and their communities . Or they become heroes, "says Professor Rohan Gunaratna of Singapore Nanyang University of terrorism research center.

Number of terrorism researchers met this week to Israel, Herzliya international meeting to discuss the global impact of terrorism .

Currently, in 12 Asian and Middle Eastern countries is different rehabilitation programs , which has studied the methods of Gunaratna . All programs have a common religious and spiritual method , namely the belief learned by talking to terrorists explain how religion has been misused.

- Asia also budhalainen yoga method is seen in favor of , and yoga warm up , except that

the guards also arrested , Gunaratna explains.

Asia is also used psychological rehabilitaatiota , where opinion-makers or from the same ethnic group, the politicians come to speak to detainees , to tell their own successes .

- Everyone needs role models , including terrorists, "says Gunaratna .

Most rehabilitation programs is also an educational element , but instead of training or retraining is not gained popularity .

- There are fears that they have access to tools that help to plan their escape from prison ! Gunaratna says with amusement .

In all 12 sports program opportunities.

- while playing well is capable of monitoring the use of prisoners . But it is important that the terrorists should not be a team to play against the guards of the team , Gunaratna illuminates .

The body is recommended to counteract the culture of the creative method, or art therapy, music and literature.

- Classical terrorist is usually read only a 10- key text , ie he has a very narrow worldview . But Islam has a million books - it is important to introduce them to art, their world opens.

Many of the terrorists were also fighting the breadwinner of their families . In particular, Singapore has invested in to the fact that families be supported financially . Otherwise, the terrorist group might intervene and radicalise younger family members . Seeing the family also is important - such as Libya, while the wife may spend a week with her husband a terrorist .

- Libyan secret service said that a week after a terrorist he was very cooperative ! Gunaratna says.

longing for family life can also be motivated to leave terrorism. Gunaratna and the University of Maryland professor Arie Kruglanski interviewed a lot Abu Sayyaf organization commander in the Philippines.

- He really palaneensa the end , because life was so hard to be a terrorist . Simultaneous ideology of alienation made him put an end to terrorism , Kruglanski says.

A brief history of the rehabilitation

rehabilitation of terrorists have been carried out in its current form until 10 years . The first Islamist käännetyryitykset admittedly was in Egypt in the 1960s the Muslim Brotherhood prisoners involved . The experiment did not produce results, because one of the main text of the Islamic radicalism , Sayyid Qutbin *Signposts Traveling* originates just from that period , an Egyptian prison. Considerably more successful have been the al- Gamaa a- Islamiyyat and al- Jihad organizations in negotiations with the prison conversations. Tourist attacks in the well-known organizations have condemned the former ideology and denounced violence.

Terrorism investigators are discussion about whether it is better to target brain- washing movements, leaders of companies or members of the row . For example, in Egypt and Algeria followed a top-down method, in which ' refused entry ' leaders influence followers.

- Saudi Arabia and Iraq do not apply to programs for leaders, because they are being too committed to terrorism, too hard to bend side. But on the other leaders of refolement is a far-reaching effects , while the line is easier to convert the soldiers , but the result may be short-lived , Kruglanski says.

Is it possible, then removal of radicalism ?

- Psychological theory suggests that the answer must be yes , the people change their mind , radicalized , and under favorable conditions it should be possible to leave the

radicalism , Kruglanski responsible. His radicalism is , by definition, terrorism, which justifies a certain ideology . Ideology does not have to be very complicated , but there is some sort of anomaly group box . Someone is to blame for this anomaly , namely the enemy.

- Nobody should not be a terrorist only through the internet, but at some point in the intervention takes place . This also helps to understand the radicalism rid of access, notes Jonathan Paris, the British King 's College radikalismintutkimuksen institution.

Scientists seem to agree that terrorism can not be overcome by force alone .

- It is important to respond to terrorist attacks on the use of force , but rehabilitaatiolla to neutralize the supporters and potential new members, "says Gunaratna .

He reminds us that all Muslim countries have suffered from terrorism, so they all should also be the rehabilitation program .

- Fire must fight against the fire, but also with water. Against terrorism must be combated on a stick , extremist ideas carrots, because terrorism is a by-product of extremist ideas . If extreme ideas to flourish, we will all suffer terrorism, Gunaratna warns.

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