

Bioterrorismus

Bioterrorism is defined by the unlawful, intentional or threatened use of microorganisms or of toxins derived from living organisms to cause death or diseases in humans, animals or plants and to generate fear in the population.

The use of biological agents is so attractive to the terrorist because of the ease of acquisition, of the ease and economy of production also because of low visibility, and the ease and stealth of delivery. Throughout the world, countries have set up new administrative and operational structures and adapted their preparedness and response plans in order to deal with the new threat. On the wider international level, global health security measures to strengthen the public health response to the threat of international biological, chemical and radio-nuclear terrorism have been initiated.

Governments and international entities with responsibilities related to maintenance of peace, security, safety and health protection have made it a priority to review their political, economic, diplomatic, military and legal capacity to face up to such attacks and have embarked on major efforts to increase their preparedness.

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