



2015 Antiterrorism Awareness Message

August marks the Army's sixth annual observance of Antiterrorism Awareness Month. The terrorist threats we face today are as complex as they have been at any time in our Nation's history. These threats are persistent and constantly evolving as evidenced by the fight against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL).

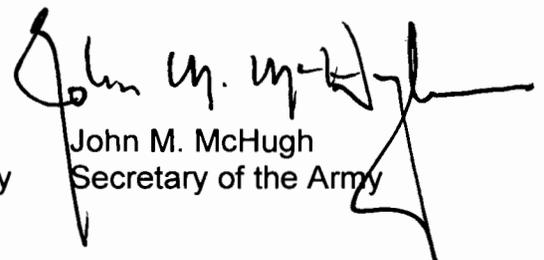
The purpose of Antiterrorism Awareness Month is to instill Army-wide heightened awareness and vigilance to protect Army critical assets and personnel by preventing acts of terrorism. Awareness of terrorist threats and an understanding of personal protective measures remain paramount. The four focus areas planned for this year include (1) recognizing and reporting suspicious activity, (2) participating in antiterrorism training, (3) countering insider threats and (4) becoming familiar with the risks associated with the use of social media.

As part of this observance, leaders at all levels should continue to emphasize the importance of suspicious activity reporting in support of our collective national security. Recent activities around the world, which have included the use of social media as a threat mechanism against Soldiers and their Families, emphasize the need for sustained antiterrorism awareness.

We encourage all leaders to make continuous improvements within our antiterrorism plans and programs in order to guard our communities against persistent terrorist threats. Leaders should leverage resources and expertise from throughout their formations to strengthen the security and protection of Army communities. Working together, we present a unified defense for the strength of our Nation. Army Strong!


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