

# Emergency Preparedness and Response & CBRNE Counter-Terrorism Response

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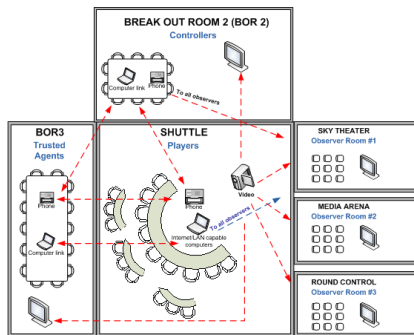


## Development and Execution of EXERCISE COBALT 09 for the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism (GICNT)

The GICNT is an international effort to strengthen the multilateral frameworks in place to counter nuclear and radiological terrorism. It is not meant to be a legally-binding treaty but rather a voluntary undertaking by a group of like-minded countries. The intent of the GICNT is to focus on operational-level cooperation rather than on developing new legislation or policies. Given that nuclear terrorism has the potential to be a global threat, the success of the GICNT hinges on broad participation and, as such, the GICNT now counts more than 75 countries as partners and several international organizations as official observers.



### Services:



ISR was hired by the National Coordinator for Counterterrorism (NCTb) in the Netherlands for the development and delivery of an intelligence-based exercise; EXERCISE COBALT 09. This table-top exercise involved the participation of 27 players from ten (10) countries and three (3) international organizations and 70 active observers from 36 countries and five (5) organizations.

The exercise was designed as a “puzzle” of intelligence information. This puzzle was purposely complex and somewhat disjointed and described a scenario in which a terrorist group planned a coordinated radiological/nuclear attack on three separate targets within the European Union.

However, the resolution of the puzzle was not the main objective of the exercise. The main objective was to highlight the requirements for the timely and accurate sharing of often sensitive information between countries and organizations in order to effectively counter the radiological/nuclear threat.

To effectively conduct the exercise, ISR developed a specialized information delivery system such that players would receive exercise information and be able to communicate with each other in real time.



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