

Links between State Instability and International Terrorism

| Terrorist network requirement | Level of dependence on instability | How unstable states act as enabler |
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| Basing: leadership haven and training of recruits | High | Ungoverned territory provides a secure area for leadership cadres. Recruits can be trained and integrated within organisation |
| Conflict experience | High | Normalisation of violence and places terrorist activities in context of conventional conflict |
| Weapons/equipment testing | Some | Ungoverned territory provides small arms and explosives training, weapons R&D |
| Finance/resources | Some | Lack of checks and balances mean that monies can be obtained through corruption and misused |
| Operations | Some | Base for mounting attacks on local targets (embassies, infrastructure) |

Source: U.K. Prime Minister's Strategy Unit, *Investing in Prevention: An International Strategy to Manage Risks of Instability and Improve Crisis Response* (London: Prime Minister's Strategy Unit, February 2005), table 1.2, p. 12.