

# Drug Enforcement Administration Foreign-deployed Advisory Support Team



## DEA FAST

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## MISSION STATEMENT

Plan and conduct special enforcement operations; train, mentor, and advise foreign narcotics law enforcement units; collect and assess evidence and intelligence in support of US and bilateral investigations.



## **Drug Flow Attack Strategy (DFAS)**

DEA's DFAS is used globally in order to develop sustained, intelligence-driven interdiction operations which disrupt and seize shipments of drugs, precursor chemicals, and operating capital. DFAS uses sequential operations and predictive intelligence in order to disrupt Drug Trafficking Organization activity and identify trafficker reaction.





# Drugs/Terrorism Nexus

## DEA Integration with SOF

- DOS, Foreign Terrorist Organizations  
47 FTO's => 18 linked Drugs (39%)
- DOJ, Consolidated Priority Organization Targets  
69 CPOT's => 33 linked FTO's (49%)
- Global Reach, Global Influence:  
FARC, AUC, Hizballah,  
 Hamas, al-Qa'ida, Al-Shabaab  
=> Political/Religious Extremists

Why Drugs? ...\$\$\$

“The first need is financial. There are hundreds wishing to carry out martyrdom-seeking operations but they can't find the funds to equip themselves. So funding is the mainstay of jihad”

- Sheik Saeed, Middle East Research Institute





# Drugs/Terrorism Nexus

## ( DTO vs FTO a/k/a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Piracy)

### Commonalities

- Opposed to any Nation's sovereignty, disregard Human Rights
- Seek to operate in ungoverned space
  - exploit weak Nation States
- Shadow facilitators:
  - Money Launderers, Arms Traffickers, Smugglers
- Rely heavily on corruption, intimidation, & violence
- Sophisticated C2, clandestine operations, red-vetting
- Utilize latest technology
  - Communications, Navigation, Financial
- Require large amounts of money
- Able to quickly regenerate following losses

### Differences

FTO –  
Ideology

DTO –  
Greed

(symbiotic)



# DEA Integration with SOF iso SO/LIC

- F3EAD: Targeting thru Actions on Objective
- DEA has 82 Offices in 62 Foreign Countries
- Shared Intelligence
  - Financial Attack, Judicial Intercepts & Extradition,
  - HVT, SIU & Vetted Programs, SOD
  - FAST – embed with SOF





# FAST TRAINING

**FAST Training Supported by SOCOM**

**Phase 1: Physical & Tactical Assessment**

**Phase 2: Specialized Training**

**Phase 3: Advanced SOF TTPs**



- Mission Planning; Small Unit Tactics
- Heavy/Foreign Weapons
- Close Quarter Combat Shooting
- IED and Demolitions Familiarization
- Surveillance Detection
- Counter- Threat Driving
- Combat Lifesaving
- Communication and NVG
- Land Warfare; MOUT/SOUC
- Escape and Evade Techniques
- Airmobile/Maritime Operations
- Convoy Operations
- Counterdrug Tactical Police Operations



# Counter-Narcotics & Counter-Insurgency

**CN/COIN Strategy must not ignore Narcotics (CP/CI)**

**DEA Attacks DTO's (networks); Leverage CN laws**

## **Interdiction vs. Eradication**

- **The insurgency relies on drug trafficking as a significant source of revenue to fund transportation of fighters, training facilities, communications, weapons, and logistics;**
- **Operations and intelligence have proven that many narcotics traffickers and insurgents are one in the same;**
- **Narcotics trafficking feeds corruption and threatens the Afghan government's legitimacy and is a strategic threat to USG policy and goals in Afghanistan;**
- **Government legitimacy and stabilization depends on the rule of law;**



# Counter-Narcotics & Counter-Insurgency in Afghanistan

## DEA Strategy & Mechanism

- **Identify and Target HVT's and key nexus nodes**  
Use informants, UC operations, interdiction operations, financial investigations, and telephone intercepts to develop prosecutable Afghan Bi-lateral, 959, and 960a cases
- **Synchronize and Conduct Operations with US/ISAF SOF**  
Transparent and shared targets, intelligence, investigative priorities, and resources throughout theatre
- **Capacity Building**  
DEA expansion and integration into ISAF Regional Commands. Continue to train, mentor, and advise specialized units of the CNP-A
- **Strategic Communications**  
Impact local Afghan mindset by enforcing rule of law, support Afghan-led operations, targeting corrupt officials and high-level insurgents & traffickers, and sustain dialog with tribal elders



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## DEA Integration with SOF

### FORECAST:

- More DTO/FTO **hybrids** will appear: 21<sup>st</sup> Century OC
- FARC is *the* case study
- DTO/FTO's operate in same spaces
- Each vying for same money generated from same illicit enterprises
- Reliance on same shadow facilitators for logistics, finance, \$, arms
- **RED** forces in compressed 'space/time' scenario become allies

*Is it a law enforcement mission or is it a military mission?*

*Both!!!—U.S. law enforcement, the U.S. Military, and the Intelligence Community have no choice but to work closer together.*

- **GREEN** and **BLUE** forces must have unity of effort to prevail

*“When your job takes you into the swamp to hunt snakes, you’ll have opportunities to kill or capture some crocs as well — cause they live and multiply in the same, nasty surroundings.”*

*Mr. Frankie Shroyer, LATF Director USSOCOM*