

Despite Efforts to combat Terror Still Sudan on the List of US Terrorism??

The United States has acknowledged that Sudan has been cleared of accusations of its support of global terrorism, yet the United States has placed it on its annual list of state sponsors of terrorism. Sudan has not weakened its resolve to fight terrorism or other activities that harm the interests of other countries in the world, but cooperate in all areas of world peace to create a world free of crime.

The USA Bureau of Counterterrorism and Countering Violent Extremism of the US State Department recently issued Country Reports on Terrorism 2016 and acknowledged the role of Sudan in combating terrorism.

The report says:

Sudan was designated as a State Sponsor of Terrorism in 1993 due to concerns about support to international terrorist groups, including the Abu Nidal Organization, Palestine Islamic Jihad, Hamas, and Hezbollah. Notwithstanding this history, countering terrorism is today a national security priority for Sudan, and Sudan is a cooperative partner of the United States on counterterrorism, despite its continued presence on the State Sponsors of Terrorism List. During the past year, the Government of Sudan continued to pursue counterterrorism operations alongside regional partners, including operations to directly counter threats to U.S. interests and personnel in Sudan. Sudan takes seriously the threat posed by ISIS, and in September 2016, the U.S. government acknowledged the Government of Sudan's significant efforts to counter ISIS and other terrorist groups and to prevent their movement into and through Sudan. Earlier, in June 2016, a senior U.S. official praised Sudan for its counterterrorism efforts as well.

There were no reported terrorist attacks in Sudan in 2016. There also were no indications that the Sudanese government tolerated or assisted terrorist organizations within its borders in 2016. Reports indicate that the Government of Sudan ceased providing Hamas any direct support as they did in years past.

As a result of a U.S. engagement plan with the Government of Sudan in 2016 that offered potential economic sanctions relief if Sudan took positive actions in a number of areas – including enhanced counterterrorism cooperation – the Sudanese government has taken steps to improve its

counterterrorism efforts through enhanced interagency and international cooperation to address the ISIS threat.

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