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Trump Needs to Understand and Respect These 6 Basic Rules of Counterterrorism

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Candidate Donald Trump promised to move boldly and swiftly to defeat the Islamic State. But in his first months in office, the new president has violated cardinal rules of effective counterterrorism. In doing so, he has undercut U.S. efforts—and those of partners—to combat groups such as the Islamic State, also known as ISIS; Al Qaeda; and their partners.

Here are six key counterterrorism principles that President Trump would be wise to revisit:

- Isolate terrorists from the civilian populations in which they operate
- Do not validate terrorists' false narratives
- Do not promise what you can't deliver
- Do not alienate allies
- Invest in local partners
- Use all elements of national power

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