



Head of the UN Office of Counter-Terrorism pays tribute to the victims of terrorism during visit to Afghanistan

Kabul, 14 August 2018 – On the occasion of the first International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism, Under-Secretary-General Vladimir Voronkov, Head of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism is visiting Afghanistan, at the invitation of the Government, to commemorate and pay tribute to victims of terrorism.

Through the visit, Mr. Voronkov wishes to express solidarity and pay tribute to and support victims and survivors. He will take part in an international conference on “Commemorating the International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism”, organized by the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission in Kabul. During his visit, Mr. Voronkov will also take the opportunity to meet with victims of terrorism as well as representatives of the Government and the international community, as well as with senior UN officials.

The “International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism” was established by General Assembly resolution 72/165 in 2018. The Government of Afghanistan played a leading role to establish this annual international day to honour and support the victims of terrorism.

The Office of Counter-Terrorism was established in June 2017 to provide leadership on the implementation of General Assembly counter-terrorism mandates, to enhance coordination and coherence, and to strengthen the delivery of the United Nations counter-terrorism capacity building assistance to Member States.

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