

Secretary Mayorkas Announces Establishment of Homeland Intelligence Experts Group

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Experts Group to provide advice and perspectives on intelligence and national security efforts to the Office of Intelligence and Analysis and the Office of Counter-terrorism Coordinator to support DHS' vital work to protect our country

WASHINGTON – Today, U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Alejandro N. Mayorkas, Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis (I&A) Ken Wainstein, and Counter-terrorism Coordinator Nicholas Rasmussen announced the establishment of the Homeland Intelligence Experts Group (Experts Group). The group is comprised of private sector experts who will provide their unique perspectives on the federal government's intelligence enterprise to DHS's I&A and the Office of the Counter-terrorism Coordinator.

“The security of the American people depends on our capacity to collect, generate, and disseminate actionable intelligence to our federal, state, local, territorial, tribal, campus, and private sector partners,” **said Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro N. Mayorkas**. “I express my deep gratitude to these distinguished individuals for dedicating their exceptional expertise, experience, and vision to our critical mission.”

“The Homeland Intelligence Experts Group is being formed at a time of unprecedented challenge, with the U.S. intelligence enterprise facing threats from a range of malign actors, to include foreign nation-state adversaries, domestic violent extremists, cyber criminals, drug-trafficking cartels and other transnational criminal organizations,” **said Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis Ken Wainstein**. “The Experts Group will be an invaluable asset as we navigate through this evolving threat and operating environment and continue to strengthen our efforts to protect the Homeland.”

“The homeland threat environment is more diverse, dynamic, and challenging than at any point in our post 9/11 history, with threats tied to an array of different terrorist and violent extremist ideologies and narratives,” **said Counter-terrorism Coordinator Nicholas Rasmussen**. “The experience, expertise, and perspective offered by Experts Group members will undoubtedly put the Department in a strong position to confront this threat landscape, and we are grateful for the willingness of the Experts Group members to serve in this important capacity.”

The Experts Group will provide DHS with a wide range of views and perspectives, with a membership that includes former senior intelligence officials, journalists, and prominent human rights and civil liberties advocates.

The Experts Group members are the following:

- **John Bellinger**, Partner, Arnold & Porter (Former Legal Advisor, Department of State and National Security Council)
- **John Brennan**, Distinguished Fellow, Fordham University School of Law and University of Texas at Austin (Former Director, Central Intelligence Agency)
- **James Clapper**, CNN National Security Analyst (Former Director of National Intelligence)
- **Rajesh De**, Partner, Mayer Brown (Former Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Legal Policy and NSA General Counsel)
- **Thomas Galati**, Senior Vice President, East Coast Security Operations, NBC Universal (Former New York Police Department, Chief, Intelligence and Counterterrorism)
- **Tashina Gauhar**, Senior Director, Compliance, Strategy and Policy, The Boeing Company (Former Associate Deputy Attorney General and Deputy Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, Department of Justice)
- **Asha M. George**, Executive Director, Bipartisan Commission on Biodefense (Former Subcommittee Staff Director, House Committee on Homeland Security)
- **Karen Greenberg**, Director, Center on National Security, Fordham University School of Law
- **Emily Harding**, Senior Fellow and Deputy Director of the International Security Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies (Former Deputy Staff Director, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence)
- **Paul Kolbe**, Senior Fellow and former Director of the Intelligence Project, Harvard Kennedy School Belfer Center (Former Operations Officer, Central Intelligence Agency)
- **David Kris**, Co-Founder, Culper Partners LLC (Former Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, Department of Justice)
- **Michael Leiter**, Partner, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom (Former Director, National Counterterrorism Center)
- **Elisa Massimino**, Executive Director, Human Rights Institute, Georgetown Law
- **Gregory Nojeim**, Senior Counsel and Director, Security and Surveillance Project, Center for Democracy & Technology
- **Francis Taylor**, Principal, Cambridge Global Advisors (Former Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, DHS)
- **Caryn Wagner**, Former Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, DHS
- **Benjamin Wittes**, Senior Fellow in Governance Studies, The Brookings Institution, and Co-Founder and Editor in Chief, Lawfare

The Experts Group will meet four times annually and leverage the expertise of each member to provide input on I&A's most complex problems and challenges, including terrorism, fentanyl, transborder issues, and emerging technology.

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