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Abstract

Chapter 11 “The Terrorist Tools” discusses the weapons used by terrorists and a variety of ways for acquiring them. They obtain weaponry tools from open markets, black markets or theft. The selection of weapons depends on the target distance and range. For concealing, weapons terrorist prefer to choose small machine pistol. When shooting is aimed at raids, the terrorist picks large guns with good range. Easy availability of weapons has strengthened the terrorist networks.

Reaction

Chapter 11 “The Terrorist Tools” provides details about the weaponry tools used by terrorists in criminal activities. Terrorists use three ways for buying weapons that include accessing open markets, black markets or theft. In open markets, they purchase guns legally from gun shops or gun dealers. They also access guns illegally from black markets from disreputable gun dealers. The state has banned the purchase of weapons from black markets. Another option used by terrorists is to acquire weapons through theft. The commonly used method includes raids on police armories, military or government. Terrorists also acquire explosives and bombs for terrorist activities, through illegal means. The factory produced bombs include aerial bombs, hand grenades, and vehicle bombs. Criminals that are designed for killing point-blank range carry personal concealable weapons. Gun dealers are selling high-quality handguns across the world (Nance, 2013).

Variety of pistols and guns are used for terrorist activities such as machine guns and machine pistols. Machine guns are commonly used in urban areas because they are easy to conceal. Automatic assault rifles are used for long range shooting. It is mostly used by professional terrorists because it offers good use of the range. Terrorist sniper attacks occurred recently in Spain, Palestine, and Ireland. Terrorists choose their weapon according to their target and range.

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