



Africa and the Middle East Programs

INL's Africa and the Middle East Office (AME) seeks to improve access to legitimate, transparent criminal justice systems. We promote stability, good governance, and democratic reform in Africa and the Middle East. We anchor our assistance to supporting civilian security and criminal justice reform. Our country and regional programs involve institution reform; professionalizing law enforcement entities; supporting local justice sector officials in conducting effective investigations and achieving successful prosecutions; and strengthening correction systems.



Lebanese Internal Security Forces practice U.S.-taught police skills during an exercise using an INL-donated Dodge Charger.

INL programs in **Africa** support governments' efforts to respond effectively to the growing demand for peace and security. For example, through the provision of technical assistance and training programs, we are assisting the South Sudanese government to establish accountable and responsive civilian-led law enforcement, as well as supporting South Sudanese efforts to reform its legal system. In West Africa, INL supports institutional reform to make countries' security and criminal justice sectors more effective and to help them combat narcotics trafficking. In coming years, INL anticipates broadening its efforts to promote good governance by helping countries to counter the wildlife poaching and

trafficking prevalent throughout the region.

West Bank, Iraq, and Lebanon remain our largest programs in the **Middle East**. We are establishing new or greatly expanded programs in Arab countries undergoing transition. Our assistance in these countries is focused on programs that promote civilian security and criminal justice reform, which will help to consolidate democracy in the region. These efforts face many challenges, including the inherent risks associated with working in countries undergoing dramatic change, as well as the fragility of emerging political institutions.

INL is supporting reforms critical to **Iraq's** rule of law sector. Our programs are furthering the Government of Iraq's anti-corruption efforts; developing the capacity of judges, court personnel, and other justice stakeholders; improving judicial security; addressing a growing drug demand problem; and maintaining a limited police education program to develop technical skills and promote professionalization.