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BRAVE in Coast Province to strengthen community resilience



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BRAVE at end of year activity in Dar-al-Arqam school



3.

BRAVE in Garissa to train Madrassa Teachers

The BRAVE FOCUS is a newsletter of the BRAVE Movement. This issue, No. 0006, focuses on the BRAVE activities in the month of December, 2016;

1. A group photo of the participants who attended the Interfaith Dialogue on ***“Strengthening community’s Resilience against Radicalization and Violent Extremism”*** organized by CSCR and supported by UNDP that took place from 15th -17th December 2016 at Mnarani Club, Kilifi. Counties in Coastal region including Kilifi, Mombasa and Kwale counties have taken part in the event. Sixty (60) participants attended the event from three different main religions of the region; i.e. Islam, Christianity and Kaya elders.
2. Children performing a dance to entertain parents and fellow pupils during the end of year activity at Dar-al-Arqam Academy in Nairobi. BRAVE was invited to give a talk to the a hundred (100) parents and one hundred and twenty (120) students on Radicalization and Countering Violent Extremism.
3. A workshop held at Almond Hotel in Garissa from 20th- 22nd December 2016 to train Madrassa teachers on Countering Violent Extremism and Radicalization in North Eastern counties of Kenya. It constituted 60 participants both men and women from Garissa and Wajir.
4. BRAVE interacts with the media occasionally where its members get involved in TV and Radio talk shows.

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INTER-FAITH DIALOGUE ON COUNTERING RADICALIZATION AND VIOLENT EXTREMISM FOR COASTAL COUNTIES OF KENYA

Venue: Mnarani Club, Kilifi

Date: 15th- 17th December, 2016

Theme: Strengthening Community's Resilience against Radicalization and Violent Extremism



Kaya elders with Sh. Ramadhan Aula during the interfaith dialogue held in Kilifi

Centre for Sustainable Conflict Resolution (CSCR) in partnership with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) held an interfaith dialogue fora on Countering Radicalization and Violent Extremism for the Coastal Counties of Kenya including Kilifi, Kwale and Mombasa from 15th to 17th December 2016.

The Government of Japan and the Government of Kenya sponsored the event through UNDP. The theme of the program was; Strengthening Community's Resilience Against Radicalization and Violent Extremism. Sixty (60) participants from the three coastal counties attended. The participants represented main different religions in the region which were:

- Islam
- Christianity
- Traditional religion (Kaya elders)

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BRAVE ADDRESSING PARENTS AND PUPILS AT END OF YEAR ACTIVITY

Venue: Dar-al-Arqam Academy, Nairobi

Date: 4th December 2016

Theme: Countering Radicalization and Violent Extremism

Dr. Othman Mujahid and Sheikh Ramadhan Aula from BRAVE were invited to the end of year activity at Dar-al-Arqam school and Madrassa in Nairobi on 4th December 2016. They gave a talk on prevention of Radicalization and Countering Violent Extremism, and Terrorism. The event was attended by a hundred (100) parents and one hundred and twenty (120) pupils.

The pupils were involved in talent search activities which include:

- Reciting poems
- Children modelling
- Reciting Quran
- Skit Performed



Children at Dar-al-Arqam Academy reciting Poem

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TRAINING OF MADRASSA TEACHERS ON COUNTERING RADICALIZATION AND VIOLENT EXTREMISM FOR NORTH EASTERN COUNTIES OF KENYA

Venue: Almond Hotel, Garissa

Date: 20th-22nd December 2016

Theme: Strengthening Community's Resilience Against Radicalization and Violent Extremism Through Madrasa Teachers.



Participants listening keenly during the forum

Centre for Sustainable Conflict Resolution (CSCR) held a training of Madrasa Teachers (both male and female) on Countering Violent Extremism and Radicalization for North Eastern Counties of Kenya. The event scheduled on 20th to 22nd

December 2016, had sixty (60) participants drawn from mainly two counties; Garissa and Wajir.

The event was sponsored by the Government of Japan and the Government of Kenya through UNDP. The main aim of the project was to build resilience against violent extremism for vulnerable men, women and local communities through awareness creation, and to build capacity for both male and female Madrasa Teachers who are mentors of the youth in the community. These teachers are vital in the fight against terrorism and violent extremism because they spend most of the time with children at a tender age and influence their attitude, belief and behavior.

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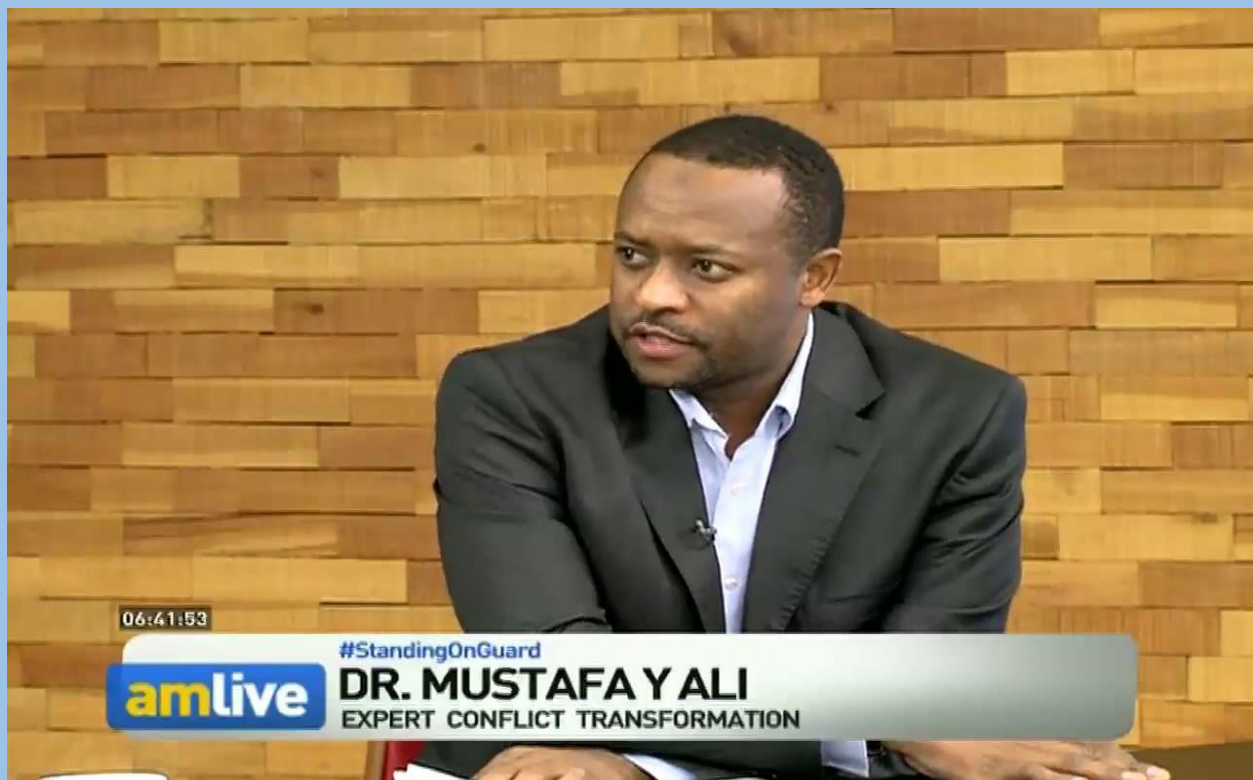
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Media Interaction

Venue: Nairobi

Date: December, 2016

BRAVE has in many occasions interacted with the media. It is one of its strategies in Countering radicalization and violent extremism. Stations that highlights BRAVE include: NTV, KBC (Kenya Broadcasting Cooperation), KTN (Kenya Television Network) and Citizen TV. Every Wednesdays, on NTV, AM Live “Standing on Guard”, BRAVE’s Convener, Dr. Mustafa .Y. Ali joins other experts to discuss and address matters on violence, conflicts and how to tackle them.



Dr. Mustafa .Y. Ali on NTV, AM Live “Standing on Guard” talking on ways to Counter Radicalization

Projected Activities for 2017;

❖ CSCR will carry out communication dialogue fora in the following counties:

County	Month
✓ Tana River	April
✓ Mandera ✓ Wajir	May
✓ Garissa ✓ Nairobi	June



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