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Protecting democracy from terrorism: MLI in the National Post

MLI Fellow [Alex Wilner](#) writes in the [National Post](#) that while Canada was right to add al Shabaab to its list of banned terror groups, the case illustrates the serious need to reform our approach in this area.



Do We Really Want to go to the Congo?



Noted historian [Jack Granatstein](#), a member of MLI's Research Advisory Board, warns in his monthly column for the Canadian Defence and Foreign Affairs Institute against the Harper government signing on for an ill-considered UN mission to the Democratic Republic of the Congo. [Jack Granatstein's column](#) appears with the permission of [CDFAI](#).

The U.S. and Canada: Lost in Ask-again-istan

[Christopher Sands](#), a member of MLI's Research Advisory Board, cautions against believing the simplistic story-line that U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton came to Ottawa to bully Canada into staying in Afghanistan past 2011. A mature response would be to put aside childish fears of American arm-twisting, and take on these important extra responsibilities for which our hard-earned experience in Afghanistan has suited us. [Read more...](#)

Getting it Wrong on Nuclear Proliferation

Alex Wilner takes on the arguments of four Canadian elder statesmen that abolishing nuclear weapons is self-evidently a good thing. [Read more...](#)

Muslim cleric condemns terrorism in the name of Islam

MLI Managing Director Brian Lee Crowley [writes](#) that the anti-terror fatwa from Islamic scholar Tahir ul-Qadri is part of an encouraging movement among Muslim intellectuals to reclaim their religion. Alex Wilner [adds](#) that it's also encouraging to read a similar fatwa last year from the Libyan Islamic Fighting Group (LIFG).

