

# Counterattack: The West's Battle Against the Terrorists



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This was the first book to be released to the general public that reveals in detail how the Western democracies are beginning to win the war against international terrorism. Chapter by chapter it describes and analyzes dozens of operations from Entebbe to the siege of the Iranian embassy in London — often disclosing important new information for the first time. But Counterattack includes much more than just spell-binding stories of specific operations; the authors describe exactly how special counter-terrorist units are organized, trained, armed, controlled and led. Written by two journalists who have covered terrorism for the last 15 years, this is a vital and fascinating book for anyone who wants to understand the secret struggle behind the headlines in the war between governments and the terrorists. Here is just a sampling of what you'll discover in Counterattack: Why, in an ironic coincidence, the toughest, most secret and most effective anti-terrorist unit of the British Army in Northern Ireland consists largely of Roman Catholics. What the "Three T System" of the Los Angeles Police SWAT team stands for. That West Germany's GSG9 unit always has some of its recruits trained in the fine points of being airline stewards in order to deceive hijackers in an emergency. The twenty-five basic skills recruits must master before joining the American Blue Light anti-terrorist force. Why so many of the West's anti-terrorist forces rely on .22 Berettas. That the movements of all Europe's known terrorist suspects are constantly tracked by a computer at Weisbaden, West Germany containing over 10

million pages of information — an operation that costs some \$50 million per year. The tide has finally turned in the international battle between terrorism and democracy. For more than a decade, the terrorists held the initiative, exploiting the unpreparedness and the tolerance of the Western democracies in an attempt to destroy the very values and institutions that shielded them. Meanwhile, invisible to all but a few observers, the West was gradually mobilizing its forces for a counterattack. The full international scope of this mobilization is disclosed for the first time by Christopher Dobson and Ronald Payne in *Counterattack: The West's Battle Against the Terrorists*. With more than 25 years of combined experience in reporting on terrorism, these two journalists were ideally positioned to follow the increasingly effective Western response to the terrorist threat. In this revealing book they describe in precise detail how the Western democracies have put the terrorists on the defensive — without the repression the terrorists were so anxious to provoke. Country by country, the authors explain the evolution of the anti-terrorist forces. You'll learn everything that can safely be revealed about these elite cadres and how they are protecting us — their training, tactics, armaments, leadership and operations. For anyone who is angered, frightened or discouraged by sense terrorist violence, *Counterattack* is an exciting and heartening book: the terrorists may not be crushed, but at last they are on the run. Christopher Dobson and Ronald Payne have between them more than 40 years of experience as foreign correspondents.