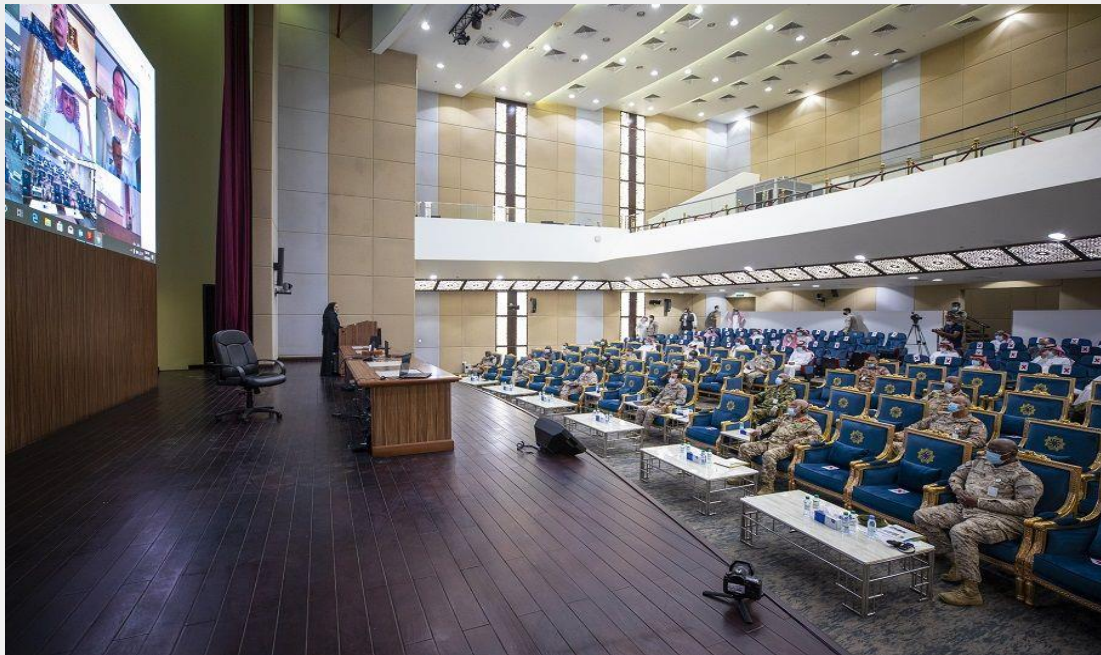


## IMCTC organizes a symposium titled: **The Status of Terrorism at Times of Crises and Calamities- Case of Covid-19 Pandemic**



### **Riyadh, July 20, 2020**

IMCTC organized its seventh monthly symposium, on Monday, July 20, 2020, titled: (The Status of Terrorism at Times of Crises and Calamities- Case of Covid-19 Pandemic) via video conference at its headquarters' auditorium. The speakers at the event included; counselor Abdul Fattah Suleiman, from Egypt, Maj. Gen. Dr. Talal M. Bani Melhim, from Jordan and Dr. Sonny Zuhuda, from Indonesia. Dr. Fayez A. Al-Shehri, Saudi Arabia, moderated the session. IMCTC Deputy Secretary-General, Maj. Gen. Abdullah bin Saleh Al-Zughebi, attended the symposium along with member countries' delegates.

Counselor Abdul Fattah Suleiman highlighted the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic on terrorist group's activities as well as major counterterrorism operations in the MENA region. While Maj. Gen. Dr. Talal discussed the lockdown restrictions which most countries imposed and how the prevalence of international disagreements regarding assigning the responsibility of spreading the Coronavirus pandemic had an impact on counterterrorism efforts. The third speaker; Dr. Zuhuda, proposed strategies for countering terrorism threats in light of COVID-19 consequences and its depletion of the financial resources in most affected countries.