



Joint Research Project - Jordan, 2008

Mission

Students from the Alliance Linking Leaders in Education and the Services (ALLIES) conducted a Joint Research Project from 1-28 June 2008 in Jordan to explore the impacts of the Iraq war on Jordan's government and civil society.

Background

ALLIES is an undergraduate-led initiative at the Institute for Global Leadership at Tufts University that creates a bridge for shared understanding between future civilian and military leaders through education, training and network-building programs.

Research Format

1. Cadets, students and midshipmen from Tufts University, the United States Military Academy, and the United States Naval Academy conducted in-depth research on:
 - a. US-Jordanian security cooperation
 - b. Jordanian-Iraqi bilateral relations
 - c. The Iraqi refugee crisis in Jordan
 - d. The impact of the Iraq war on Jordanian political reform
2. The Joint Research Project team reached out to Jordanian universities to explore opportunities to improve American-Jordanian interpersonal and institutional relationships through jointly developed curricula and student exchange programs.
3. The Joint Research Project team also shared the ALLIES civil-military education model with the United Nations University's International Leadership Institute (UNU-ILI) and is exploring the potential of working together to develop regional civil-military education programs for young leaders.

Deliverables

1. Research findings for each topic will be formatted as policy recommendations and submitted at the second annual Intellectual Roundtable, Renaissance of the Citizen-Soldier, held at Tufts University 22-24 October 2008.
2. With funding support from the Compton Foundation, Jordanian students will be invited to the United States to examine civil-military education initiatives being pursued at Tufts University, the United States Naval Academy and the United States Military Academy during the Fall Semester 2008.
3. Opportunities for collaboration between ALLIES and UNU-ILI will be shared with the US Embassy in Jordan, the USAID Mission in Jordan, the United States Institute of Peace, and the Civil-Military Coordination Section of UN OCHA in New York.

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