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Victor Asal and R. Karl Rethemeyer have won a three year award from the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism, at the University of Maryland, to continue research with researchers from other institutions on terrorist organizations and their behavior. The research will focus on different aspects of terrorist organizational behavior as well as the turn to terror by existing organizations. Specifically one project examines how the relationship between terrorist organizations and their other capabilities impacts the strategic choices terrorists make, another project takes a closer look at the factors that make it more or less likely that an organization will engage in mass casualty terror (perpetrating single attacks that kill more than one hundred people), one project looks at the impact of social services on this behavior and the final project looks at when ethno-political organizations decide to use violence.

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