

Case Ref: 08018
Distribution: Unrestricted
Chapter: Misuse of charities

An NPO held an account on which two individuals from the Middle East, residing in Country D, held power of attorney. The bank found it unusual that the name of the account was not stated correctly by the principals and that some deposits included references in a foreign language which referred to terrorist activities.

Further investigation identified that the NPO's account was credited by small transfers from several individuals and referenced as donations for the poor in the Middle East. Some cash deposits were also received. Some of the funds were subsequently withdrawn in cash.

Police checks revealed that the NPO was the subject of an investigation for the financing of terrorism. The funds collected by the NPO were apparently intended for training camps in the Middle East.

The police are investigating.

Indicators:

- Abuse of non-profit organisations