Counterterrorism Efforts Against The Red Brigades

Three Phases of Counterterrorism

★ **Phase One:** First Reforms of Italy’s Counterterrorism Policy
  ○ Early/Mid 1970s

★ **Phase Two:** Cracking Down on Terrorism
  ○ Mid/Late 1970s

★ **Phase Three:** The End of The Red Brigades
  ○ Late 1970s/Early 1980s
First Reforms of Italy's Counterterrorism Policy

★ Early Problems
  ○ Corruption of the Justice System
  ○ Failure to Take Terrorist Attacks Seriously

★ Creation of Police Units
  ○ General Inspectorate for Action Against Terrorism & Special Group of Judiciary Police

★ Reale Law
  ○ Expanded Police Powers

★ Arrest of Red Brigade Leaders
  ○ Renato Curcio and Alberto Franceschini
Cracking Down on Terrorism

★ Italy’s Prime Minister Aldo; Kidnapped & Assassinated
  ○ Italy realized how serious the threat was

★ Law 191
  ○ Kidnapping was an automatic 30 years in prison
  ○ If assassinated the sentence increased to life in prison

★ Anti-Red Brigade Squad
  ○ Dalla Chiesa appointed as leader
  ○ Worked alongside an Italian Military Unit
  ○ Introduced new methods of Counterterrorism
End of the Red Brigades

★ Cossiga Law
  ○ Expanded on Law 191
  ○ Widened Police Powers
  ○ Increased Sentences

★ Repentance Policy
  ○ Reduced sentences for terrorist who gave up information

★ Disassociation Law
  ○ Reduced Sentences for terrorist who disassociated from the Red Brigades
How Italy Brought an End to the Red Brigades

★ Created Anti-Terrorist Units
   ○ Stopped terrorists from carrying out acts of terrorism

★ Expanding Police Powers
   ○ Made it easier for to collect intel and arrest RB members

★ Passing Laws and Policies
   ○ Deterred terrorists from committing acts
   ○ Created Instability within the Red Brigades
   ○ Limited recruitment of new RB members
   ○ Offered reduced sentences for terrorists