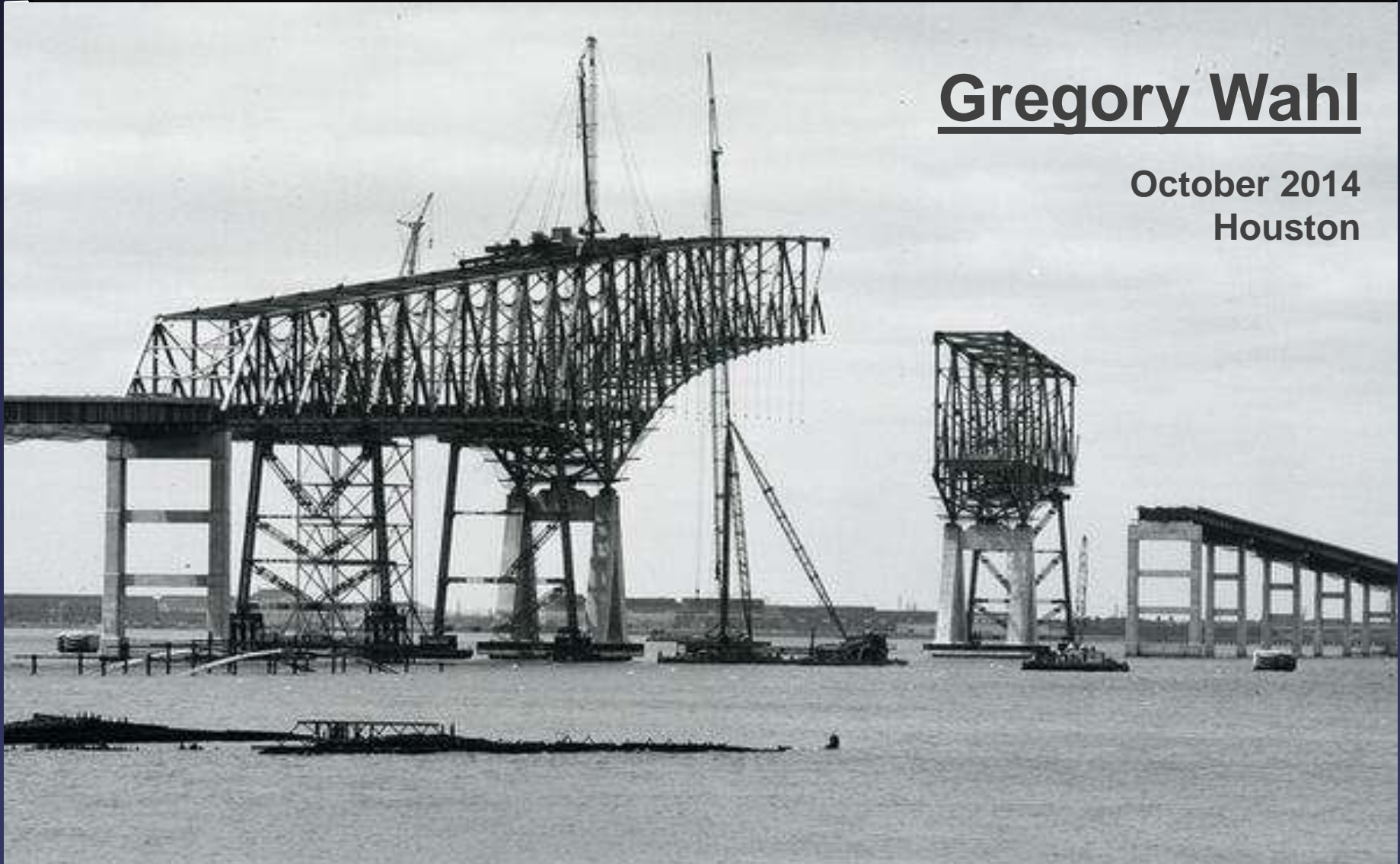




OSAC: Bridging the Information Gap

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OSAC: Bridging the Information Gap

**What is OSAC?
How can it help me?**

Global security issues





What is OSAC's value to me?

- ① Official U.S. government liaison
- ① Surge force during times of crises
- ① Facilitator of local information exchange
- ① Advance warning via threat monitoring
- ① Free service & inclusive constituency





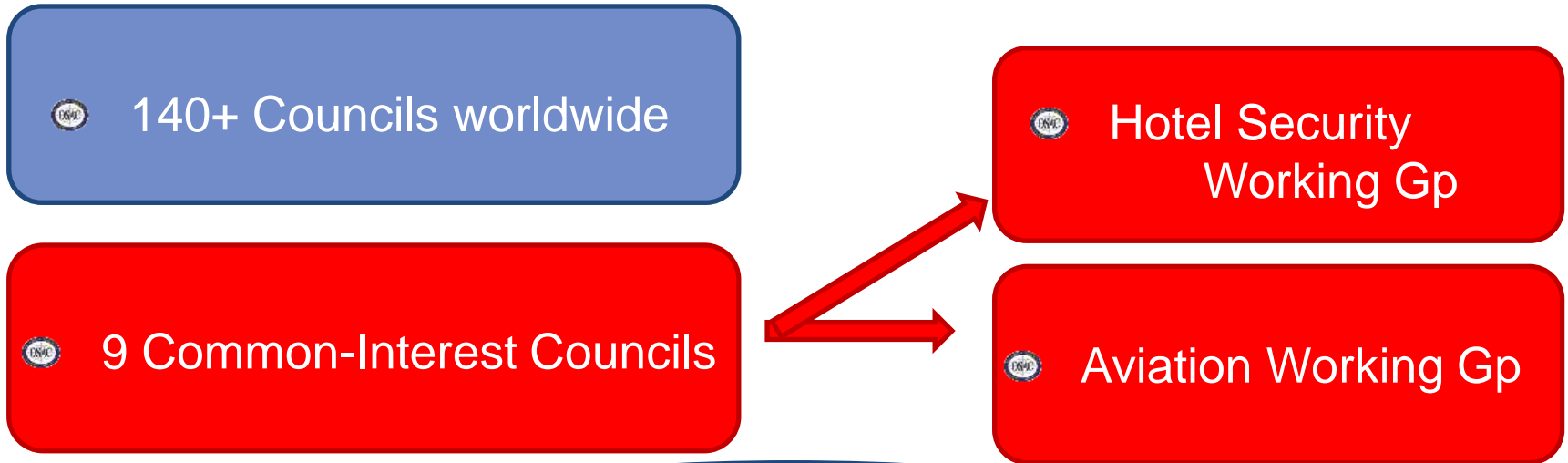
OSAC Structure

- ① OSAC Executive Council
 - Co-chaired by Diplomatic Security and Private Sector
 - 31 Private-Sector Organizations
 - 3 U.S. Government Agencies (State, USAID, Commerce)
- ② OSAC Executive Office
- ③ Research and Information Support Center (RISC)





Councils at Home & Abroad



- Private-sector leadership
- Attended by any member of a U.S. organization...
 - *or anyone else beneficial*
- Regular conduit for information
- Networking / Emergencies

Analysis FAQs

Post-Incident:

- What happened?
- Why does it matter?
- What are other organizations doing in response?

Trends:

- Is this normal?
- Have you seen this before?
- Should I be worried?





Analysis FAQs, cont'd.

① Consular Issues:

- Context for Consular advisories

① Travel Safety:

- Which hotels are approved for COM personnel?

① Physical Security:

- What precautions are necessary?
- Which local security companies are used?

① Contact Info:

- Can you put me in touch with the RSO or the Council?





Consular Analyses

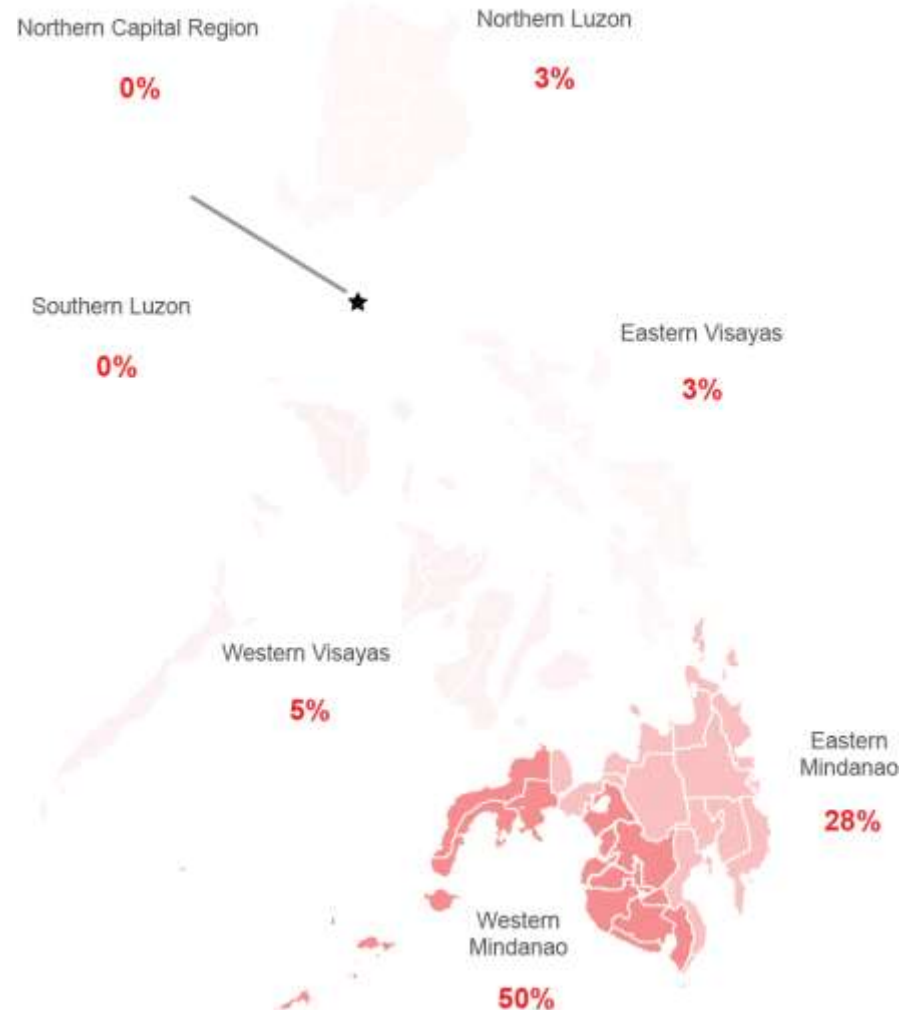
Mexico Travel Warning

“The Department of State warns U.S. citizens about the risk of travel to certain places in Mexico due to threats to safety and security posed by organized criminal groups in the country.”



Philippines Travel Warning

“The Department of State warns U.S. citizens of the risks of travel to the Philippines, in particular to the Sulu Archipelago, the island of Mindanao, and in the Southern Sulu area.”



Centralized information portal

- Daily News
- **OSAC Reports & Analyses**
- **Crime & Safety Reports**
- Consular Affairs Bulletins
- Event announcements
- Incident reporting
- Post-event presentations and white papers
- OSAC and embassy/consulate contact information
- Instructions on how to join OSAC





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Region Locator

Begin your search for a specific country or region right here.



Select Location

Global

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Hotel Assessment Checklist

Property:
Assessor's Name:
Date of Assessment:



HOTEL SECURITY AND SAFETY ASSESSMENT FORM

Print Form: Property Details

B. Property Fire, Life Safety, and Security Information

1. Fire Systems	2. Security Systems and Equipment
<input type="checkbox"/> Fire alarm system installed and tested	<input type="checkbox"/> Security system installed and tested
<input type="checkbox"/> Fire extinguishers available	<input type="checkbox"/> Security cameras installed
<input type="checkbox"/> Fire escape routes clear	<input type="checkbox"/> Security personnel trained
<input type="checkbox"/> Fire drills conducted	<input type="checkbox"/> Security policies established
<input type="checkbox"/> Fire safety training provided	<input type="checkbox"/> Security incident response plan
<input type="checkbox"/> Fire safety signs posted	<input type="checkbox"/> Security audit conducted
<input type="checkbox"/> Fire safety equipment maintained	<input type="checkbox"/> Security system updated
<input type="checkbox"/> Fire safety equipment inspected	<input type="checkbox"/> Security system monitored
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Print Form: Property Information

A. Hotel Contact Information

Hotel Name	
General Manager	
General Counsel/Attorney	
Director of Property	
General Counsel/Attorney	
Director of Security	
Director/Coordinator/Officer	
Hotel Street Address	
Hotel City/State/Postal Code	
Hotel/Office Telephone Number	Hotel/Fax Number
Hotel E-mail Address	

B. Property General Description

Enter general description of the hotel. The address is entered on page two of the assessment form. Enter the location of the property, the general name, and the general description of the property.



HOW TO JOIN

New to OSAC?

OSAC constituency is available to any American-owned, not-for-profit organization, or any enterprise incorporated in the U.S. (parent company, not subsidiaries or divisions) doing business overseas.

The first step in becoming an OSAC constituent is to create a user account. The director of global security in your organization, who is based in the United States, or whoever represents the CEO on security matters, should complete this process. This account will serve as the primary point of contact for your organization. Once approved, this account will have the ability to manage your organization's settings, as well as create new user accounts for other members of your organization.

OSAC will verify constituent eligibility and organizations will be requested to provide OSAC with documentation that your organization is incorporated in the U.S.

Apply as a New Constituent

If you would like to register your organization as a new OSAC constituent, please select this option.

Apply as a User to an Existing Constituent

If your organization is already an OSAC constituent and you would like to obtain your own username and password within your organization's account, please select this option. An email will be sent to your organization's OSAC point of contact with your request.

Apply as a U.S. Government Employee

If you are employed within the U.S. Government or you serve in the U.S. Military, please select this option.

Apply as a Country Council-only Member

If you currently belong to a Country Council and your organization does not qualify for OSAC constituency, please select this option.

Apply as a Newsletter Subscriber

If you would like to sign up to receive OSAC's daily morning newsletter and afternoon digest, please select this option. You will be able to select to receive news on a given region (s), or you can choose to receive the global product. Please note that becoming a newsletter subscriber does NOT give you access to OSAC's password-protected products; these are available to constituents only. In addition, by registering your organization to become a constituent or by applying as a user to an existing organization, you will automatically receive the newsletter and digest. This option is commonly selected by organizations that do not qualify for OSAC constituency.

Global Security Issues

- Terrorism
- Natural Disasters & Health Issues
- Business Risk
- Political Violence





New Faces of Terror?

Australian Terror Raids

Boko Haram Insecurity Crosses the Border

ISIL Threat outside of Mideast



New Faces of Terror? India

- “AQIS”
- New name, no new capabilities
- PR move for Asian cred?
- India has history of religious tension





Natural Disasters & Health

SE Asia Transboundary Haze

Iceland's Potential Volcanic Eruption

Hurricane Odile Situation Reporting





Natural Disasters & Health: Ebola

- Sierra Leone, Liberia, Guinea most affected
- Fear across Africa misplaced?
- Local customs hinder progress
- Marburg next?



Navigating Post-2014 Afghanistan

Sri Lanka's NGO Crackdown

Anti-LGBT Legislation in Uganda



- Coke, Pepsi subsidiaries
- Organized criminality
- Opportunity or targeting?
- Just cost of business?





Houthi Pressures Mount in Yemen

Anarchism in Greece & Chile

Surviving a Protest





Political Violence: Libya

- Embassies evacuated
- Orgs operate from abroad
- Situation deteriorating
- Competing governance
- Reverse tripwires?





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