

# Managing Political Risk: Mitigating Risk in an Uncertain World

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Hotel Locations: 3,700+

Headquarters: Bethesda, Maryland

Geographic Footprint: 70+ countries 2011 Revenue: \$11.6 billion Associates: 300,000+

#### DEFINITION OF POLITICAL INSTABILITY



*Political instability* arises as a result of the inability of government and society in general to adequately address the grievances of the population.

- Civil/Social Unrest
- Public Demonstration
- Cross-border Conflict
- Regional Conflict
- Civil War
- Terrorism







#### POLITICAL RISKS – CIVIL UNREST VARIABLES

#### Demographics

- Large youth population
- Educated, but dissatisfied youth who refuse to accept the status quo

#### **Economic Indicators**

- Economic decline
- High unemployment rates, particularly youth
- Extreme poverty rising income inequality
- Concentration of wealth with autocrats
- Government's inability to address economic concerns

#### **Political Indicators**

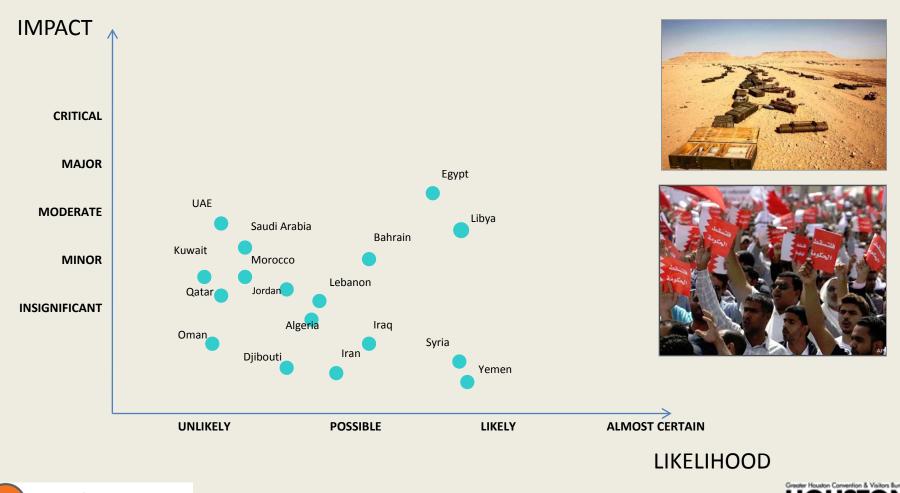
- Government viewed as corrupt, and/or acting in the interests of minority
- Insufficient transparency
- Lack of basic freedoms
- Security force's size and skill in tackling dissent

#### **Organizational Ability**

Social media

### THE ARAB SPRING – ASSESSING POLITICAL RISK





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#### THE ARAB SPRING



#### Impact, Intelligence, and Thoughts on the Future From Tunisia to Syria



#### Tunisia ⇒Egypt → Libya → Bahrain → Saudi Arabia → Syria...





### **RECENT POLITICAL CRISES**











- Libya
- Bangkok
- Domestic Protests









### EVENT SUMMARY - CAIRO, EGYPT



- Properties
  - Cairo Marriott Hotel
  - JW Marriott Cairo
- Concerns
  - Looting
  - Anti-Gov't protesters
- Actions
  - Increased security measures







#### EVENT SUMMARY – TRIPOLI, LIBYA



- Property JW Marriott Tripoli\*
- Concerns riots turn violent
- Evacuation plans
  - Air
  - Sea
  - Land
  - Shelter-in-place



Action – evacuated by air

\*opened one week before the first violence broke out









#### **RED-SHIRT PROTESTS: MARCH-MAY 2010**





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#### MARRIOTT PROPERTIES' PREPARATION





- Evacuate guests early
- Secure properties
  - Protect brands
  - Prevent looting
  - Fire prevention
  - Increase security officers
- Essential staff on properties
- Set up command center
- Gather intelligence
- Communications (guests & staff)



















### **PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS**









- Pro Healthcare reform Ritz D.C.
- Occupy Wall Street NYC
- Anti CPAC Wardman Park
- Free Tibet Group
- Anti BP
- G8/NATO Summits in Chicago









### **MARRIOTT & THE OLYMPICS**









### RECENT ATTACKS BY IRANIAN GROUP/PROXIES











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- Iran vs. Israel
- Iranian Nuclear
  Program
- Retaliatory attacks as a result of assassinations of Iranian nuclear scientists



### POLITICAL INSTABILITY & HOTELS

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- Iconic landmarks/Gathering place
- Symbols of depravity
- High profile occupants
- Accessible to public
- High economic Impact







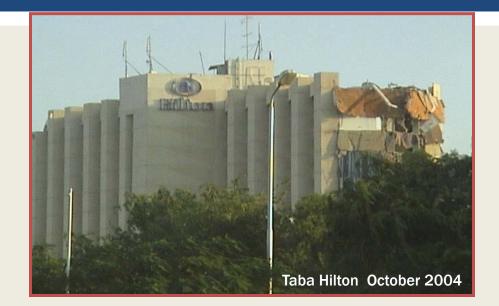


#### **TERRORIST ATTACKS TO HOTELS**





5 August 2003



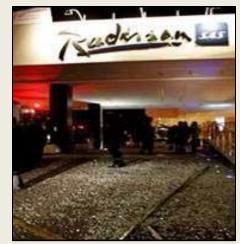




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**Amman Hotel Attacks - November 2005** 





Jakarta Hotel Attacks – July 2009





#### **TERRORIST ATTACKS TO HOTELS**







#### **MITIGATING THREATS TO HOTELS**







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#### **CRISIS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**



- Crisis Management Team
- Crisis Management Plan
- Intelligence Gathering
- Information Dissemination
- Risk Assessments/Threat Procedures
- Training
- Recovery/Business Continuity









#### CRISIS MANAGEMENT TEAM



- Crisis Team Leader
- Legal
- Finance
- Human Resources
- Security & Crisis Coordinator
- Engineering
- Risk Management
- Business Continuity
- Public Relations
- Logistics
- Ad hoc Representatives
- Consultants









#### **CRISIS MANAGEMENT PLAN**



- Crisis Team & Alert Roster
- Procedures During A Crisis
- Threat Conditions
- Local Crisis Management Plan
- Bombing; Major Fire; Kidnapping; Disasters; Civil Unrest; Bio-Chem-Radio-Nuclear
- Evacuation Procedures
- Managing The Media

Crisis Management Plan is updated bi-annually







#### **COMMUNICATIONS PROCEDURE**







# **IMMEDIATE ACTION STEPS**

- Account for guests/employees
- Establish communications with guests/employees
- Establish family assistance hotline
- Determine evacuation methods if needed
- Single point of contact with hotel
- PR/Legal provide speaking points for hotel
- Assess regional threat conditions
- Risk Management determines insurance policy
- Dispatch corporate/regional security team











#### **ISLAMABAD MARRIOTT HOTEL**

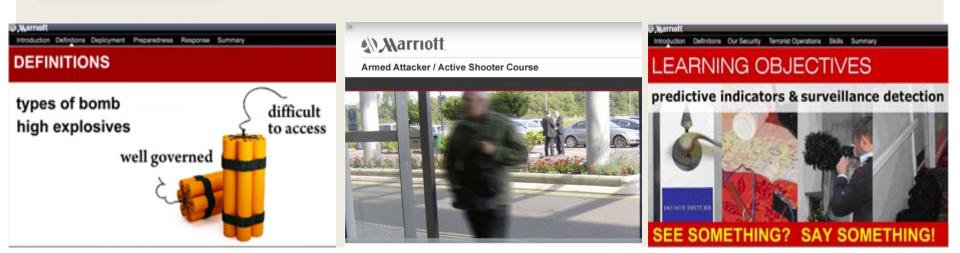




# TRAINING & CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

- Security Officer Certification
- Global Security Academy Program
- Web-based Training Courses
- "See Something Say Something" program



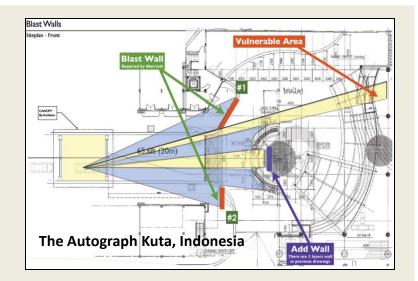


# **PIPELINE PROJECTS**



- Due Diligence
  - Threat Assessments
  - Vulnerability Assessments
- Coordination Effort
  - Security Team, Technical Services, Architecture & Construction, Development, Project Manager
- Mitigation measures
  - Determine Threat Level & Costs
  - Work with Architect and Owner
  - Blast Mitigation Review
  - Safety & Security Standards







**Algiers Projects, Algeria** 



# **PIPELINE PROJECTS**



JW Marriott Marquis

Dubai, U.A.E.

- 2 projects in Iraq
- 6 projects in Algeria
- 100 hotels in India (5-year plan)
- 8 projects in Indonesia
- 4 projects in Morocco
- 18 projects in Saudi Arabia





- 24 projects in U.A.E.
- 50 hotels in Brazil (5-year plan)
- 6 projects in Egypt
- projects in Angola, Bahrain, Ethiopia, Gabon, Israel, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Nigeria, Oman, Qatar, Turkey













