

Finding and Protecting Soft Targets

Security Practitioner Investigation pointing
to Soft Targets



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Professional and personal bias

This opening may sound strange but there are good reasons to do so. Having caught myself being victim of my own bias finally reminded me that it is good to reinforce what is known and to re-evaluate what was known besides actually listening and learning things that I ignored that became highly relevant for this moment in time.

Overview

The 7th October 2023 attack Hamas attacked the State of Israel which impacted the world by revealing the intentions of various actors. This manifested by all seeing the number of the amount of migrants (legal and illegal) besides locals protesting, rioting, looting, increased levels in rape rates, murders, life impacting or deadly attacks by lone wolves, besides neighborhoods being invaded and religious policing in other polarized neighborhoods.

Furthermore, the world has witnessed the Anti-ICE demonstrations and riots in the USA display the issues related to criminal gangs that have played out over the past few years. The rape rate, murders, domination of polarized neighborhoods points to many that have lived in a state of terror.

A point of note is that one can clearly see Pro-Palestinians participating alongside Anti-ICE demonstrators and being highly proactively.

Security Investigators in the public and private sector should comprehend the full picture besides focusing on specific images. Failing to do so, could impact the profit margins or erode reputations of sites, the security companies besides security practitioners.

Read with appropriate Mentality

Professionals in this field could manage life impacting or deadly incidents. The likelihood of increased incidents taking place is highly probable when countries are at war because of land or motivated by religious obligations resulting in economic meltdowns, organized crime and gangs taking advantage of porous borders besides revealing corrupt governments.

Let us keep in mind that **surgeons** that have not upskilled with robotic surgery are already irrelevant. They may hold the life of one person in their hands at a time while security practitioners are responsible for many lives at any one time.

Difference between crime and security investigation

1. Crime investigators are summoned after the incident occurs
2. Security investigators must find the crime before it becomes an incident. They find the crime and stop it- protect sites and save lives.

The investigation is only as good as the investigators

The two core attributes for professional investigators when selecting, contracting or doing the work oneself is the critical thinking ability and level of situational awareness. Any intelligent person knows that they need knowledge and skills to comprehend intelligence.

Landscape

We address considerations to a location as well as the field of interest.

The location is the country, city of neighborhoods.

The field of interest would be the type of industry or specific businesses that could be a target of interest by certain parties.

Location

We must consider the four criteria that wars and criminal gangs have in common to label the status of being in a 'state of terror'. Each of the following should be investigated to comprehend the status.

- Rape Rate
- Murder Rate
- Growth or volatility of Polarized Neighborhoods
- When there is religious policing or gang inductions then it implies that the Cultural Law supersedes the host country.

Field of Interest

This is the full logistical chain of any field, for example, the chemical sector producing chlorine or any acids which could be the importers, factories, wholesalers and retail outlets. Another example, could be the fertilizer sector. Both of these are related to explosives.

Other sectors of interest could be businesses within a location such as diamond dealers, places of worship, hotels, retail outlets, etc.

It should be noted that criminal gangs could specialize in certain goods, for example, guns. Some criminal gangs focus on drugs or mobile phones. The same applies to a hit and run during demonstrations or riots on mobile phone outlets or chemists to stock up on drugs.

This means that rioters could target specific businesses by directing the 'political' rioters by corrupting the leadership's intentions. In other words, 'under the guise' of a demonstration, they would loot targeted stores. Obviously terrorists could target specific sites.

Comprehending the narrative

To comprehend the difference between a war focused on capturing more land or a religious war, then one should truly get to intimately know the nature of the beast that they are contending with.

When the warring bodies have counterparts then each part must be investigated fully to comprehend the methodology of each part so as to identify the targets as in what they are focused on such as, government infrastructure or soft targets.

Some religious wars contain an army of people that could believe there is more reward in life than in death. They may use rape, fire, stonings, knives that is prescribed in their teachings. Knowing such then gives the investigators direction in selecting the technologies required besides equipment to identify the means and methods to mitigate predicted threats.

Scenarios

It may be helpful to look at scenarios in theater at this moment in time that could give direction to comprehending the narrative and the landscape.

Hamas has requested to be removed off the terror list of the United Kingdom's Home Office. If the Home Office rejects the request then Hamas will approach the court. If the Home Office supports the request then Hamas will walk with act with impunity. Let us keep in mind that the UK along with France, Canada, Ireland, Spain, and others may follow suit because they are calling for a two state solution. Hamas is sponsored and supported by Iran that is currently at war with Israel.

This means that all Pro Palestinian factional bodies will compound resulting in larger groups of demonstrators with aggressive intentions towards USA's business and the American people regardless of colour besides Jews and Christians. We also must keep in mind that local people from those countries will join and support the Pro-Palestian cause.

High-risk sites

Jewish business especially diamond and jewellery shops, all Jewish neighborhoods, schools and synagogues are at risk. Obviously, the same applies to American's interests in the USA besides globally. This is all Americans regardless of their religion, race, colour or sexual preferences.

Soft Target Penetration (insider threats)

The first concern is the security sector because they are the gatekeepers so to speak. There have been cases when security officers have murdered people of the sites that they have protected besides participating in theft because they voluntarily participated or were manipulated under duress.

Then there are other staff that could voluntarily assist others because they have been indoctrinated or simply have always had specific beliefs and viewpoints.

All staff are security investigators regardless of title

A. Security Officers on the ground may need to approach a person/s of concern to determine their intention.

B. Security Managers are dependent on all the truthful information from their team besides ensuring that none of their team are compromising their field of responsibility.

C. Heads of Security investigates the global landscape and their field of interest besides their location. They too manage down the line and ensure that their managers are providing them authentic HUMINT besides their technological team are getting the best out of their technologies, and devices.

Clients may have insider threats

Professional Security practitioners are 'Zen-Like' meaning that they are fully aware that the team is in a constant state of real time investigation. They are also reliant on intelligence resources besides their intelligent and skilled staff. This means that security must be on the constant lookout for the insider threat that could be providing information to others or could be removing items off the site and especially items that could harm such as fertilizer, weapons and chemicals, to mention but a few.

Security Identifying Soft targets

Security should consider investigating sites in their own country or the sites that have been attacked in other countries because copycats could do the same in their location.

Research Speed: When threats are in theatre then daily security must be keeping their eye on what is happening in their location or field of interest not only in their own country but world-wide. This is important because there could be sleeper cells that are waiting for a specific incident to occur which could signal for them to copy the same in their location.

Security using intelligence to get more business

When security practitioners do their research and identify a pattern occurring elsewhere, then they could approach potential clients in their location. Their knowledge that has been acquired through research and investigation will pay off because their threat comprehension and presentation could give them a competitive advantage over others.

State Targets

Government Targets

Nuclear. Obviously, Iran would target nuclear sites of the USA, Israel and any countries supporting the destruction of Iran's capabilities.

Policing Agencies

As seen in the USA that ICE Agents could be targeted

Diplomatic Targets

Embassies could be attacked which were seen before in Iran when the American Embassy was attacked. Nevertheless, any government entity is at risk.

Airlines

All USA airlines besides Israeli or any supporting countries

The above examples provide a thought directive. What is your field of interest and how can this play out?

Investigation Philosophy and Methodology

1. Comprehend the global landscape besides local issues and field of interest
2. Security is only as good as its people meaning that all staff need to be screened to determine their ethical status besides their level of bias with regards their moral code, religious beliefs or political affiliations.
3. Select appropriate technologies keeping in mind that the practitioners participate in incident management, emergency management, security investigation and criminal investigation.
4. Ensure that staff are trained with relative skills and knowledge to mitigate the threats in theatre.