

Overview

COUNTRY:		Last assessed:		Updated by:		Version:		
Travel Advisory Level				Resource		Website		
Country			State Dept. Travel Advisory ¹					
			Consular Affairs Country Page ²					
			OSAC Crime & Safety Report #1 ³					
			OSAC Crime & Safety Report #2					
			OSAC Crime & Safety Report #3					
Regional / localized exceptions	1			Nearest U.S. Embassy / Consulate ⁴				
	2							
	3							
	4							
USG Danger Pay differential ⁵		USG Hardship differential ⁶		Accompanied / unaccompanied				
Travel				Operations				
Location(s) of short-term travel				Location(s) of operations				
Airport(s) used				Type of operations				
Hotel(s) used				Size of workforce in-country	Total	U.S.-based staff	Third-country staff	Local staff
Emergency contact info	911 equivalent	Police	Fire	Ambulance	Nearest police station (or safe haven location)			
Location 1								
Location 2								
Location 3								
Non-emergency contact info	Point of contact	Office phone	Cell phone	Email	Address			
Local / regional office #1								
Local / regional office #2								
U.S. office								
Nearest U.S. Embassy / Consulate								
Contract security provider								
Other								

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Crime

Risk indicator	Assessment		Clarification / additional information
OSAC Crime & Safety Report: Crime section ¹			
State Department Travel Advisory ²			
Consular Alerts mentioning crime in the last 12 months ³			
Homicides per 100,000 people ⁴			
Common crimes	Petty theft	Cargo theft	
	ATM / credit card fraud	Carjacking	
	Smash-and-grab theft	Drink spiking	
	Assault	Sexual assault	
	Robbery	Kidnapping	
	Residential break-in / home invasion	Murder	
	Verbal / physical harassment	Other	
Discernable targeting patterns			
Common scams	Illegal / dishonest taxis	Counterfeit currency	
	Impersonation of law enforcement	Telephonic extortion	
	Tourism / hospitality scams	Relationship scams	
Police / emergency response			
Organized crime / transnational criminal organizations			
Corruption	Corruption Perception Index score ⁵		

Terrorism

Risk indicator	Assessment		Clarification / additional information	
OSAC Crime & Safety Report: Terrorism section ¹				
State Department Travel Advisory ²				
Consular Alerts mentioning terrorism in the last 12 months ³				
Macro-conflict conditions				
Terrorist attacks experienced in the last 24 months				
Discernable targeting trends				
Known terrorist organizations ★	State Department-designated Foreign Terrorist Organizations ⁴		Other known violent extremist organizations	★
Host-nation counterterrorism capabilities				
Access of extremist actors to arms & explosives				
Mobility of extremist actors				

	Resource	Relevant information / comments
U.S. Department of State	Foreign Terrorist Organizations	
	Country Reports on Terrorism	
Institute for Economics & Peace	Global Terrorism Index	
	Global Peace Index	
National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START)	Global Terrorism Database Portal	
	Research	

Civil Unrest

Risk indicator	Assessment		Clarification / additional information
OSAC Crime & Safety Report: Political Violence section ¹			
State Department Travel Advisory ²			
Consular Alerts mentioning civil unrest or political violence in the last 12 months ³			
Underlying cause of demonstrations	Opposition to host-nation government policies or actions		
	Opposition to U.S. government policies or actions		
	Opposition to U.S. / Western private-sector policies or actions		
	Other		
Typical size of demonstrations			
Frequency of demonstrations			
Location of demonstrations			
Demonstration violence			
Nature of protest violence	Clashes (opposing political groups)	Road blocks	
	Clashes (protesters / security forces)	Arson	
	Looting / rioting	Other	
Host-nation response to demonstration activity			
Anticipated elections and/or political transitions	Local elections	Legislative elections	
	State / provincial elections	Presidential elections	
	General elections	Other	
Election-related violence			

Environment

Risk indicator	Assessment		Clarification / additional information
State Department Travel Advisory ¹			
Consular Alerts mentioning natural disasters in the last 12 months ²			
Natural disasters experienced in the last 24 months	None	Drought	
	Earthquake ³	Volcanic eruption	
	Flooding	Extreme weather	
	Landslides	Tsunami	
	Hurricane / typhoon	Other	
Areas most commonly affected by natural disasters			
Potential natural disasters in the next 24 months	None	Drought	
	Earthquake	Volcanic eruption	
	Flooding	Extreme weather	
	Landslides	Tsunami	
	Hurricane / typhoon	Other	
Availability and readiness of shelter-in-place locations			
Major natural disasters have the potential to disrupt the following	Food / water	Transportation	
	Fuel / electricity	Communication	
	Health / medical facilities	Other	
Natural disasters and their impact on civil unrest / political violence			
Location-specific resources for tracking natural disasters			
Source	Website	Social media	Comment

Health

Risk indicator	Assessment		Clarification / additional information
State Department Travel Advisory ¹			
Consular Alerts mentioning health risks in the last 24 months ²			
Host-nation health and medical capabilities			
Psychological / psychiatric care capabilities			
Common traveler health issues	Gastrointestinal issues	Vector-borne diseases	
	Air quality / respiratory issues	Communicable diseases	
	Flu / influenza	Chronic health concerns	
	Stress / exhaustion	Sexual health concerns	
	Food / water safety issues	Other	
Food and water safety concerns (including potable water) ³			
Special considerations for traveling with prescription medication			
Road / transportation safety	Road traffic fatalities per 100,000 people ⁴		

Resource	Relevant guidance / comment
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	Health Information for Travelers
	Travel Health Notices
World Health Organization (WHO)	Country profiles and Country statistics
	Health emergencies
U.S. Department of State Bureau of Consular Affairs	List of available doctors & medical facilities
	Country Information Page: Health

Operational Security & Information Security

Risk indicator	Assessment		Clarification / additional information
Access and reliability of telecommunications infrastructure	Internet latency issues	Limited cell phone coverage	
	Periodic internet outages	Periodic phone outages	
	Limited internet access / availability	Other	
Restricted websites / smartphone applications	Social media applications	Social media websites	
	Communications applications	Political / religious websites	
	News websites	Other	
Equipment restrictions	Encrypted devices	TSCM equipment	
	Satellite phones	GPS devices	
	VPNs	Other	
Surveillance / counterintelligence concerns			
Data privacy / integrity concerns			
Personnel identity concerns	Personnel holding citizenship of the country may face scrutiny / harassment		
	LGBTI personnel may face scrutiny / harassment		
	Female travelers may face scrutiny / harassment		
	Personnel of certain ethnic / religious backgrounds may face scrutiny / harassment		
	Personnel of certain occupations may face scrutiny / harassment		
	Other		

	Resource	Relevant guidance / comment
Reporters Without Borders	Press Freedom Index rating	
	Countries	
Committee to Protect Journalists	Safety Advisories and Safety Kit	
	Most Censored Countries	
Freedom House	Freedom in the World rating	
	Freedom of the Press rating	
	Freedom on the Net rating	
U.S. Department of State	International Religious Freedom Report	
	Human Rights Reports	

Countermeasures and Guidance

This section is intended to be filled out upon completion of the preceding risk matrix. The "Risk summary" field allows security professionals to provide an abbreviated version of their assessment to key stakeholders and decision makers. The subsequent sections identify countermeasures and actionable guidance based on a thorough review of the security environment. The considerations highlighted below are by no means exhaustive, but rather they reflect a number of the most common risk mitigation measures exercised by OSAC constituents.

Risk summary				
Travel requirements	Y/N	Description	Clarification / additional information	
Special approval				
Pre-departure briefing				
Travel tracker compliance				
Lodging restrictions				
Airport transit arrangements				
Traveler guidance				
Restrictions on mobility				
Mobile technology guidance				
Health guidance				
Transportation countermeasures	VIPs	U.S.-based staff	Third-country staff	Local staff
Local drivers				
Armored vehicles				
Armed escorts				