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EGYPT/ALGERIA : High-risk soccer games

During the qualifying rounds for the 2010 FIFA World Cup, tensions between Egyptian and Algerian hooligans rose to a scale rarely seen in the history of football. The violence began in Cairo, when Egyptian supporters threw stones and projectiles at the coach transporting the Algerian team, injuring three players. Such hostilities came after other violent clashes that had occurred during the visit of the Egyptian national team to Algeria in 2002. Despite the high risks involved, the match went ahead and the Pharaohs beat Les Fennecs (2-0) in the first match giving the two countries an equal number of points in their qualifying pool for the World Cup. Tensions rose further in both countries. In the days running up to the second

decisive game, further violent incidents erupted. 15 branches of Djezzy, a mobile phone company owned by Egyptian telco operator Orascom, were ransacked by Algerian supporters. In Egypt, spurred on by diatribes in the tabloid press, Egyptian supporters began roaming the streets. Over a hundred Algerian nationals decided to return to their country given the dangerous turn of events and the growing hostility in the streets.

Asylum and diplomatic tensions

Given the situation, a neutral ground for the second match was needed and Sudan accepted to hold the game. 15,000 Sudanese police officers were deployed in Khartoum. The Algerian government chartered

25 planes to transport the 12,000 supporters on site. The high-risk match ended in victory (1-0) for the Algerian national team qualifying them for the World Cup.irate Egyptian supporters laid siege to the Algerian embassy in Cairo. Extra security measures were also taken in France, in both Paris and Marseille, because of incidents after the first game. The consequences of this violence led Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and his Algerian counterpart to publicly demand a stop to the disturbances. For the moment, thousands of Algerian tourists have cancelled their end-of-year holidays in Egypt to avoid danger. The tour operators took the initiative to warn their clients of the risks incurred in making such a trip.

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The organisation of sporting and cultural events face an increasing battery of safety and security-related measures and restrictions. In addition, organisers, on account of their legal responsibilities, are increasingly attentive to the dynamics and rise in number of acts of vandalism, hostile behaviour, and violence, both spontaneous or premeditated. There is a wide range of targets: spectators, the athletes, invited dignitaries, local communities. This year, for a second time, the Paris-Dakar Rally will not take place in Africa given the high risk of terrorist attack. GEOS advises such organisers and can assist them with managing the safety and security of major events, both in France and abroad. From the Tour de France to the Paris Dakar Rally, GEOS has shown its expertise and the value it provides through its global service package, that combines analysis by the Country Risk Tracking Centre and the Geos Business Intelligence Monitoring Centre, work by our security experts (crowd control, access control), our safety experts (key management protection, security of organisers). In addition, GEOS also acts as a mediator between organisers and the security forces of host countries.

NEW SERVICES HEALTH SAFETY ENVIRONNEMENT

The experience of GEOS in safety/security management has led the Group to develop new expertise and new solutions based on requirements identified during

the performance of its services. GEOS assists, trains and advises companies and local authorities in the area of occupational health and safety, environmental protection and fire safety.

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TRAINING EUROPEAN COMMISSION PERSONNEL

The 5th Safety and Security Sensitization Session for ECHO (European Community Humanitarian Aid Office) management staff will take place on December 7 - 11 in Amman, Jordan.

WEB SITE LEBANON EOM FILM 2009

A film is available for viewing on the GEOS web site. It recounts the security mission for observers in Lebanon in June 2009.
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CHILI EVACUATION OF ISRAELI EMBASSY

▶ Having received bomb threats against the Embassy of Israel, the Chilean Police cordoned off the district of Las Condes where the embassy is located. The building was evacuated and a suspicious package was destroyed in the basement. In 1992, an attack on the Embassy of Israel in Buenos Aires, in neighbouring Argentina, killed 29 people.

AFGHANISTAN SOUTH KOREAN RISK AUDIT

▶ South Korean companies involved in the reconstruction effort in Afghanistan have recently been the target of several attacks. Noone was killed in this spate of attacks but major damage has been caused. A special unit of the Korean Army will be sent to region of Parwan, north of Kabul, mid-December, to conduct



a comprehensive security audit. The unit includes engineers, doctors and experts in military tactics. In their report, they will set out the military resources required to ensure the security of companies and South Korean humanitarian relief staff working in-country.

ITALY BOMBAY ATTACK INVESTIGATION PROGRESSES

▶ Two Pakistani nationals, have been arrested in Brescia. They are suspected of having links to the network that perpetrated the attack on Bombay in 2008. According to police reports, the bullion transport company they own was used to finance the terrorist operation. The men arrested are charged with involvement in a terrorist enterprise and financing illegal activity.

EUROPEAN UNION AL-QAEDA STILL MAIN THREAT

▶ The European Union's Counterterrorism Coordinator, Brussels-born Gilles de Kerchove, reminded his audience in a press conference that the al-Qaeda network remains the principal threat to the security of the EU. Kerchove lent his support to current American strategy declaring that it is essential to keep up the pressure in Afghanistan.

YEMEN JAPANESE ENGINEER KIDNAPPED

▶ Takeo Mashimo, 63 years of age, was captured in the capital. After successful negotiations, he was captured again by the kidnappers. The kidnappers are looking to put pressure on the Yemeni government in order to obtain the release of one of their members. There is still no news concerning the five German nationals and the Briton who were kidnapped last June.

SOMALIA SPAIN SEEKS BLOCKADE ON PORTS

▶ Carme Chacon, Spanish Minister of Defence, has asked the Ministers of Defence and Foreign Affairs of the other EU member states to implement a blockade on the main ports used by Somali pirates. Thirty-six Spanish crew members of the ship « Alakrana » were recently released following payment of a ransom.

PERU THREE DEAD IN ATTACK ON MINE

▶ The copper mine of Rio Blanco operated by Chinese mining company Zijin was attacked by a commando of about fifteen gunmen. Three people were killed, three others abducted and facilities burnt down. It appears that the attack was perpetrated by traffickers who seek to keep control over the region.

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New Delhi on high terrorist alert

Minister of Interior reinforces security in capital

Rapid reaction units of the Indian police were put on high alert for the entire month of November in New Delhi. The risk of terrorist attack is estimated to be very high following the arrest of two Pakistani nationals suspected of preparing an attack against the American Embassy in Bangladesh. The two men have ties with Lashkar-e-Taiba (L-e-T). According to other information provided by Indian intelligence, David Headley, one of the leaders of L-e-T currently being questioned by the FBI in the United States, made several trips to prepare attacks against strategic targets in the capital and other cities of the country. In addition to this increased mobilisation, India has introduced root-and-branch restructuring of the security apparatus with privatisation reforms, in the wake of the unprecedented

attack on Bombay in 2008. The private security industry in India - 15,000 companies employing 5.5 million security agents - can call on a major reservoir of young recruits who have received training from international security specialists, for the most part former members of the Israeli Army and the US marine corps. It also recruits from a pool of national counterterrorism experts. The sector is currently going through an economic boom and grew by 40 % this year. Terrorism in India is a huge challenge given the high concentrations of populations that make easy targets for terrorists. **Private security firms are a major asset for the country's counterterrorist strategy. However, these security firms require top-level training if they are to prove effective in the war on terror.**

Kabila seeks end to Monuc mission

President Joseph Kabila has called for the withdrawal of the UN Mission (MONUC) from DR-Congo in 2010 at the moment of the fiftieth anniversary of the country's independence. The President's entourage has criticised MONUC for « overlooking the need for protecting civilians, in particular with regard to sexual violence despite the fact that the international community was informed of the danger of such exactions as of the year 2000 ». MONUC, while not envisaging officially a withdrawal of its forces, has begun to redeploy its servicemen from the west to the east of the country. In New York, the view is that this mission has not been a success. According to a report addressed to the Security Council, the mission may have even exacerbated tensions, without succeeding in ridding the

country of Rwandan rebels but rather reinforcing the influence of Tutsi rebels. For the time being, the Security Council has renewed by one year controls implemented to protect DR-Congo from the militia groups, with additional troops aimed at countering mineral ore trafficking that finances the militias. Among the militia groups are the LRA, originally a Ugandan armed movement, that is specialised in the abduction of children which it then transforms into killers or sexual slaves and which, according to the report, receives support from British, Malaysian and Thai companies. **Whatever the changes implemented to the UN mission, the issue of protecting the population and the NGOs who provide them with humanitarian relief will remain the central question.**

CHINA MICROSOFT SENTENCED FOR COUNTERFEITING

▶ A court in Beijing has come down in favour of Chinese company Zhongyi Electronic against Microsoft which it accuses of counterfeiting and intellectual property breaches. The two companies had an agreement that authorised the use of a Chinese ideogram font for the Windows 95 operating system (OS). The company of Richmond also used it in later editions of Windows.

GERMANY GOVERNMENT PURCHASES SECURE SMARTPHONES

▶ The German government has ordered the purchase of one thousand smartphones from Deutsche Telekom. Chancellor Merkel will receive her own phone, capable of sending and receiving encrypted emails and text messages. Given the risks incurred due to the interception of communications, many businessmen use this type of phone in Germany.



UNITED STATES PRISON FOR ILLEGAL EXPORTING TO IRAN

▶ The director of a Singapore company was sentenced to four years in prison and a fine of 500,000 dollars for the illegal export of aircraft spare parts to Iran.

FRANCE « MILITARY » ADVICE FOR SMES

▶ The Superior Council of the Military Reserve organised a two-day seminar at Invalides in Paris aimed at French SMEs. The objective was to sensitize SMEs to the risks involved in the acquisition and protection of strategic information and to make them more competitive in sensitive markets.

UNITED STATES TAIWANESE FIRM WINS COURT CASE

▶ The Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. (TSMC) won the court case it filed against its Chinese rival Manufacturing International Corp. (SMIC) for theft of commercial secrets committed over a four year period by Chinese engineers. SMIC was ordered to pay 290.2 million dollars to TSMC.

Economic crimes up in 2009

One third of companies in PWC survey targeted

According to a poll conducted by PricewaterhouseCoopers that covered 54 countries, companies have seen a big rise in economic crimes due to the global recession. The 5th Global Economic Crime Survey interviewed 3,037 company directors. 30 % of them declared themselves victims of an economic crime. 27 % of them say they have suffered financial damages due to economic crime equal to or more than 500,000 \$ with 25 % of those polled declaring damages in excess of one million dollars. PricewaterhouseCoopers in its survey also presents the different types of economic crimes impacting companies. Misappropriation of company assets or theft of material assets, accountancy fraud and corruption are the three most widespread crimes. The first category is by far the most common with 67 % of the companies polled

declaring themselves victim of such crimes against 70 % last year. Then comes accountancy fraud (38 % against 27 % the previous year, i.e. three times the rate recorded in 2003). Among the country rankings, Canadian companies with 56 % and British companies with 43 % stand out, far ahead of Italy which is among the best ranked countries at 19 %, in the same position as Sweden. Corruption comes in second place, with 27 % as against 30 % in 2008. Money laundering (12 %) and industrial espionage (3 %) are also listed. Economic crimes are committed at a rate of 53 % by company staffers and 44 % of such crimes are perpetrated from outside the company. ***The survey clearly shows that the crisis has increased the exposure of companies to economic crimes, whatever their sector or size.***

Successful operation for Pangea II

Interpol has coordinated a vast operation against Internet web sites that sell counterfeit medication. Under the code name Pangea II, numerous seizures and arrests took place over one week in 24 countries. The operation was conducted with support from the International Medical Products Anti-Counterfeiting Taskforce (IMPACT, an international working group engaged in the fight against illicit medication), the World Health Organisation, the World Customs Organisation and the Universal Postal Union. In the words of Ronald K. Noble, Secretary General of Interpol, « the main objective of Operation Pangea II was to protect the general public by taking contraband and illicit medication out of the market, stopping illegal sales on the Internet and pursuing

individuals who potentially put the lives of innocent consumers in danger ». In total, 72 web sites were closed down, 16,000 packages were intercepted and 995 packages seized. 22 people were arrested on different charges in compliance with applicable national laws. Six individuals were arrested in France. According to estimates issued by WHO, nearly 50 % of medication sold on the Internet are counterfeit products. In Canada, the Royal Mounted Police has issued a warning against counterfeit Influenza A (H1N1) vaccinations and Tamiflu. ***The wave of illicit medication which is widespread in the southern hemisphere is spreading because of the Internet and the low prices on offer in countries of the northern hemisphere.***

FRANCE MEASURES TO COUNTER CELL PHONE SPYING

▶ Even when turned off, most cell phones can be remotely activated and used as eavesdropping devices at the most sensitive and highly protected corporate meetings. A counter-measure is under development at the Defence Department of the CEA which has filed a patent for a protective acoustic case.

DENMARK PARTNERSHIP COUNTERESPIONAGE AND INDUSTRY

▶ The Politiets Efterretningstjeneste (PET), the Danish counter-espionage agency, has established a partnership with the Confederation of Danish Industries (DI). The partnership is aimed at countering the increasing number of attacks on companies in the Kingdom's hi-tech sector. According to the heads of the DI and the PET, the pharmaceuticals and telco sectors are the worst hit. Usually it is the police that handles such issues in Denmark, but the implication of certain foreign governments has encouraged the PET to participate. Jakob Scharf, Director of the PET, underlined the importance of the initiative given the considerable rise in the number of espionage cases detected by his agency.



EVENT SECURITY MANAGEMENT

Introduction

GEOS France* and GEOS Protection** provide **security protection and crisis management** services for **major events** (AGMs, inaugurations, seminars, open day events, trade fairs, exhibitions, sporting and cultural events, private functions, international summit meetings, etc.).

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Your Requirements

- ▶▶ **Assess** the threats and/or risk factors that could impact your event (on-site, perimeter and peripheral security)
- ▶▶ **Secure** your events
- ▶▶ **Protect** your **Key Managers** and their **entourage**
- ▶▶ **Protect** your **tangible** and non-tangible assets



GEOS Solutions

GEOS delivers an integrated package of services that allows you to evaluate the local environment and the risks linked to staging your event (business, sporting, media).

- ▶▶ **Safety/Security Audit**
- ▶▶ **Integrated security plans**
- ▶▶ **VIP Close Cover Protection**
- ▶▶ **Protection of assets and equipment**



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Since 2005 GEOS has secured an **international conference** attended by a **major French energy corporation**.

GEOS manages all security matters before, during and after the seminar by protecting the main venue and its periphery, delivering **close cover protection** to all the dignitaries of the group and providing a complete journey management service. GEOS also implements **countermeasures to ensure the protection of information during the seminar** (wiretap sweeps to ensure the confidentiality of talks and the protection of documents, etc.).

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