

Risk Assessment

Protecting a religious, cultural and national icon

“The results of the Risk, Threat and Vulnerability Assessment were significant, with issues particularly around a heavy reliance on operational manned guarding services and a lack of security layers and technical security systems. A detailed register of risks to the building allowed the client to understand the business and reputational impact of an incident occurring and the client was able to prioritise their efforts and significantly reduce the residual risks to the building”.

Client: Confidential

Sector: Property Management

Services: Threat & Risk Reviews & Audits

Location: Mecca/Makkah

Status: Complete

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Project

Our client manages one of the most iconic buildings in the world, and wanted to understand the security risks faced because of the national, spiritual and religious importance of the building. Identifying the range of risks, threats and vulnerabilities associated with this high profile building took on a significant importance because of extremist threats to the building and CornerStone were selected because of their regional threat intelligence experience, knowledge of security of tall buildings, crowded places, and ability to provide a consultant able to carry out consultancy services within the religious cordon of Mecca.

Outcome

It was important for CornerStone to first set the context of the engagement and host a workshop with key stakeholders to consider the specific threats to the building and understand the client's risk appetite. CornerStone's threat analysts set about producing a comprehensive threat assessment with focus on extremists capability and intent to cause damage to the iconic building and harm to the millions of visitors every year, and seriously damage the reputation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Our advice has enabled our client to understand and mitigate a significant range of security risks that were otherwise unknown.

About CornerStone

CornerStone is an award winning, independent, international Security Consultancy and Risk Management firm. We help organisations protect their people, assets, intellectual property and profits by identifying security threats and mitigating the risks that face today's global businesses. We work with clients in various parts of the supply chain to provide objective, un-biased advice, acting as their trusted advisor. What makes us different is the quality of our people, our highly developed process, problem solving approach and our innovative solutions.