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## Case Study

# Diplomatic Security - Pakistan

### Overview

With the acceleration of military involvement in Afghanistan and Iraq, the risk profile of diplomatic missions overseas was raised exponentially. In response most countries reviewed the existing security plans for their missions worldwide.

### The Challenge

Situated in the Diplomatic Enclave in Islamabad, the Mission was viewed as under considerable risk, bearing in mind its proximity to the NWFP and Afghanistan. The consultant was tasked with providing security advice to the High Commissioner, as well as conducting an assessment on the AHC itself and domestic residences.

### The Process

The review commenced with a risk assessment based on the Australian Standard 4360, Risk Management. This analysis revealed specific types of risk that the Mission and domestic residences (scattered throughout Islamabad) were subject to.

Aspects considered included:

- Vehicular and pedestrian access
- External attack (from IED, RPG etc)
- IED Search procedures (vehicles, mail)
- IED handling
- Crisis Management
- Guard force efficiency
- Security documentation
- Communications trees
- Army / Police Liaison

Having established the risk baseline, each property was surveyed to ascertain to what degree the risk was being mitigated. While the Mission itself was soundly designed, it was necessary to implement several changes to access control and search procedures, while most residences required capital works (constructing chicanes, altering gate design, realigning lighting) to establish an acceptable standard.

### The Result

The resulting document was endorsed by the senior officer, with the remediation to properties and procedures taking place.

As a result of the recommendation, another foreign Embassy in Islamabad also contracted the consultant to provide a similar service for their Embassy.