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Chiefs,

FYSA.

Thank you.

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## USBP EMERGENCY MANAGERS & CORRIDORS – FOR AWARENESS

Please ensure relevant leadership personnel are aware of current posture.

Will provide any informational updates as they are made available to this office.

Respectfully,

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**Headquarters | U.S. Border Patrol | Washington D.C.**  
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**Subject:** Events Abroad and OS/ IICC/ Incident Management Disposition (FYSA)

Good afternoon all,

FYSA. As you are well aware, recent events abroad in the Middle East have called for an enhanced posture and vigilance within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), All DHS Components to Include CBP, as well as state and local authorities. We have already been in contact with many of you. However this message is for broader stakeholder awareness and recognition.

AS1 for DHS has recently advised that there are currently no specific, credible threats against our homeland; vigilance remains encouraged.

At this time, in addition to pertinent office reporting per DHS RFIs (sent via CBP Sitroom) please note the following updates per OS IICC/IMB:

- Situation updates and assessments have been/ will be distributed as appropriate and warranted to key office stakeholders and CBP Senior Leadership.

- The CBP Commissioner’s Situation Room remains operational and engaged 24/7.
- The OS Situation Management System (SMS) Program team can facilitate any operator/administrator training or access needs
  - A WebEOC incident will be created and will include pertinent reference material and will be utilized as events dictate; please consult with WebEOC Program Manager as appropriate
  - Template ENS alerts have been created and are ready to utilize if needed; please consult with ENS Program Manager as appropriate
- The CBP HQ EOC (RRB 4.2A) is in a ‘warm standby’ mode; currently with a modest personnel footprint
- All EPCs, Continuity personnel, and Continuity sites should remain engaged; reviewing and updating office plans and procedures as needed
  - Note that the DHS Continuity Mission Assurance Cell (CMAC) has been activated during business hours (8am- 4pm ET)
  - Please consult with CBP Continuity and Devolution Program Managers as appropriate
- In collaboration with CBP field personnel, upcoming near term special events (to include but not limited to **Consumer Electronics Show, State of the Union Address, and Super Bowl 54**) will be planned and executed with additional vigilance and contingencies.
- Attached are recent DHS and Stakeholder products for your appropriate reference and review

Additional information will be forthcoming. Thank you for your attention and engagement.

Be safe and stay vigilant.

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DHS Component Actions Report  
DHS Component Security Posture – Middle East (NOC 0849-19)  
As of 0500 ET, 6 January 2020 (Update)

Updates in Blue  
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DHS Component Responses:

Revision to ICE reporting and updating of overall personnel numbers.

Personnel: [REDACTED] (b) (7)(E)  
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Customs and Border Protection (CBP)


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- All personnel are accounted for

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**Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)**

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- Embassy Muscat, Oman has removed the movement/shelter in place restrictions
- All employees are in on-duty status. All employees and family members are safe/accounted for.

**Transportation Security Administration (TSA)**

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- All TSA personnel and dependents have been accounted for
- Maintaining continuous personnel accountability; staff in their respective AOR are following Regional Security Office and Embassy guidance.

**U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)**

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- Pursuant to decision made in 2019 related to efficiency of use of USCIS resources, the USCIS office in Amman is scheduled to close permanently on 1/17/20. The Field Office Director will depart post permanently on 1/15/20 and the International Adjudications Officer will depart post permanently on 1/17/20. A USCIS IT specialist is scheduled for a detail to Amman 1/11-1/14 to assist with the IT shutdown. USCIS is monitoring the situation and will determine whether to delay the detail. USCIS also continues to monitor

the situation to determine whether to continue with plans to send staff on refugee processing details to Amman, Turkey, the UAE and/or Egypt.

**U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)**

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- USCG reports 100 percent accountability; all members are safe.
- Embassy Muscatt,Oman has removed the movement/shelter in place restrictions

**Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**

- FEMA has no personnel in the Middle East
- Maintains heightened security posture in the U.S. including U.S. Territories and holdings
- No increase in posture anticipated at this time
- Updated our Nation-threat Annex with DHS, issued a WARNORD to N-IMAT C, rostered enhanced watch and can roster ROC if things escalate, and Emergency Support Functions Leadership Group (ESFLG) support is standing by if a meeting is needed.

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**DISTRIBUTION:** DHS HQ Leadership, DHS Component Leadership, and DHS Component Operations Centers.

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The next DHS Component Actions Report will be published on or about 1700 ET 6 Jan 2020.

*The DHS Component Action Report is an internal DHS report that is to DHS HQ Leadership, DHS Component Leadership, and DHS Component Operations Centers.*



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# Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency Security of Soft Targets and Crowded Places—Resource Guide

April 2019



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## Letter from the Assistant Director

The cornerstone of our democracy is a free and open society where citizens can enjoy a wide range of activities without fear of harm. People across the U.S. should expect that they will be safe and secure as they cheer on a favorite team at a sporting event, shop at a mall, attend a house of worship, go to school, dine out with family and friends, or go to a concert.

The Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) works closely with public and private sector stakeholders to mitigate risk to our infrastructure. This mission includes working to secure soft targets and crowded places in partnership with our stakeholders.



Soft targets and crowded places—a term more recently used—are typically defined as locations or environments that are easily accessible, attract large numbers of people on a predictable or semi-predictable basis, and may be vulnerable to attacks using simple tactics and readily available weapons. CISA works with stakeholders to increase security and reduce the risk of a successful attack-or, for those that do occur, limit the impacts to life and property.

The "Security of Soft Targets and Crowded Places - Resource Guide" is a key tool to our efforts to raise awareness of the capabilities that are available to support risk mitigation. The Guide provides an easy to use method to quickly find information on a wide range of free capabilities that can be incorporated into the security practices of organizations of all sizes. I strongly encourage you to consider these capabilities as part of your risk mitigation strategy.

As CISA's Assistant Director for Infrastructure Security, I assure you that we continue to work diligently to identify innovative means through which we can collectively mitigate the risks we face as a nation generally, and those posed by terrorists and other violent extremist actors to soft targets and crowded places specifically. Thank you for your partnership and commitment to securing our nation.

Sincerely,

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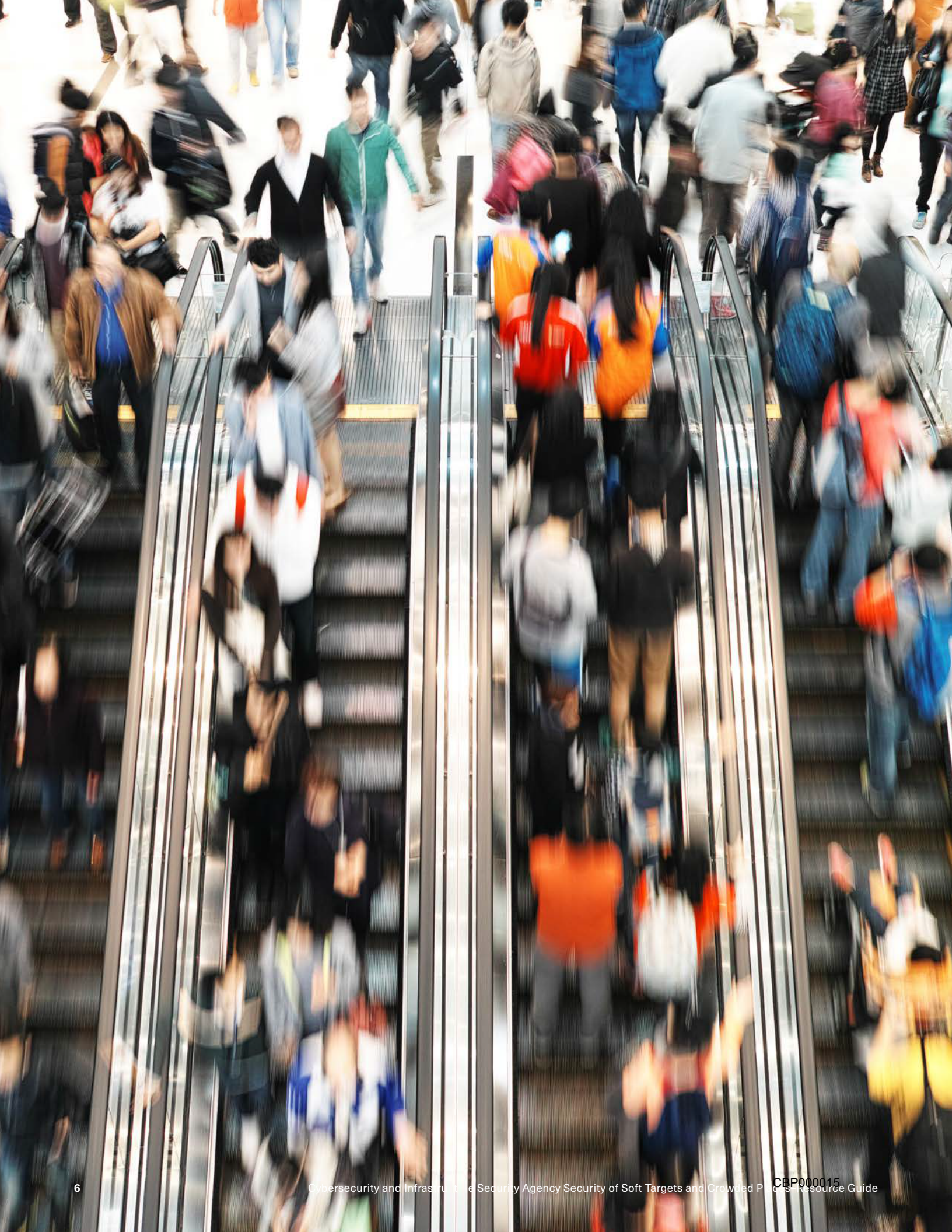
Brian Harrell  
Assistant Director for Infrastructure Security





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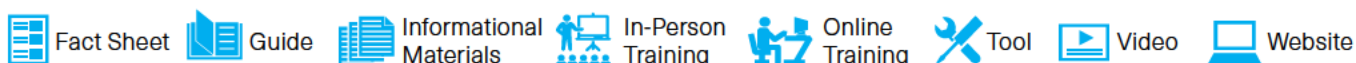


















# 1 Resource Matrix

Segments of our society are inherently open to the general public, and by nature of their purpose do not incorporate strict security measures. Given the increased emphasis by terrorists and other extremist actors to leverage less sophisticated methods to inflict harm in public areas, it is vital that the public and private sectors collaborate to enhance security of locations such as transportation centers, parks, restaurants, shopping centers, special event venues, and similar facilities. Securing these locations is essential to preserving our way of life and sustaining the engine of our economy. The Infrastructure Security Division (ISD), part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), is committed to improving the security and resilience of soft targets by providing relevant tools, training, and programs to both the public and private sectors, and the general public. This guide is a catalog of ISD soft target resources, many of which were created in collaboration with our partners to ensure they are useful and reflective of the dynamic environment we live in.

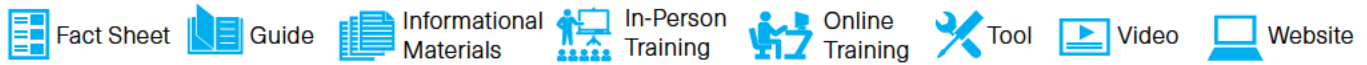
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## For Everyone

CATEGORY	RESOURCE	TYPE
<b>Understand the Basics</b>	Tools and Resources to Help Businesses Plan, Prepare, and Protect from an Attack	
	"If You See Something, Say Something" Campaign® Informational Video and Radio PSA	
	"If You See Something, Say Something" Campaign® Informational Print Materials PSA	
<b>Identify Suspicious Behavior</b>	Insider Threat Video	
	Pathway to Violence Action Guide	
	Pathway to Violence Video	
	What's in Store: Ordinary People, Extraordinary Events Video	
<b>Protect Against Unmanned Aircraft Systems</b>	Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Critical Infrastructure Drone Pocket Card	
	Indicators of Suspicious Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UASs)	
	UAS Frequently Asked Questions	
<b>Prepare and Respond to Active Assailants</b>	Action Guide – Active Shooter Attacks: Security Awareness for Soft Targets and Crowded Places	
	Action Guide – Chemical Attacks: Security Awareness for Soft Targets and Crowded Places	
	Action Guide – Vehicle Ramming: Security Awareness for Soft Targets and Crowded Places	
	Action Guide – Fire as a Weapon: Security Awareness for Soft Targets and Crowded Places	

**Legend: Type of Resource**

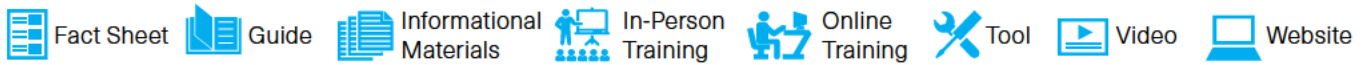


CATEGORY	RESOURCE	TYPE
<b>Prepare and Respond to Active Assailants, continued</b>	Action Guide – Mass Gatherings: Take Charge of Your Personal Safety	
	Active Shooter Booklet	
	Active Shooter Preparedness Program Website	
	Active Shooter Event Quick Reference Guide	
	Active Shooter Poster	
	Active Shooter Pocket Card	
	Options for Consideration Active Shooter Preparedness Video	
	Vehicle Ramming Attack Mitigation Video	
<b>Prevent and Respond to Bombings</b>	Security and Resiliency Guide for Countering-IEDs (SRG C-IED) and Annexes	

**For Businesses**

CATEGORY	RESOURCE	TYPE
<b>Understand the Basics</b>	Business Continuity Planning Suite	
	Independent Study Training Courses	
	Critical Infrastructure Tabletop Exercise Program (CITEP)	
<b>Identify Suspicious Behavior</b>	Bomb-Making Materials Awareness Program (BMAP)	
	Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative – Private Sector Security Training	
	No Reservations: Suspicious Behavior in Hotels Video	
	Suspicious Behavior Advisory Posters	
	At-A-Glance Guide for Protecting Faith-Based Venues	
	Check It! – Bag Check Video	
	Evacuation Planning Guide for Stadiums	
	Patron Screening Best Practices Guide	
	Protective Measures Guides	
	Sports Venue Bag Search Procedures Guide	
Sports Venue Credentialing Guide		

**Legend: Type of Resource**



CATEGORY	RESOURCE	TYPE
<b>Identify Suspicious Behavior, continued</b>	Vehicle-Borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED) Identification Guide	
	Vehicle Inspection Guide	
	Vehicle Inspection Video	
<b>Protect Against Unmanned Aircraft Systems</b>	Unmanned Aircraft Systems: Addressing Critical Infrastructure Security Challenges	
	Unmanned Aircraft Systems – Critical Infrastructure Video	
<b>Prepare and Respond to Active Assailants</b>	Active Shooter Preparedness In-Person Workshops	
	Active Shooter Emergency Action Planning Guide	
	Active Shooter Emergency Action Planning Template	
	Active Shooter Emergency Action Planning Video	
	Active Shooter Recovery Guide	
	Action Guide – Mass Gatherings: Security Awareness for Soft Targets and Crowded Places	
	Recovering From An Active Shooter Incident Action Guide	
<b>Prevent and Respond to Bombings</b>	Counter-IED and Risk Mitigation Training	
	Sports and Entertainment Venues Bombing Prevention Solutions Portfolio	
	Technical Resource for Incident Prevention (TRIPwire) Website	
	What to Do – Bomb Threat Website	
	Bomb Threat Procedures Checklist	
	Bombing Prevention Lanyard Cards	
	DHS-Department of Justice (DOJ) Bomb Threat Guidance	
	What You Can Do When There is a Bomb Threat Video	
<b>Connect with CISA</b>	Homeland Security Information Network – Critical Infrastructure (HSIN-CI)	
	Regional Offices	
	Assist Visits and the Infrastructure Survey Tool	





## For Government

CATEGORY	RESOURCE	TYPE
<b>Protect, Screen, and Allow Access to Facilities</b>	Interagency Security Committee Best Practices for Mail Screening and Handling Processes	
	Occupant Emergency Programs: An Interagency Security Committee Guide	
<b>Prepare and Respond to Active Assailants</b>	Planning and Response to an Active Shooter: An Interagency Security Committee Policy and Best Practices Guide	
<b>Prevent and Respond to Bombings</b>	Multi-Jurisdictional Improvised Explosive Device (IED) Security Planning	
<b>Connect with CISA</b>	Interagency Security Committee	



## For First Responders

CATEGORY	RESOURCE	TYPE
<b>Protect, Screen, and Allow Access to Facilities</b>	Crisis Event Response and Recovery Access (CERRA) Framework	
<b>Protect Against Unmanned Aircraft Systems</b>	Unmanned Aircraft Systems: Considerations for Law Enforcement	
<b>Prevent and Respond to Bombings</b>	National Counter- Improvised Explosive Device Capabilities Analysis Database (NCCAD)	

# 2 Resource Descriptions & Links

This section includes brief descriptions of each of the available resources and includes links to the resources or where you can find more information.

## Understand the Basics

The following resources provide an introduction to facility security and can serve as a good first step for businesses. Resources include fact sheets, guidance, and online training and education courses that cover topics such as Implementing Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Programs and Workplace Security Awareness.

### Tools and Resources to Help Businesses Plan, Prepare, and Protect from an Attack

Provides business owners and their employees with an overview of the Hometown Security Initiative, specifically how to apply the four steps: Connect, Plan, Train, and Report to their workplace and communities. The Hometown Security Report Series (HSRS) provides reports on community infrastructure and institutions, including commercial office buildings, commuter rail systems, hotels, hospitals, and institutes of higher education. The reports are one of the free tools and resources provided under the initiative.

Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Hometown-Security-Fact-Sheet-04062016-508.pdf>

Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/hometown-security>

Audience   Type  

### Business Continuity Planning Suite

Helps businesses create, improve, or update their business continuity plan to reduce the potential impact of a disruption to business. The suite includes business continuity planning training, business continuity and disaster recovery plan generators, and a business continuity plan validation.

Link: <https://www.ready.gov/business-continuity-planning-suite>

Audience  Type 

### Independent Study Training Courses

Provide individuals, businesses, first responders, and law enforcement with the information needed to improve security at their facilities. The self-paced, online courses hosted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Emergency Management Institute cover topics such as levels of protection and design-basis threat, active shooter, insider threat, workplace security, hidden hazards in retail spaces, and suspicious activity surveillance. All courses require a FEMA student identification number. For more information on how to register, please visit: <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid/register>.


Link: <https://training.fema.gov/is/>

Audience    Type 

### Critical Infrastructure Tabletop Exercise Program (CITEP)

Assists the critical infrastructure community in conducting their own tabletop exercises by allowing users to leverage pre-built exercise templates and tailor them to their specific needs in order to assess, develop, and update emergency action plans, programs, policies and procedures. These resources provide exercise planners with tools, scenarios, question sets, and guidance to support the development of a discussion-based exercise. There are over 30 CITEP exercise templates, including ones for outdoor events and insider threats.

Link: [https://hsin.dhs.gov/ci/sites/exerciseinfo/Pages/CITEP\\_Learnmore.aspx](https://hsin.dhs.gov/ci/sites/exerciseinfo/Pages/CITEP_Learnmore.aspx)

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# Identify Suspicious Behavior

These resources help all citizens, business owners and employees, and private sector security personnel understand what suspicious behaviors may pose a threat and what steps to take to report the behavior to authorities.

## Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative – Private Sector Security Training

Assists private sector security personnel in recognizing what kind of suspicious behaviors are associated with pre-incident terrorism activities, understanding how and where to report suspicious activities, and protecting privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties when documenting information.

Link: [https://nsi.ncirc.gov/hspregistration/private\\_sector/](https://nsi.ncirc.gov/hspregistration/private_sector/)

Audience  Type 

## No Reservations: Suspicious Behavior in Hotels Video

Helps hotel employees identify and report suspicious activities and threats in a timely manner by highlighting the indicators of suspicious activity. The video is also available in Spanish.

Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/video/no-reservations-suspicious-behavior-hotels>

Audience  Type 

## Suspicious Behavior Advisory Posters

Serve as a quick-reference resource to help businesses, first responders, and local governments identify suspicious activities and behaviors and prevent the illicit sale of explosive precursor chemicals and components. The posters are available under the Suspicious Activities and Bomb Threats – What to Do section of the TRIPwire Website.


Link: <https://tripwire.dhs.gov/IED/resources/jsp/loginPopup2.jsp>

Audience   Type 

## “If You See Something, Say Something” Campaign®

Provides outreach materials such as posters, brochures, and Web graphics that can be provided to partners at no cost to help raise public awareness of the indicators of terrorism and terrorism-related crime. Also available are video and radio public service announcements to raise public awareness of the indicators of terrorism and terrorism-related crime. The public service announcements are available in English and Spanish, but the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is able to work with partners to address specific language needs. The topics include *Protect Your Everyday* for all citizens, *Hospitality* for travelers and owners and operators of hotels, and *Officials* focused on the major sport leagues.

Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/see-something-say-something/campaign-materials>

Audience  Type 

## Pathway to Violence Action Guide

Explains warning signs that may lead to violence and what individuals can do to mitigate a potential incident.

Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/dhs-pathway-to-violence-09-15-16-508.pdf>

Audience  Type 

## Pathway to Violence Video

Identifies behavior indicators that assailants often demonstrate before a violent act based on expert research. The video describes the six progressive steps that may be observable by colleagues, engagement strategies, and recommended responses.

Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/pathway-violence-video>

Audience  Type 



### **What's in Store: Ordinary People, Extraordinary Events Video**

Helps owners, managers, and staff at shopping centers and retail establishments identify and report suspicious activity and threats by highlighting the indicators of suspicious activity in retail settings.

Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/video/whats-store-ordinary-people-extraordinary-events>

Audience  Type 

### **Insider Threat Video**

Discusses how insider threats manifest in a variety of ways including terrorism, workplace violence, and breaches of cybersecurity. The video can be found under the Insider Threat tab.

Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/insider-threat-mitigation>

Audience  Type 

### **Bomb-Making Materials Awareness Program (BMAP)**

Serves as a source of continued information on Improvised Explosive Device (IED) materials, tactics, and Counter-IED Training. A Community Engagement Website serves as the dashboard for BMAP programs across the Nation to track, gather, and disseminate materials, successes, and lessons learned from the BMAP team's instructor-led courses and site visits.

Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/bmap>

Audience   Type  

## **Protect, Screen, and Allow Access to Facilities**

Many large facilities want to screen patrons before allowing them to enter facilities, others may want employ a credentialing process. Resources in this section provide suggestions and guidance on how to put these programs in place.

### **At-A-Glance Guide For Protecting Faith-Based Venues**

Lists the different resources available for houses of worship including security assessments, tabletop exercises, and other training.

Link: <https://www.fema.gov/faith-resources>

Audience  Type 

### **Patron Screening Best Practices Guide**

Provides options for businesses to develop and implement patron screening procedures for major sporting events, concerts, horse races, award ceremonies, and similar gatherings.

Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/patron-screening-guide-03-16-508.pdf>

Audience   Type 

### **Check It! – Bag Check Video**

Provides information facility employees need to properly search bags to protect venues and patrons.

Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/video/check-it-bag-check-video>

Audience  Type 

### **Occupant Emergency Programs: An Interagency Security Committee Guide**

Provides important information to assist department and agency security planners as they develop and review Occupant Emergency Programs for the safety and security of employees and visitors.

Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/isc-occupant-emergency-programs-guide-mar-2013-508.pdf>

Audience  Type 

## Evacuation Planning Guide for Stadiums

Assists stadium owners and operators with preparing evacuation plans and helping to determine when and how to evacuate, shelter-in-place, or relocate stadium spectators and participants. It also includes a template that can be used to create a plan that will incorporate the unique policies and procedures of state and local governments, surrounding communities, and specific stadium characteristics.

Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/evacuation-planning-guide-stadiums-508.pdf>

Audience  Type 

## Protective Measures Guides

Provide businesses with an overview of threats and offer suggestions for planning, coordinating, and training activities that contribute to a safe environment for guests and employees. The guides are For Official Use Only (FOUO), but businesses can request access to them through the Commercial Facilities page of the Homeland Security Information Network – Critical Infrastructure (HSIN-CI), which requires registration to access.

- Protective Measures Guide for U.S. Sports Leagues
- Protective Measures Guide for the U.S. Lodging Industry
- Protective Measures Guide for Mountain Resorts
- Protective Measures Guide for Outdoor Venues
- Protective Measures Guide for Commercial Real Estate

Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/commercial-facilities-publications>

Audience  Type 

## Sports Venue Credentialing Guide

Provides suggestions for developing and implementing credentialing procedures at public assembly venues that host professional sporting events. Venue owners, operators, and event organizers should use additional resources (e.g., law enforcement) when available to implement the procedures outlined in this guide.

Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/sports-venue-credentialing-guide-508.pdf>

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## Sports Venue Bag Search Procedures Guide

Provides suggestions for developing and implementing bag search procedures at venues hosting major sporting events. Venue owners, operators, and event organizers should use additional resources (e.g., consult law enforcement) to implement the procedures outlined in this guide.

Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/sports-venue-bag-search-guide-508.pdf>

Audience   Type 

## Interagency Security Committee (ISC) Best Practices for Mail Screening and Handling Processes

Provides mail center managers, their supervisors, and agency security personnel with a framework for understanding and mitigating risks posed to an organization by the mail and packages it receives and delivers on a daily basis.

Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/isc-mail-handling-screening-nonfouo-sept-2012-508.pdf>

Audience  Type 

## Crisis Event Response and Recovery Access (CERRA) Framework

Provides voluntary guidance for state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) authorities for planning and developing an access management program. The framework provides mechanisms, tools, processes, and approaches for coordinating, approving, and enabling access during response and recovery operations.

Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Crisis%20Event%20Response%20and%20Recovery%20Access%20%28CERRA%29%20Framework.pdf>



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## Vehicle-Borne Improvised Explosive Device Identification and Vehicle Inspection Guidance

Assist stakeholders in identifying suspected Vehicle-Borne Improvised Explosive Device IEDs (VBIED) and provide instruction for vehicle search techniques for use by law enforcement, bomb squads, HAZMAT teams, and other emergency and professional security personnel involved with

inspection of vehicles that may pose a terrorist bomb threat. The Vehicle Inspection Guide, Vehicle Inspection Video, and VBIED Identification Guide are all available to registered users on TRIPwire.

Link: [https://tripwire.dhs.gov/IED/appmanager/IEDPortal/IEDDesktop?\\_nfpb=true&\\_pageLabel=LOGIN](https://tripwire.dhs.gov/IED/appmanager/IEDPortal/IEDDesktop?_nfpb=true&_pageLabel=LOGIN)

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## Protect Against Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)

UAS, also known as drones, can be used to benefit a community by transporting supplies or assisting search and rescue, but they can also be used for malicious purposes. The resources in this section provide an overview of this threat and steps businesses, the public, and first responders can take to protect against the malicious use of drones.

### Unmanned Aircraft Systems: Addressing Critical Infrastructure Security Challenges

Provides an overview of the threats posed by UAS and actions that owners and operators can take to protect their facilities.

Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/uas-ci-challenges-fact-sheet-508.pdf>

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### Unmanned Aircraft Systems Critical Infrastructure Drone Pocket Card

Provides a quick reference guide for critical infrastructure security and operations officers and the general public on how to identify the different categories of UAS, how to report UAS activity including what information to share, and what actions to take to respond to a threat.

Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/uas-ci-drone-pocket-card-112017-508.pdf>

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### Unmanned Aircraft Systems Frequently Asked Questions

Provides answers to common questions about the requirements and operation of UAS.

Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/unmanned-aircraft-systems-faq>

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### Unmanned Aircraft Systems – Critical Infrastructure Video

Provides information on critical infrastructure challenges associated with the UAS threat, counter-UAS security practices, actions to consider for risk mitigation, and specific preparedness efforts for facilities and organizations. The video can be found under the UAS and Critical Infrastructure – Understanding the Risk tab.

Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/uas-ci>

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### Unmanned Aircraft Systems: Indicators of Suspicious UAS

Provides a reference aid to increase situational awareness for those who may encounter a suspicious UAS through the Office for Bombing Prevention (OBP) TRIPwire OSINT Team's Emergency Responder Note (ERN). The document can be found under the Emergency Responder Notes (ERN) section.


Link: <https://tripwire.dhs.gov>

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## Unmanned Aircraft Systems: Considerations for Law Enforcement

Provides an overview of UAS and the legal and operational considerations for law enforcement before taking action, and a list of additional resources.

Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/uas-law-enforcement-considerations-508.pdf>

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## Prepare and Respond to Active Assailants

DHS provides a number of resources to help prepare for, and respond to, active assailant incidents, including in-person and online training, tools to prepare emergency action plans, and guidance on the actions to take during an incident.

### Action Guide – Active Shooter Attacks: Security Awareness for Soft Targets and Crowded Places

Lists potential active shooter warning signs, along with steps to take if an incident occurs. Helpful tips are included to assist in developing protective measures to mitigate future attacks.

Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Active%20Shooter%20Attacks%20-%20Security%20Awareness%20for%20ST-CP.PDF>

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### Action Guide – Mass Gatherings: Security Awareness for Soft Targets and Crowded Places

Identifies ways that businesses can prepare for and mitigate against future attacks, including protective measures that provide some basic actions for consideration.

Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Mass%20Gatherings%20-%20Security%20Awareness%20for%20ST-CP.PDF>

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### Action Guide – Chemical Attacks: Security Awareness for Soft Targets and Crowded Places

Identifies potential scenarios and symptoms of possible chemical exposures. The guide also explains how individuals can respond to and mitigate against future attacks.

Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Chemical%20Attacks%20-%20Security%20Awareness%20for%20ST-CP.PDF>

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### Action Guide – Fire as a Weapon: Security Awareness for Soft Targets and Crowded Places

Serves as an awareness guide to help people identify potential indicators of an attack by use of fire and provides mitigation strategies and proper response procedures.

Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Action-Guide-Fire-as-a-Weapon-11212018-508.pdf>

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### Action Guide – Vehicle Ramming: Security Awareness for Soft Targets and Crowded Places

Identifies warning signs that individuals planning a vehicle ramming attack may exhibit. The guide also includes suggested mitigation strategies and protective measures to consider.

Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Vehicle%20Ramming%20-%20Security%20Awareness%20for%20ST-CP.PDF>

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### Action Guide – Mass Gatherings: Take Charge of Your Personal Safety

Provides potential indicators of an attack on a mass gathering and identifies steps that individuals can take in response.

Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Mass%20Gatherings%20-%20Take%20Charge%20of%20Your%20Personal%20Safety.pdf>

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## Active Shooter Preparedness In-Person Workshops

Features scenario-based workshops with facilitated discussions to engage private sector professionals and law enforcement representatives from federal, state, and local agencies to learn how to prepare for, and respond to, an active shooter situation. Through the course of the exercises, participants evaluate current response concepts, plans, and capabilities for coordinated responses to active shooter incidents.

Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/active-shooter-workshop-participant>


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## Active Shooter Emergency Action Planning

Describes the fundamental concepts of developing an Emergency Action Planning (EAP) for an active shooter scenario, including important consideration of EAP development.

- **Video:** guides viewers through important considerations of EAP development through the first-hand perspectives of active shooter survivors, first responder personnel, and other subject matter experts who share their unique insight.  
Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/active-shooter-emergency-action-plan-video>
- **Guide:** provides the information needed to develop an Emergency Action Plan.  
Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/active-shooter-emergency-action-plan-112017-508v2.pdf>
- **Template:** provides the framework for businesses to create their own Emergency Action Plan.  
Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/active-shooter-emergency-action-plan-template-112017-508.pdf>

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## Vehicle Ramming Attack Mitigation Video

Provides information to assist in mitigating the threat of vehicle ramming attacks with technical analysis from public and private sector subject matter experts. The video leverages real-world events, and provides recommendations aimed at protecting organizations as well as individuals against a potential vehicle ramming incident.

Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/private-citizen>

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## Active Shooter Preparedness Resource Materials

Assist businesses, government offices, and schools in preparing for, and responding to, an active shooter. These resources are also available in the following languages: Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Punjabi, Russian, Somali, Spanish, and Urdu.

- **Active Shooter Booklet:** provides information on how to respond to an active shooter in your vicinity, how to react when law enforcement arrives, and how to train staff and prepare for an active shooter situation, including roles and responsibilities.  
Link: [https://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/active-shooter\\_booklet.pdf](https://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/active-shooter_booklet.pdf)
- **Active Shooter Event Quick Reference Guide:** provides key information in a shorter, easy-to-read format.  
Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/active-shooter-pamphlet-2017-508.pdf>
- **Active Shooter Poster:** highlights key information for how to respond when an active shooter is in your vicinity.  
Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/active-shooter-poster-2017-508.pdf>
- **Active Shooter Pocket Card:** contains all the information needed to respond to an active shooter in an accessible format.  
Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/active-shooter-pocket-card-508.pdf>
- **Planning and Response to an Active Shooter: An Interagency Security Committee Policy and Best Practices Guide:** includes helpful information and best practices for federal agencies that can be applied more broadly by anyone who may be involved in an active shooter situation.  
Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/isc-planning-response-active-shooter-guide-non-fouo-nov-2015-508.pdf>
- **Options for Consideration Active Shooter Preparedness Video:** demonstrates possible actions to take if confronted with an active shooter scenario. The video also shows how to assist authorities once law enforcement enters the scene.  
Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/options-consideration-active-shooter-preparedness-video>

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## Active Shooter Recovery Materials

Help organizations proactively put in place policies and procedures to help effectively recover from an active shooter incident while providing a support structure for all involved.


- **Active Shooter Recovery Guide:** outlines what to do in the short-term and long-term to aid in recovery.

Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/active-shooter-recovery-guide-08-08-2017-508.pdf>

- **Recovering From An Active Shooter Incident Action Guide:** provides information on how to establish a recovery process and breaks down necessary actions for short-term and long-term

recovery following an active shooter incident.

Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/recovering-from-an-active-shooter-incident-fact-sheet-08-08-2017-508.pdf>

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## Active Shooter Preparedness Program Website

Provides access to a number of DHS products, tools, and resources to help everyone prepare for and respond to an active shooter incident.

Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/active-shooter-preparedness>

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## Prevent and Respond to Bombings

The resources in this section are designed to increase the capabilities of everyone—the public, business owners and staff, government employees, law enforcement, and first responders—to prevent, protect against, and respond to bombing incidents. The resources include an easy-to-use checklist, planning assistance, in-person and online training, materials and videos that provide guidance, and an online network to access additional resources and share information.

### Technical Resource for Incident Prevention (TRIPwire) Website

Serves as a 24/7 online, collaborative information-sharing network for bomb squads, first responders, military personnel, government officials, intelligence analysts, and security professionals. Developed and maintained by the Office for Bombing Prevention (OBP), TRIPwire combines expert analyses and reports with relevant documents, images, and videos gathered directly from terrorist source materials to help users anticipate, identify, and prevent IED incidents. TRIPwire requires registration to access information, or partners can log-in using their HSIN account. To login, please visit: <https://tripwire.dhs.gov/IED/appmanager/IEDPortal/IEDDesktop?nfpb=true&pageLabel=LOGIN>

Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/obp-tripwire-fact-sheet-2016-508.pdf>

Overview Video: <https://tripwire.dhs.gov/IED/resources/jsp/tripwireVideo.jsp>

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### Sports and Entertainment Venues Bombing Prevention Solutions Portfolio

Provides information on and direct access to the trainings, products, and resources that support sports and entertainment organizations and venues with building counter-IED capabilities. The interactive product connects leadership within these organizations to the counter-IED resources that meet their needs, and empowers all venue personnel to play a role in security.

Link: <https://tripwire.dhs.gov/IED/resources/docs/Sports%20Entertainment%20Venue%20Bombing%20Prevention%20Solutions%20Portfolio.pdf>

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### What to Do – Bomb Threat Website

Provides guidance and resources including in-depth procedures for responding to bomb threats or encounters with suspicious items or behaviors and provides information to help prepare and react appropriately during these events. The Website also provides information regarding other planning and preparedness resources.

Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/what-to-do-bomb-threat>

- **DHS-DOJ Bomb Threat Guidance:** provides detailed information on how to assess and react to a threat.  
Link: [https://tripwire.dhs.gov/IED/resources/docs/OBP\\_DHS\\_DOJ\\_Bomb\\_Threat\\_Guidance.pdf](https://tripwire.dhs.gov/IED/resources/docs/OBP_DHS_DOJ_Bomb_Threat_Guidance.pdf)
- **Bomb Threat Procedures Checklist:** provides basic procedural guidelines and a checklist to document important information if a bomb threat is received.  
Link: <https://tripwire.dhs.gov/IED/resources/docs/DHS%20Bomb%20Threat%20Checklist.pdf>
- **What You Can Do When There is a Bomb Threat Video:** demonstrates how to specifically respond to a phoned in bomb threat and was developed in partnership with the University of Central Florida and the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP).  
Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/what-to-do-bomb-threat>
- **Bombing Prevention Lanyard Cards:** provide quick-reference information and key reminders to empower action, both on the job every day and in the event of an incident.  
Link: [https://tripwire.dhs.gov/IED/resources/docs/Bombing%20Prevention%20Lanyard%20Cards%20\(Lined%20Version\).pdf](https://tripwire.dhs.gov/IED/resources/docs/Bombing%20Prevention%20Lanyard%20Cards%20(Lined%20Version).pdf)

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### Multi-Jurisdictional Improvised Explosive Device Security Planning (MJIEDSP) Program

Assists communities with collectively identifying roles, responsibilities, and capability gaps; and optimizing limited resources within a multi-jurisdictional planning area. The MJIEDSP process includes coordination with stakeholders in an area to conduct familiarization briefs and training, data collection activities, and facilitated scenario-based workshops.

Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/mjiedsp>

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### Counter-IED and Risk Mitigation Training

Provides participants—including municipal officials and emergency managers, state and local law enforcement and other emergency services, critical infrastructure owners and operators,

and professional security personnel—with general information and strategies to prevent, protect against, respond to, and mitigate bombing incidents.

To request direct delivery trainings, please contact your local Protective Security Advisor (PSA) or email [OBP@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:OBP@hq.dhs.gov) for additional information. For more information, or for a full list of Counter-IED and Risk Mitigation trainings, visit the Counter-IED Training Courses Website or the Counter-IED & Risk Mitigation Training Factsheet.

Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/bombing-prevention-training-courses>

Fact sheet: <https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/obp-training-fact-sheet-2017-508.pdf>

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### National Counter-Improvised Explosive Device (IED) Capabilities Analysis Database (NCCAD)

Provides an assessment program managed by the Office for Bombing Prevention (OBP) that uses a consistent and repeatable methodology to assess and analyze the capabilities of units with a counter-IED mission throughout the United States. NCCAD assessments measure the capabilities of and identify gaps in Personnel, Organization, Equipment, Training, and Exercises (POETE) required for effective prevention, protection, and response to IED threats.


Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/nccad>

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### Security and Resiliency Guide for Countering-IEDs (SRG C-IED) and Annexes

Provide individuals, businesses, first responders, and law enforcement with guidance to enhance their preparedness for potential IED incidents in their communities. The guide includes IED risk information, a framework of 10 common C-IED preparedness goals, planning considerations, and available federal resources. The guide is complemented by four annexes with additional information relevant to venues at high risk of IED-related incidents: lodging, outdoor events, public assembly, and sports leagues and venues.

Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/publication/security-and-resiliency-guide-and-annexes>

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# Connect with CISA

This section lists ways that businesses; first responders; and state, local, tribal, and territorial governments can access not only the resources listed in this guide, but additional resources available through CISA. These resources can help identify the tools, resources, and training that are right for each facility and its risks.

## National Infrastructure Coordinating Center (NICC)

Serves as the dedicated 24/7 coordination and information sharing operations center that maintains situational awareness of the Nation's critical infrastructure. For more information, please email [NICC@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:NICC@hq.dhs.gov).

Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/cisa/national-infrastructure-coordinating-center>

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## Regional Offices

Engage with state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) government partners, businesses, and critical infrastructure owners and operators in their regions to provide access to steady-state DHS risk-mitigation tools, products, and services, such as training and voluntary vulnerability assessment programs.

The 10 Regional Offices also support National Special Security Events (NSSEs) and Special Event Assessment Rating (SEAR) events; support response to all-hazard incidents through field-level coordination and information sharing; and provide expertise on reconstituting affected critical infrastructure.

- Regional Office Fact Sheet: <https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/IP-Regional-Enhancement-Fact-Sheet-508-F.pdf>
- Regional Office Website: <https://www.dhs.gov/node/29611>
- Protective Security Advisor (PSA) Program Fact Sheet: <https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/PSA-Program-Fact-Sheet-05-15-508.pdf>

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## Homeland Security Information Network – Critical Infrastructure (HSIN-CI)

Serves as the primary information-sharing platform between the critical infrastructure sector stakeholders and government. HSIN-CI enables federal, state, local, and private sector critical infrastructure owners and operators to communicate, coordinate, and share sensitive and sector-relevant information to protect their critical assets, systems, functions, and networks at no charge to sector stakeholders. To request access to HSIN-CI, please contact [hsinci@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:hsinci@hq.dhs.gov).

Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/hsin-critical-infrastructure>

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## Interagency Security Committee (ISC)

Develops policies, standards, and recommendations related to the security of nonmilitary federal facilities across the Nation. The ISC does this by, with, and through its members.

Link: <https://www.dhs.gov/about-interagency-security-committee>

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## Assist Visits and the Infrastructure Survey Tool

Informs critical infrastructure owners and operators of the importance of their facilities, how they fit into the broader critical infrastructure sector, and provides an overview of the CISA resources available to help enhance security and resilience. The visits, conducted by PSAs with critical infrastructure facility representatives, help build relationships and increase communications. One of the CISA resources available to facility owners and operators is the Infrastructure Survey Tool (IST).

Assist visits: <https://www.dhs.gov/assist-visits>  
Infrastructure Survey Tool: <https://www.dhs.gov/infrastructure-survey-tool>

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KEY CONTACTS			
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<b>National Infrastructure Coordinating Center</b>	<a href="mailto:NICC@hq.dhs.gov">NICC@hq.dhs.gov</a>	<a href="https://dhs.gov/national-infrastructure-coordinating-center">https://dhs.gov/national-infrastructure-coordinating-center</a>	For more information about the NICC
<b>Regional Offices</b>	Please see Website for contact information	<a href="https://www.dhs.gov/node/29611">https://www.dhs.gov/node/29611</a>	For more information on the Regional Offices, including locations, services, and contact information for each region

ADDITIONAL CONTACTS			
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<b>Active Shooter Preparedness Program</b>	<a href="mailto:ASworkshop@hq.dhs.gov">ASworkshop@hq.dhs.gov</a>	<a href="https://www.dhs.gov/active-shooter-preparedness">https://www.dhs.gov/active-shooter-preparedness</a>	For information on Active Shooter Preparedness workshops and materials
<b>Commercial Facilities Sector-Specific Agency</b>	<a href="mailto:CFSteam@hq.dhs.gov">CFSteam@hq.dhs.gov</a>	<a href="https://www.dhs.gov/commercial-facilities-sector">https://www.dhs.gov/commercial-facilities-sector</a>	For more information on available DHS resources
<b>Homeland Security Information Network – Critical Infrastructure</b>	<a href="mailto:hsinci@hq.dhs.gov">hsinci@hq.dhs.gov</a>	<a href="https://www.dhs.gov/hsin-critical-infrastructure">https://www.dhs.gov/hsin-critical-infrastructure</a>	To request access to HSIN-CI include the following information: name, company, official email address, supervisor's name and phone number, and critical infrastructure sector
<b>Insider Threat Mitigation Program</b>	<a href="mailto:InTMitigation@hq.dhs.gov">InTMitigation@hq.dhs.gov</a>	<a href="https://www.dhs.gov/insider-threat-mitigation/">https://www.dhs.gov/insider-threat-mitigation/</a>	For information on Insider Threat Mitigation
<b>Interagency Security Committee</b>	<a href="mailto:isc.dhs.gov@hq.dhs.gov">isc.dhs.gov@hq.dhs.gov</a>	<a href="https://www.dhs.gov/interagency-security-committee">https://www.dhs.gov/interagency-security-committee</a>	For more information on policies, standards, and best practices that can be applied
<b>National Counter-Improvised Explosive Device Capabilities Analysis Database</b>	<a href="mailto:nccad@hq.dhs.gov">nccad@hq.dhs.gov</a>	<a href="http://www.dhs.gov/nccad">www.dhs.gov/nccad</a>	For more resources on NCCAD program.
<b>Office for Bombing Prevention</b>	<a href="mailto:OBP@hq.dhs.gov">OBP@hq.dhs.gov</a>	<a href="https://www.dhs.gov/obp">https://www.dhs.gov/obp</a>	For more information on resources or to request training
<b>Soft Target Security</b>	<a href="mailto:Softtargetsecurity@hq.dhs.gov">Softtargetsecurity@hq.dhs.gov</a>	<a href="https://www.dhs.gov/securing-soft-targets-and-crowded-spaces">https://www.dhs.gov/securing-soft-targets-and-crowded-spaces</a>	For more information on soft target security resources
<b>TRIPwire Help Desk</b>	1-866-987-9473; <a href="mailto:TRIPwirehelp@dhs.gov">TRIPwirehelp@dhs.gov</a>	<a href="https://tripwire.dhs.gov">https://tripwire.dhs.gov</a>	TRIPwire is available at no cost to registered subscribers and now also features a public-access homepage with valuable preparedness information for the whole community



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# Bulletin

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## SUMMARY OF TERRORISM THREAT TO THE U.S. HOMELAND

- The United States designated Iran a “State Sponsor of Terrorism” in 1984 and since then, Iran has actively engaged in or directed an array of violent and deadly acts against the United States and its citizens globally. The United States designated Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) a Foreign Terrorist Organization on April 15, 2019 for its direct involvement in terrorist plotting.
- On January 2, 2020, the United States carried out a lethal strike in Iraq killing Iranian IRGC-Quds Force commander Qassem Soleimani while Soleimani was in Iraq.
- Iranian leadership and several affiliated violent extremist organizations publicly stated they intend to retaliate against the United States.
- At this time we have no information indicating a specific, credible threat to the Homeland. Iran and its partners, such as Hizballah, have demonstrated the intent and capability to conduct operations in the United States.
- Previous homeland-based plots have included, among other things, scouting and planning against infrastructure targets and cyber enabled attacks against a range of U.S.-based targets.
- Iran maintains a robust cyber program and can execute cyber attacks against the United States. Iran is capable, at a minimum, of carrying out attacks with temporary disruptive effects against critical infrastructure in the United States.
- Iran likely views terrorist activities as an option to deter or retaliate against its perceived adversaries. In many instances, Iran has targeted United States interests through its partners such as Hizballah.
- Homegrown Violent Extremists could capitalize on the heightened tensions to launch individual attacks.
- An attack in the homeland may come with little or no warning.
- The Department of Homeland Security is working closely with our federal, state, local, and private sector partners to detect and defend against threats to the Homeland, and will enhance security measures as necessary.

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### TYPES OF ADVISORIES

#### Bulletin

Describes current developments or general trends regarding threats of terrorism.

#### Elevated Alert

Warns of a credible terrorism threat against the United States.

#### Imminent Alert

Warns of a credible, specific and impending terrorism threat against the United States.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Report suspicious activity to local law enforcement who are best to offer specific details on terroristic indicators.
- Report suspicious activity or information about a threat, including online activity, to fusion centers and the FBI’s Field Offices – part of the Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting Initiative.
- Learn [how to recognize signs of pre-operational planning](#) associated with terrorism or other criminal activity.

### BE PREPARED

- Be prepared for cyber disruptions, suspicious emails, and network delays.
- Be responsible for your personal safety. Know where emergency exits and security personnel are located. Carry emergency contact and special needs information with you.
- Implement basic cyber hygiene practices such as effecting data backups and employing multi-factor authentication. For more information visit [CISA.gov](#).
- [Connect](#), [Plan](#), [Train](#), and [Report](#) to prepare businesses & employees. Security tools/resources can be accessed through the DHS’s [Hometown Security Campaign](#).

### STAY INFORMED

- The U.S. Government will provide additional information about any emerging threat as additional information is identified. The public is encouraged to listen to local law enforcement and public safety officials.
- We urge Americans to continue to travel, attend public events, and freely associate with others but remain vigilant and aware of surroundings.
- The Department of State issues [international travel alerts and warnings](#).
- For additional information visit [Ready](#).

**If You See Something, Say Something<sup>SM</sup>. Report suspicious activity to local law enforcement or call 911.**

The National Terrorism Advisory System provides information on homeland security issues and threats. It is distributed by the Department of Homeland Security. More information is available at: [www.dhs.gov/advisories](#). To receive mobile updates: [www.twitter.com/dhsgov](#)

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(U//FOUO) Following the 01/03/2020 deaths of Iranian Major General Qassem Soleimani and Abu Mahdi Al Muhandis, Iranian officials threatened revenge against the US and its foreign interests and allies. Subsequently, on 01/08/2020, Iran launched a series of missile strikes on two military bases utilized by US forces in Iraq.

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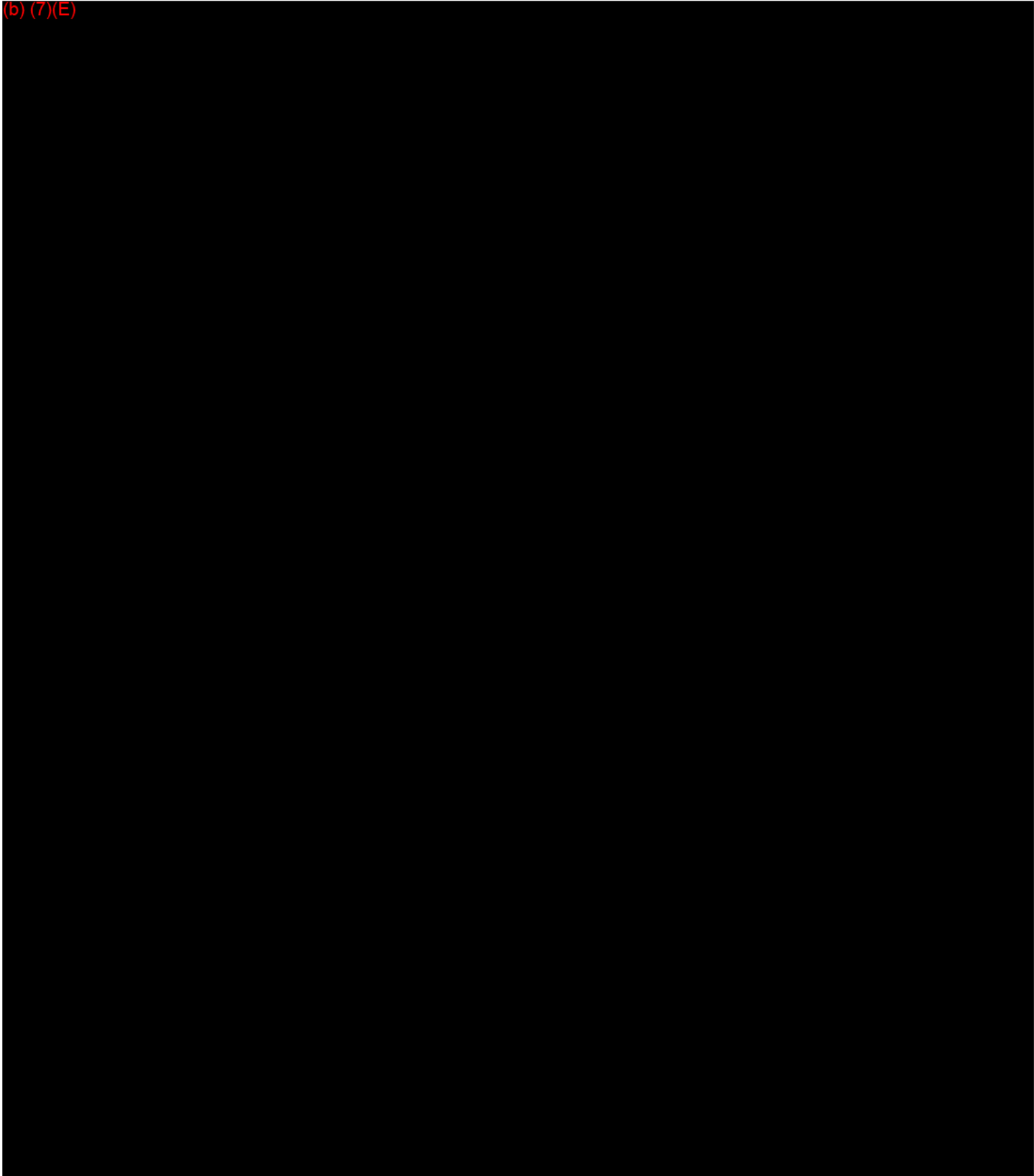


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Good afternoon,

As a result of recent events, Operations Support (OS) created the attached high-level overview on Iran to provide all CBP employees (uniformed and non-uniformed) with some basic information and background on Iran, Qassem Soleimani, the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, and possible threats. While all of this information is available via public/unclassified sources, we thought it would be beneficial to provide all employees with a succinct, educational reference. You can expect to see similar products on different areas of interest from OS in the future.

As always, thank you for your service. I cannot emphasize enough how critical the work you do is in ensuring the safety of our country and the American people. Please remain vigilant and maintain situational awareness—today, and every day—as threats against the United States continue to evolve.

Yours in Service,

William A. Ferrara  
Executive Assistant Commissioner  
Operations Support  
U.S. Customs and Border Protection





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# Iran Overview

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## About Iran

- Iran (pronounced ee-rah-n) is located in the area of Southwest Asia, commonly referred to as the Middle East. The country is approximately (~) one-sixth the size of the United States with a population of ~83 million.
- Known as Persia until 1935, Iran became an Islamic Republic in 1979 after the ruling monarchy was overthrown.
- Religion and ethnicity are different. Iran is not an Arab country; the ethnic majority is Persian/Aryan. Some people of Iranian extraction will refer to themselves as Persian to distance themselves from the political regime in Iran.
- ~90-95 percent of the population in Iran identifies as Shia Muslim; 5-10 percent identify as Sunni and less than 1 percent identify as Jewish, Christian, and Zoroastrian. Iran is often viewed as the most powerful Shia nation and tends to try to lead the global Shia community and serve as a counter-balance to Saudi Arabia's attempts to influence the region.

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## Qassem Soleimani

- Qassem Soleimani was the Major General in charge of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and the elite subset Quds Force.
- In April of 2019, the U.S. designated the IRGC and Quds Force as Foreign Terrorist Organizations. The IRGC and its subsets have been responsible for a number of global kinetic and cyber attacks, including two recent cyber attacks on the Texas Department of Agriculture and Saudi Arabia.
- He was the second most powerful and influential figure in the country. Per former CIA Director David Petraeus, “This is the equivalent in U.S. terms of the CIA director, CENTCOM commander, JSOC commander, and presidential envoy for the region for Iran.”
- Soleimani was killed on January 3, 2020 along with several other high ranking officials, near the Baghdad International Airport in Iraq.

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## IRGC and Quds Force

- The Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) is Iran's premier security institution with more than 100,000 strong.
- The IRGC has an army, navy, and air force, while controlling Iran's ballistic missile arsenal and irregular warfare operations.
- The operations and security details are executed through the IRGC's elite Quds Force and proxies, such as Hizballah.
- The IRGC is one of Iran's most influential economic players. Additionally, the IRGC often serves as an incubator for senior Iranian public officials, making them powerful in the political arena.
- While military service is required for all Iranian adult males 18 and older, service in the IRGC or Quds Force is separate, which is ultimately of concern.

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## Iranian Threat

- As a result of Soleimani's death, Iran has vowed revenge against U.S. interests and announced abandoning its restrictions from the 2015 Nuclear deal.
- While no specific, credible threat exists, U.S. citizens should keep in mind that certain factors may increase the chances of an attack in the Homeland. (See Slide 7 for Pro-Iran Group logos for awareness).
- Possible threats are broad as Iran has diverse capabilities to impact U.S. interests, including: Strategic Military Threat, Counter Proliferation, Sanction Evasion, Theft of Intellectual Property, Espionage, Counter Terrorism, Outbound and Inbound.
- The nefarious and possible proxy actors, including Lebanese Hizballah (Lebanon), Kata'ib Hizballah (Iraq), and Houthis (Yemen), have the full support of the Government of Iran and may look to vulnerabilities to strike.
- Support includes access to counter intelligence, training, legitimate documents, border inspection coaching, and the use of established networks already in place.
- Homegrown Violent Extremists could capitalize on the heightened tensions to launch individual attacks.

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## Iranian Threat (continued)

- Iran maintains a robust cyber program and can execute cyber attacks against the United States. Iran is capable, at a minimum, of carrying out attacks with temporary disruptive effects against critical infrastructure in the United States.

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- The Iranian-American and American-Shia community are mainstream; however, the select few violent extremists or sympathizers may gain traction if anti-Iranian and anti-Shia activity begins to grow within American society. Civility and inclusion are key. Please note, if someone is of Iranian extraction or Shia Muslim, that does not mean they are pro-regime or pro-IRGC.

- If international pro-Iranian regime Shia influencers, including media outlets, and charismatic voices from within and abroad begin to churn the propaganda, the risk may escalate.

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# Pro-Iran Groups



Kata'ib Hizballah (KH)  
**IRAQ**



Asa'ib Ahl al-Haq (AAH)  
**IRAQ**



Saraya al-Khurasani (SAK)  
**IRAQ**



Kata'ib Sayyid al-Shuhada (KSS)  
**IRAQ**



Lebanese Hizballah  
**LEBANON**



Houthis  
**YEMEN**



Saraya Al-Salam (Former Mahdi/Sadr Army)  
**IRAQ**

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**Homeland  
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January 4, 2020

**Message from Acting Secretary Chad F. Wolf**

Due to the recent air strike in Iraq, the Department is operating with an enhanced posture. Attached you will find the most recent bulletin from the National Threat Advisory System that outlines information and protective and preparedness measures.

Thank you,

Chad F. Wolf  
Acting Secretary

*With honor and integrity, we will safeguard the American people, our homeland, and our values.*

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Any BP specific follow up questions?

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v/r,  
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Anthony J. Porvaznik  
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Understood. I don't have that either at this point. Once we see it, if we believe it adds any value we will find a way to get it out to CPAs.

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Thank you.

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Chief,

All SOG units are advising/preparing personnel for immediate, hasty nationwide deployment anytime during the next 7 days. I will have rosters tonight. SOG command will regroup and reassess on Monday.

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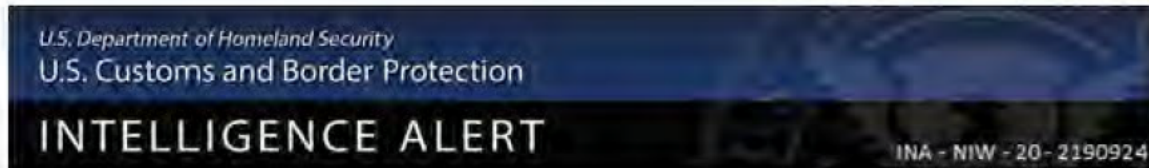
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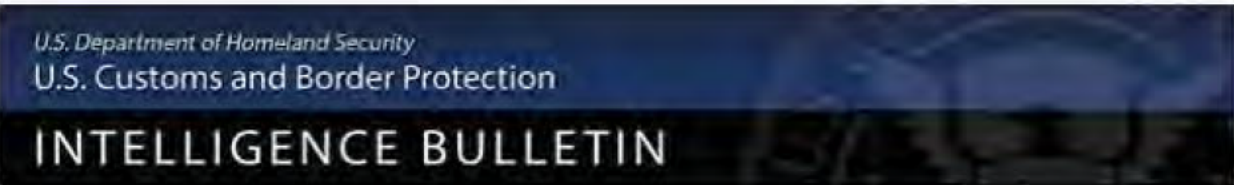
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## **(U) Background**

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## **(U) Executive Summary**

(U//FOUO) Tensions between the Government of Iran and the United States have been escalating since 2018 when the United States re-imposed economic sanctions against the Government of Iran for violations of their nuclear agreement and the April 2019 designation of Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard as a foreign terrorist organization. Tensions continued to increase with Iran suspected of targeting oil tankers in the Gulf of Oman and the Persian Gulf, and with the 20 June 2019 Iranian shoot-down of a U.S. surveillance drone.<sup>[i]</sup> These tensions recently escalated into violence.<sup>[ii]</sup> Iran likely played a pivotal role in the strikes against Saudi Arabian oil fields in 2019 as well as a 27 December rocket attack in Kirkuk that killed an American contractor, despite Iranian-backed proxies claiming credit.<sup>[iii]</sup> The 2 January drone strike at Baghdad airport removed a key Iranian military leader and has been the catalyst for Iranian government threats of an immediate and intense response.

## **(U) Timeline of Events**



(U//FOUO) On 27 December 2019, the Iranian-backed militia Kataib Hizballah (KH) reportedly conducted a rocket attack near the Iraqi city of Kirkuk, killing an American contractor and wounding several American and Iraqi personnel. In response, the United States conducted air strikes on three sites in Iraq and two in Syria linked to KH, reportedly killing 25 members of the group. Following the strikes, on 31 December, Iranian-backed Iraqi KH supporters stormed the U.S. embassy in Baghdad. The violence escalated with members attempting to enter the embassy, starting fires and damaging the outside and a reception area of the embassy. On 2 January, the United States responded with a strike on a convoy outside Baghdad airport, killing Major General Qassim Suleimani, Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis, and several other senior pro-Iran figures in Iraq. [\[iv\]](#) [\[v\]](#)

(U//FOUO) Following the death of Suleimani, Iran announced that Brigadier General Esmail Qaani, who has served as Suleimani's deputy commander since 1997, was named the new overall commander of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC-QF) Quds Force. Qaani joined the IRGC-QF in 1980 and served in the 1980-88 war with Iraq. Qaani has been described by Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei as one of the "most decorated commanders" of the Guards during the 1980-88 Iran-Iraq war. [\[vi\]](#) [\[vii\]](#)

(U//FOUO) On 5 January, Iraqi lawmakers approved a resolution asking the Iraqi government to end the agreement under which Washington sent forces more than four years ago to help fight the Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS). The bill is nonbinding and subject to approval by the Iraqi government; however, the resolution has the backing of the outgoing prime minister. Additionally, on 5 January, Iran said it would fully withdraw from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). In a government statement, Iran noted that its nuclear program will have no limitations on its uranium enrichment, production and research.. [\[viii\]](#) [\[ix\]](#)

## **Key Findings**

- (U//FOUO) The Government of Iran likely has the capability to conduct near term cyber-attacks against U.S. critical infrastructure as well as against U.S interests in the Middle East

personally identifiable information.

- **(b) (7)(E)** The Government of Iran, both directly and through its proxies, likely has the ability to conduct surveillance against U.S. based targets; however, their operational capability in the homeland remains difficult to measure.

## (U) Iranian Threats to U.S. Interests

(U//FOUO) Iranian leaders have vowed revenge against the United States for the death of Suleimani, which will likely increase geopolitical escalation and conflict between the U.S. and Iran, likely further destabilizing the region. In April 2019, IRGC-QF was designated as a Foreign Terrorist Organization (FTO) making it the first time the U.S. Department of State has labeled a state institution as a FTO. Iran has promised “harsh revenge” and threatened to respond on American soil, with an Iranian Member of Parliament stating that Iran could attack the White House directly. [\[x\]](#)

(U) During an open session of parliament in Tehran, on 5 January, Iranian Parliament Member Abolfazl Abutorabi stated that the killing of Suleimani is a “declaration of war” and Iran’s ambassador to the United Nations stated that the response for a military action is military action. Potential targets for Iran would likely come from rocket attacks against U.S. bases or allies in the region or sabotaging oil tankers in the Strait of Hormuz. Additionally, it could embark on a sustained campaign of cyber-warfare or target American citizens and troops abroad near embassies and consulates. [\[xi\]](#)

(U) As of 5 January, the Department of Homeland Security stated that there were no specific, credible threats against the homeland; however, Iran and its proxies, including Hizballah, have shown an intent and capability to conduct attacks in the homeland. DHS has stated that Iran has a robust cyber program and is able to execute cyber-attacks against the United States, to include temporarily disrupting critical infrastructure. [\[xii\]](#), [\[xiii\]](#), [\[xiv\]](#), [\[xv\]](#), [\[xvi\]](#)

## (U) Iranian-Backed Proxies

**(b) (7)(E)** The IRGC-QF maintains influence throughout the Middle East by working with allied groups that allow the group that ability to present an asymmetrical threat to traditional military capabilities utilized by the U.S. and its regional allies. Those partners include Shia militias operating in the region such as the Lebanese Hizballah (LH) and the Houthi rebels in

[\[xvii\]](#)

[\[xviii\]](#)

and shipping lanes. In September 2019, Houthi rebels in Yemen claimed responsibility for a major attack on Saudi oil facilities and KH have reportedly carried out a string of rocket attacks against **[REDACTED]** military bases where U.S. troops are located as well U.S. embassies in Iraq.

Additionally, Iranian-backed KH has warned Iraqi security forces to stay away from US bases in Iraq starting on 5 January. [\[xix\]](#), [\[xx\]](#), [\[xxi\]](#)

(U//FOUO) LH, Iran’s most significant non-state partner, has expanded its influence in Latin America, networking with organized crime and other violent groups. Iran has historically provided weapons, training, and financial support to LH for facilitating activities abroad. Iran remains intent on using and expanding its global reach by utilizing its proxy forces to potentially conduct attacks and create a destabilizing effect on Western interests. A DHS review of 63 disrupted terrorist operations or attacks from 2012-2018 across 26 countries highlights the broad reach of Iranian efforts, to include efforts within the United States. [\[xxii\]](#), [\[xxiii\]](#), [\[xxiv\]](#)

- (U) On 9 July 2019, a New Jersey based individual who authorities believe was working on behalf of LH’s Islamic Jihad Organization was arrested on terrorism charges and is suspected of conducting surveillance of landmarks including the Statue of Liberty, the United Nations, the White House, and Boston’s Fenway Park. [\[xxv\]](#)
- (U) In May 2019, a U.S. Federal Court convicted Ali Mohamad Kourani<sup>USPER</sup> of covertly providing material support for Hizballah’s Islamic Jihad Organization (IJO). Kourani, a naturalized U.S. citizen, was recruited, trained, and deployed by IJO to procure weapons and gather intelligence on potential U.S. targets for future Hizballah terrorist attacks. Kourani surveilled JFK Airport and law enforcement facilities in New York City. [\[xxvii\]](#)
- (U) In 2017, two men were arrested in New York and Michigan on charges related to their alleged activities on behalf of Hizballah. Their activities included receiving military style training, conducting surveillance on potential targets in America, and assessing vulnerabilities of the Panama Canal and ships in the canal. [\[xxvii\]](#)



**(U) Iranian Proxy Encounters at POEs**

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[REDACTED]. Iran has historically provided weapons, training, and financial support to LH and the IRGC Qods Force—Iran’s primary arm for facilitating terrorist activities abroad. Since the United States designated IRGC as a terrorist organization in April 2019, the Iranian regime has looked for ways to exploit vulnerabilities and undermine U.S. interests not only abroad but also along the U.S. borders. As of December 2019, CBP recorded 325 encounters with watchlisted individuals, with birth countries of Iran or Lebanon, attempting to travel to the U.S. via air, land, or sea. Although the true intentions of Iranian proxy-associated travelers to the U.S. is not always clear, many of the U.S. Citizens (USC) who have returned from Lebanon have provided information pertaining to individuals who are actively fighting, financing, recruiting, and sympathizing with LH-affiliated groups in Lebanon and Syria.

(b) (7)(E)





# Suspicious Activity Reporting Indicators and Behaviors

Tools for  
Analysts and  
Investigators

Behaviors Descriptions

## Defined Criminal Activity and Potential Terrorism Nexus Activity

<b>Breach/Attempted Intrusion</b>	Unauthorized personnel attempting to enter or actually entering a restricted area, secured/protected site, or nonpublic area. Impersonation of authorized personnel (e.g., police/security officers, janitor, or other personnel).
<b>Misrepresentation</b>	Presenting false information or misusing insignia, documents, and/or identification to misrepresent one's affiliation as a means of concealing possible illegal activity.
<b>Theft/Loss/Diversion</b>	Stealing or diverting something associated with a facility/infrastructure or secured/protected site (e.g., badges, uniforms, identification, emergency vehicles, technology, or documents (classified or unclassified)), which are proprietary to the facility/infrastructure or secured/protected site.
<b>Sabotage/Tampering/Vandalism</b>	Diminishing, manipulating, defacing, or destroying part of a facility/infrastructure or secured/protected site.
<b>Cyberattack</b>	Compromising or attempting to compromise or disrupt an organization's information technology infrastructure.
<b>Expressed or Implied Threat</b>	Communicating a spoken or written threat to commit a crime that will result in death or bodily injury to another person or persons or to damage or compromise a facility/infrastructure or secured/protected site.
<b>Aviation Activity</b>	Learning to operate, or operating an aircraft, or interfering with the operation of an aircraft in a manner that poses a threat of harm to people or property and that would arouse suspicion of terrorism or other criminality in a reasonable person. Such activity may or may not be a violation of Federal Aviation Regulations.

## Potential Criminal or Non-Criminal Activities Requiring Additional Information During Vetting

*Note: When the behavior describes activities that are not inherently criminal and may be constitutionally protected, the vetting agency should carefully assess the information and gather as much additional information as necessary to document facts and circumstances that clearly support documenting the information as an ISE-SAR.*

<b>Eliciting Information</b>	Questioning individuals or otherwise soliciting information at a level beyond mere curiosity about a public or private event or particular facets of a facility's or building's purpose, operations, security procedures, etc., in a manner that would arouse suspicion of terrorism or other criminality in a reasonable person.
<b>Testing or Probing of Security</b>	Deliberate interactions with, or challenges to, installations, personnel, or systems that reveal physical, personnel, or cybersecurity capabilities in a manner that would arouse suspicion of terrorism or other criminality in a reasonable person.
<b>Recruiting/Financing</b>	Providing direct financial support to operations teams and contacts or building operations teams and contacts; compiling personnel data, banking data, or travel data in a manner that would arouse suspicion of terrorism or other criminality in a reasonable person.
<b>Photography</b>	Taking pictures or video of persons, facilities, buildings, or infrastructure in an unusual or surreptitious manner that would arouse suspicion of terrorism or other criminality in a reasonable person. Examples include taking pictures or video of infrequently used access points, the superstructure of a bridge, personnel performing security functions (e.g., patrols, badge/vehicle checking), security-related equipment (e.g., perimeter fencing, security cameras), etc.
<b>Observation/Surveillance</b>	Demonstrating unusual or prolonged interest in facilities, buildings, or infrastructure beyond mere casual (e.g., tourists) or professional (e.g., engineers) interest and in a manner that would arouse suspicion of terrorism or other criminality in a reasonable person. Examples include observation through binoculars, taking notes, attempting to mark off or measure distances, etc.
<b>Materials Acquisition/Storage</b>	Acquisition and/or storage of unusual quantities of materials such as cell phones, pagers, radio control toy servos or controllers, fuel, chemicals, or toxic materials, and timers or other triggering devices, in a manner that would arouse suspicion of terrorism or other criminality in a reasonable person.
<b>Acquisition of Expertise</b>	Attempts to obtain or conduct training or otherwise obtain knowledge or skills in security concepts, military weapons or tactics, or other unusual capabilities in a manner that would arouse suspicion of terrorism or other criminality in a reasonable person.
<b>Weapons Collection/Discovery</b>	Collection or discovery of unusual amounts or types of weapons, including explosives, chemicals, and other destructive materials, or evidence, detonations or other residue, wounds, or chemical burns, that would arouse suspicion of terrorism or other criminality in a reasonable person.
<b>Sector-Specific Incident</b>	Actions associated with a characteristic of unique concern to specific sectors (e.g., the public health sector), with regard to their personnel, facilities, systems, or functions in a manner that would arouse suspicion of terrorism or other criminality in a reasonable person.





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To: [WATCH CBP INTEL](#)

Subject: (b) (7)(E)

Date: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 5:14:32 PM

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SUBJECT: For Your Situational Awareness - (b) (7)(E)

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**(U) Executive Summary**

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(b) (7)(E). All CBP personnel should be alert if  
encountering any individual (b) (7)(E).

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Respectfully,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Enforcement Analysis Specialist

US Border Patrol | Blaine Sector Intelligence Unit

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Border Security Coordinators and TAUs,

(U//FOUO) (b) (7)(E)  
(b) (7)(E) is disseminating time sensitive information (b) (7)(E) obtained from a variety of (b) (7)(E) (b) (7)(E) for the purpose of providing warning and situational awareness in relation to recent events spawned by the lethal strike of General Soleimani.

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) on behalf of [SITROOM](#)  
**To:** [CBP SITROOM CBP LEADERSHIP](#); [CBP SITROOM- REPORTS - CBP MORNING REPORT](#)  
**Cc:** [SITROOM](#)  
**Subject:** Commissioner's Significant Incident Report for January 6, 2020  
**Date:** Sunday, January 5, 2020 8:20:58 PM

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**COMMISSIONER'S SITUATION ROOM DAILY REPORT**

This is the report for 1/6/2020

(b) (7)(E)

Date of Incident: 1/4/2020

(b) (7)(E)

Location: (b) (7)(E)

Type of Incident: (b) (7)(E)

On January 4, 2020, CBP officers assigned to the (b) (7)(E) POE encountered a citizen of both Iran and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E)

(b) (7)(E). A full (b) (7)(E) inspection was initiated in coordination with (b) (7)(E) (b) (7)(E) (b) (7)(E)

The subject was allowed to withdraw his admission and was returned to Canada. (b) (7)(E)

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**To:** BP Field Chiefs; BP Field Deputies; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** Daily Correspondence (10Jan20)  
**Date:** Friday, January 10, 2020 3:14:06 PM  
**Attachments:** [Iran-Overview.pdf](#)  
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Chiefs and Directors,  
The memo and attachments are in response to DHS direction requiring all CBP activities to brief their personnel on the temporary disapproval of travel and suspension of collaboration with Iran and Iraq.

Very Respectfully,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Chief of Staff  
U.S. Border Patrol  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)



**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**To:** [BP Field Chiefs](#); [BP Field Deputies](#)  
**Cc:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** Fwd: CBP Statement  
**Date:** Sunday, January 5, 2020 4:28:50 PM

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Greetings Chiefs,

You may be aware of the misinformation being shared throughout social media about our current operational posture. Below please find what CBP has cleared and is using on social media to dispel rumors and correct misinformation.

Respectfully requesting you amplify this message by liking and retweeting CBP corporate and regional account messaging efforts.

Should you have any questions please advise and thank you in advance.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Director, Strategic Communications  
United States Border Patrol Headquarters  
Office: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) / Cell: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 5, 2020 4:55 PM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); QUINN, TIMOTHY; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Cc:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** CBP Statement

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

The below statement is approved for immediate distribution.

Thanks,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

#### STATEMENT

Social media posts that CBP is detaining Iranian-Americans and refusing their entry into the U.S. because of their country of origin are false. Reports that DHS/CBP has issued a related directive are also false.

ON BACKGROUND

Based on the current threat environment, CBP is operating with an enhanced posture at its ports of entry to safeguard our national security and protect the America people while simultaneously protecting the civil rights and liberties of everyone. CBP routinely adjusts staffing and operations to maintain the dual missions of border security and facilitation of lawful trade and travel. Processing times are the result of the current circumstances, including staffing levels, volume of traffic, and threat posture.

At the Blaine POE, wait times increased to an average of two hours on Saturday evening, although some travelers experienced wait times of up to four hours due to increased volume and reduced staff during the holiday season. Current wait times Sunday morning were about 40 minutes for passenger vehicles.

CBP does not discriminate based on religion, race, ethnicity, or sexual orientation.

**From:** [SCOTT, RODNEY S](#)  
**To:** [BP Field Chiefs](#); [BP Field Deputies](#)  
**Subject:** Important  
**Date:** Friday, January 3, 2020 1:06:28 PM

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Chiefs

Please ensure that you and your team are monitoring the evolving situation with Iran. While this increased threat is general in nature, please remind all personnel to remain extremely vigilant on and off duty for anything suspicious. As always, the current threat stream should be factored into daily operations and operational planning. Physical security of BP facilities should also be reviewed. Please touch base with your local JTTF or FBI counter parts for area specific assessments.

Additionally, please touch base with the DFOs in your AOR and review coordinated operational/contingency plans as appropriate.

If you have any questions or concerns please let me know.

*Rodney Scott*  
*Acting Deputy Chief*  
*US Border Patrol*  
*US Customs and Border Protection*

**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) on behalf of [SITROOM](#)  
**To:** [CBP SITROOM CBP LEADERSHIP](#); [CBP SITROOM- REPORTS - CBP MORNING REPORT](#)  
**Cc:** [SITROOM](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Commissioner's Significant Incident Report for January 5, 2020  
**Date:** Saturday, January 4, 2020 8:16:44 PM

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**COMMISSIONER'S SITUATION ROOM DAILY REPORT**

This is the report for 1/5/2020

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Date of Incident: 1/3/2020

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Location: (b) (7)(E)

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Type of Incident: (b) (7)(E) - Other connection to Iran

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The subject was found inadmissible to the U.S. pursuant to Section 212(a)(7)(A)(i)(I) of the INA, and was returned to Canada via the commercial conveyance.

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(b) (7)(E)

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Commissioner's Situation Room.

**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** Detention of Iranians in Blaine  
**Date:** Monday, January 6, 2020 11:58:45 AM

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

*Area Port Director*

*U.S. Customs and Border Protection*

*9901 Pacific Highway*

*Blaine, WA 98230*

**Office:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Cellular:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Fax:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** FW: Detention of Iranians in Blaine  
**Date:** Monday, January 6, 2020 12:30:37 PM

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Good Morning (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Let me know when you are free for a call.

Thanks,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Monday, January 6, 2020 9:59 AM  
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From: (b) (6)  
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Subject: Fwd: BREAKING: CAIR-WA Assisting Iranian-Americans Detained at U.S. Border  
Date: Sunday, January 5, 2020 3:51:17 PM

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(b) (6)

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**(b) (6)**

Legislative Director  
Rep Rick Larsen, WA-02

**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**To:** [BLW PAIC](#); [BLW DPAIC](#)  
**Cc:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** Increased security at POEs  
**Date:** Friday, January 3, 2020 1:34:34 PM  
**Attachments:** (b) (7)(E)

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All,

Please be aware that CBP is heightening security at the POEs for a period of time in response to Iranian threats of retaliation for recent US military strikes in Iraq. The Lynden POE will be staffing a security detail at the port on the midnight shift during the hours when the port is closed. Bellingham Station has been requested to assist the POE by supplying one additional agent for Friday and Saturday night to start so that the port will have one BPA and one OFO officer there while the port is closed. In the event this heightened security posture extends beyond a few days, BLH may need assistance with zone coverage on midnight shift so that they can continue to support the POE.

Also please put out reminders at musters for agents to be extra vigilant for suspicious activity over the weekend. In FY 19 Blaine sector apprehended 12 southbound EWI Iranian citizens which was the highest number in the nation.

Please see the attached BLW SIU collection order for additional collections of subjects encountered from Iran. Also be aware that (b) (7)(E) (Blaine Sector Intel is required to respond for follow up interviews). Additionally, though a crossborder encounter with a subject from Iran wouldn't automatically spur an SIR unless we had identified an actual tie to terrorism, be mindful that an ESR may be requested to head off additional questions.

Respectfully,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Acting Division Chief  
Blaine Sector Headquarters  
2410 Natures Path Way  
Blaine, WA 98230  
Office: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
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E-mail: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)



**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); [BLW PAIC](#); [BLW DPAIC](#); [BLW SOS](#)  
**Subject:** Intelligence Briefing 1.8.2020  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 7, 2020 5:15:25 PM  
**Attachments:** [01-08-20 Intelligence Briefing.pdf](#)  
[image001.png](#)  
**Importance:** High

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Good Afternoon,

Tomorrow's intelligence briefing is attached.

Thank you,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Acting Special Operations Supervisor  
Blaine Sector Intelligence Unit

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (Fax)



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No man in the wrong can stand up against a fellow that's in the right and keeps on a-comin'. -  
Bill McDonald (Texas Ranger)

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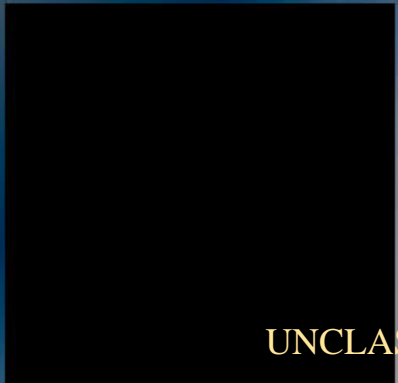


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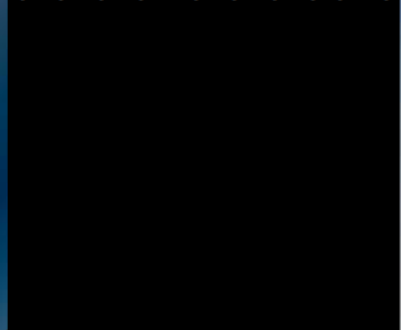
# POE Entry Refusal



## BLUF: Iranian-born citizen of Canada linked to IRGC denied entry at Peace Arch POE

- On 01/04/2020, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) applied for entry at Pacific Highway POE.
- In Secondary, subject stated he served in the Iranian military for his two year compulsory service and was assigned to the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps as a typist.
- (b) (7)(E) found no derog, but recommended subject (b) (7)(E).
- A seven point vehicle inspection and system queries were negative for derogatory information.
- An electronic media exam on subject's phone was also negative for derogatory information.
- Subject immigrated to Canada in June 2014 and naturalized in March 2019, has no previous adverse actions or inadmissibility.

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COC: Canada

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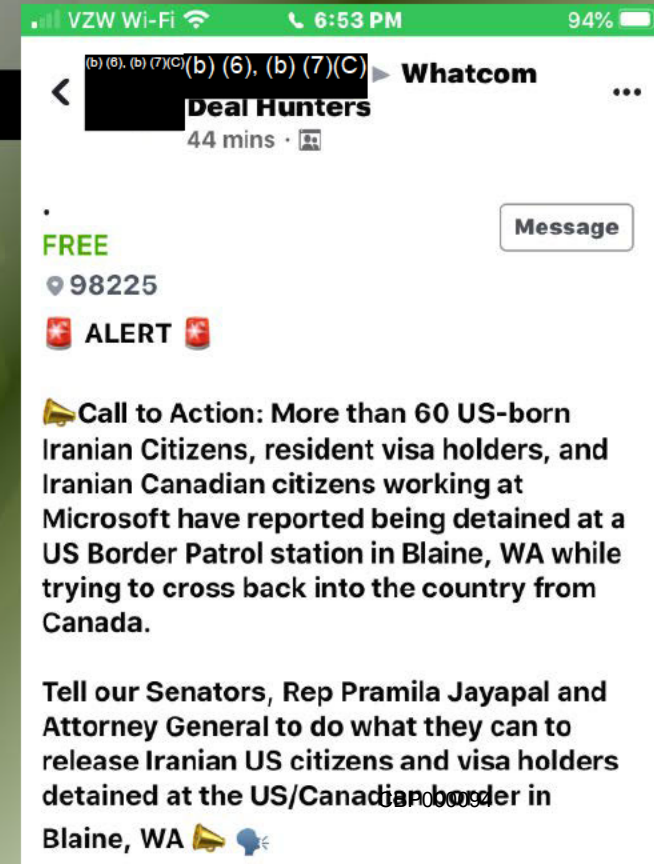


# National News Activity



## BLUF: Social media post on Iranian-Americans being detained at Blaine POE picked up by national news

- Original post claimed over 60 Iranian born USC's, Visa holders, and Iranian-Canadians, some Microsoft employees, were detained at the "Border Patrol station in Blaine."
- Initial report was published by the Washington State Chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-WA).
  - Claimed dozens were detained and had their passports seized and many more were refused entry at the Peace Arch POE.
- CBP responded that the social media posts and CAIR's report are false, however, the national news continues to run stories citing both.
- Washington State's Lt. Governor Habib was quoted in Newsweek today saying, "it is hard to call it anything other than racial profiling."



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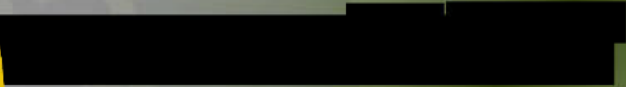
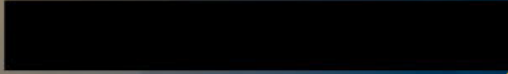
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**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** Iranian detention  
**Date:** Sunday, January 5, 2020 2:06:20 PM

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**Cc:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** Re: Iranian detention  
**Date:** Sunday, January 5, 2020 2:46:46 PM

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**Subject:** Re: Iranian detention  
**Date:** Sunday, January 5, 2020 5:14:13 PM

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Thanks (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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Area Port Director  
Blaine, WA

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> Just for additional information, I have fielded calls from Senator Cantwell and Representative Larsen offices. I have deferred them to you, but also provided them the answer from CBP that was put out on social media.

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> (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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Subject: RE: BREAKING: CAIR-WA Assisting Iranian-Americans Detained at U.S. Border  
Date: Sunday, January 5, 2020 5:54:04 PM

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There is a statement out on @CBP twitter about the media reports

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(b) (6)  
Legislative Director  
Rep Rick Larsen, WA-02



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**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Cc:** (b) (6) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: Inquiry regarding reports of Iranian-American citizens detained in Blaine  
**Date:** Sunday, January 5, 2020 2:41:13 PM

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Thank you (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) – we appreciate this quick response.

If you can't comment on specifics given this was at a Port of Entry, we will get in touch with the Port Director directly.

Best,

(b) (6)

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 5, 2020 3:30 PM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Cc:** (b) (6)  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** Re: Inquiry regarding reports of Iranian-American citizens detained in Blaine

Good afternoon (b) (6)

I am available tomorrow at that time.

I have asked the stations about this event- it was not a Border Patrol encounter, so I won't be able to speak to any specifics.

I look forward to speaking with you tomorrow.

Thanks

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(A) Chief Patrol Agent  
U. S. Border Patrol  
Blaine Sector

On Jan 5, 2020, at 11:22, (b) (6)  
(b) (6) wrote:

Dear (b) (6), (b) (7)(C),

I am writing to inquire about reports our office received this afternoon regarding US citizens and legal permanent residents with Iranian heritage or nationality who were detained and questioned this weekend – and who may still be detained.

Our office received reports that DHS issued a national order to CBP to report and detain anyone with Iranian heritage entering the country who is deemed potentially suspicious, regardless of citizenship status. Further, we received reports that individuals were questioned about their political beliefs, allegiances, and other questions.

We would like to speak with you tomorrow about this. I will plan to give you a call at 12:30pm Eastern / 9:30am Pacific. If that time doesn't work, we can accommodate later in the afternoon, but need to give Senator Murray an update no later than COB tomorrow. Please let us know. (b) (6), our Senior National Security Advisor (copied here), may join the call as well.

Thank you in advance,  
(b) (6)

(b) (6)  
Legislative Counsel  
Office of U.S. Senator Patty Murray  
Direct: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Cell: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**Subject:** US Citizens From Iran Were Stopped And Questioned By Customs And Border Patrol After A Concert In Canada  
**Date:** Sunday, January 5, 2020 10:16:07 PM

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