



## **PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS**

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# What is OSAC?

## Yesterday...

Created in 1985 to promote security cooperation between the American private sector worldwide and the U.S. Government

## Today...

Joint venture with a current constituency of over 6,000 private sector organizations, and over 120 local OSAC country councils



# OSAC's Strategic Objectives

- Establish continuing *liaison* between the U.S. government and the private sector
- Provide regular and timely *exchange* of security information in the overseas environment
- Provide *guidance* such as “best practices” for coordinated security planning and implementation
- *Protect* the global competitiveness of American organizations operating overseas



# Centralized Information Sharing

[www.osac.gov](http://www.osac.gov)

Daily News

Special Reporting

Travel Warnings

Warden Messages

Email Customization

Event Announcements

The screenshot displays the OSAC (Overseas Security Advisory Council) website. At the top, the OSAC logo is followed by the text "Overseas Security Advisory Council" and "Global Security News & Reports". There are links for "Contact OSAC" and "Newsletter". Below the header is a navigation bar with dropdown menus for "Jump to Region" and "Jump to Country", a search box, and a "Entire Site" dropdown. On the left is a vertical navigation menu with items: HOME, NEWS, REPORTS, EVENTS, SPECIAL INTERESTS, RESOURCE LIBRARY, COUNTRY COUNCILS, OVERSEAS POSTS, PROFILED GROUPS, ABOUT OSAC, and SEARCH. The main content area features two news articles: "KARZAI RIVAL DEMANDS RUN-OFF ELECTION" dated 14 Sep 2009, and "PAKISTAN SACKS OVER 700 COPS" dated 14 Sep 2009. Below these is a "Featured Reports" section with "OSAC MONTHLY REPORT: AUGUST" dated 11 Sep 2009, "AQIM IN WEST AFRICA: FROM SAFE HAVEN TO BATTLEGROUND" dated 24 Aug 2009, and "POLITICAL VIOLENCE AGAINST AMERICANS 2008" dated 7 Aug 2009. On the right side, there are sections for "EVENTS" (including "PRIVATE SECTOR SECURITY OVERSEAS SEMINAR - SEPTEMBER 2009" and "OSAC 24TH ANNUAL BRIEFING") and "CONSULAR AFFAIRS". At the bottom left of the page, there are three promotional boxes: "Join OSAC and become a constituent to access exclusive content", "Register for the Global Security News & Reports Daily Newsletter", and "Report your security Incidents and critical issues to OSAC".



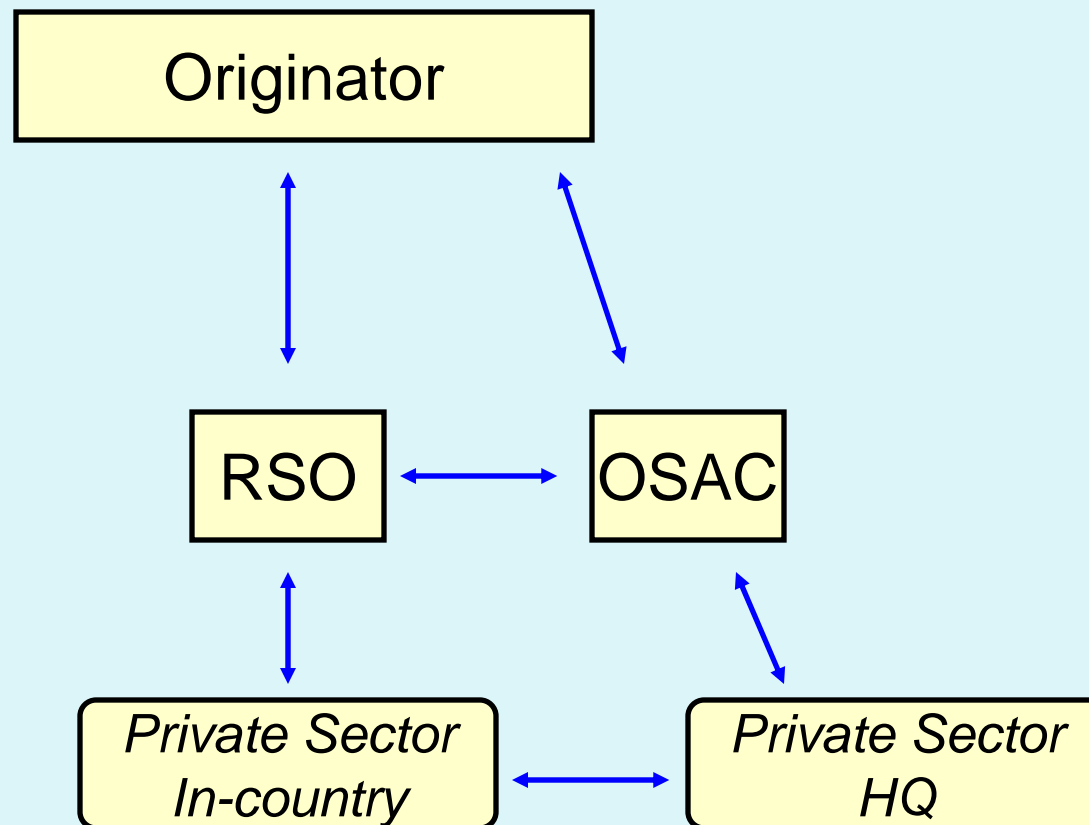
# Tracked Incidents

- Bombings
- Kidnappings
- Surveillance
- Riots, Protests
- Property Damage
- Cybercrime
- Economic Espionage
- Harassment by Local Government
- Robbery, Carjacking
- Major Diseases
- Natural Disasters



# Threat Information

## Coordinating / Passing Tearline



# Information Exchange Abroad: Country Councils

- **Goal:** Enhance the exchange of security information between the local private sector and the Embassy
- Located in more than 120 cities worldwide
- Meeting Content
  - Information-Sharing & Networking
  - Discussing Best Practices
  - Recognizing Trends
  - Handling Crises
  - Rumor Control



Toronto Country Council Executive Working Group with Canadian Law Enforcement



# Questions?

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