

SECURITY ALERT/AMERICAN EMBASSY BAGHDAD

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TO: All Personnel

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In light of the recent increase of indirect fire attacks on the International Zone the donning of personal protective equipment (or PPE) while outside is **MANDATORY. PPE (or ballistic helmet and vest) is required during all outdoor activities – to include transiting between buildings.** Additionally, all nonessential outdoor activities are cancelled, i.e. MWR events, congregating at the Palace pool and dining outdoors. This directive will remain in effect for at least the next 48 to 72 hours while the threat is assessed.

In an effort to maximize safety during an IDF attack, RSO recommends the following action:

Within a Fortified Structure (e.g. Palace, Palace pool restroom, etc.):

- Quickly muster in an interior room or hallway.

- Stay clear of windows and doors.
- Seek cover underneath a stable platform (e.g. desk, table, etc.) in order to minimize risk from falling debris.
- Remain in the secure location until the *All Clear* signal is given.

Unfortified Structure (e.g. trailer, self-serve laundry facility, etc.) or Outdoors:

****If there is a nearby *Duck and Cover* bunker, quickly seek cover within and remain there until the *All Clear* signal is given.**

- If no fortified structure is near-by, get as low as possible and protect your vital areas.
- Remain in place until the initial salvo has ended.
- Quickly take cover in the nearest *Duck and Cover* bunker or hardened structure.
- Remain in the secure location until the *All Clear* signal is given.

As a reminder, cellular phone use is strictly prohibited during times of emergency. Use caution when speaking with family and friends, and refrain from explaining details such as number and type of casualties, location of impact site, and extent of damage. In addition, it is prohibited to take pictures of the damage or impact site.

Please address all questions and concerns to the RSO Counter Measures Division at DSN 239-5141 / 4680 / 4722.

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