



**Site Assessment**  
**Radisson Blu Hotel, Dakar**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### Threat Assessment

- Senegal's capital city Dakar is assessed as moderate.
- The threat of Terrorism remains a major concern in Dakar.
- Violent and opportunistic crime is a common occurrence in Dakar especially in areas of Corniche d'Ouest in Fenetre Mermoz and Fann. Under-reporting remains a significant problem and prevents an accurate understanding of the existing threats.
- Adequate security cover is expected to mitigate the inherent risk while visiting Dakar.

### Site Security Assessment

- There is reinforced security at the Radisson Blu hotel that has been assessed to be commensurate to the threat level in Dakar.
- There are link doors between Radisson Blu hotel and the Sea Plaza Mall to enable guests lodged in the hotel access the mall to use the spa or other facilities.
- Although room for improvement is evident, access controls were deemed appropriate.
- The security guards appear professional and well trained.
- Guests and their visitors use the surface car park while the basement car park is used by hotel staff and for the delivery of materials.
- Armed Police officers are stationed on each of the four sides of the hotel including the coastal area.



## PREAMBLE

Salama Fikira have been requested to provide an updated security assessment of Dakar for the forthcoming AFRINIC event to include a threat assessment and a site security assessment for the Radisson Blu Hotel. The assessment will aim to provide a succinct report documenting risks presented to delegates attending the AFRINIC event. The below report will focus initially on a threat assessment followed by a summary of Radisson Blu Hotel profile. The document will conclude with an abridged risk matrix of Dakar.



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### SECURITY THREAT ASSESSMENT



Senegal (Dakar) is one of the West African countries with a high concentration of foreigners of western origin. This has resulted in a teeming business for hotels and restaurants in Dakar. Some other towns around Dakar such as Saly Portudal, Joal, Cap Skring and Saint Louis have also become tourist attractions. The currency in use in Senegal is the Francs CFA although some hotels and businesses accept some other form of currency such as euros and American dollars. Due to the moderate crime rate in Senegal, most transactions are paid for in cash and it is common to see people carrying some cash on them. Politically, Senegal is stable and has generally experienced peaceful handovers following elections. Peaceful protests are organized from time to time and usually have the approval of the government or the Prefect. This approach has prevented the protests from degenerating into chaos that could disturb public law and order. In the last few weeks several protests have been held in Dakar and it is hoped that government will accede to their demands before the next elections if they desire the support of these various unions.

Petty crimes such as pickpocketing and snatching of handbags are frequent occurrences in the suburbs of Dakar and within poor neighborhoods. Unemployment remains a contributing factor to the crime rate. It is advisable not to unnecessarily expose handbags while using the sidewalks at night in the poor neighbourhoods.

The roads in the main city and on the major highways are well maintained but narrow at some point resulting in traffic build up. Roads are poorly maintained and in need of maintenance in the interior of the country. The Central Business District called Centre Ville (Centre of the Town) in Dakar, as expected is the economic hub of the city with numerous high-rise buildings. This results in serious vehicular traffic during the rush hours of the day. For this reason, visitors to Centre Ville are advised to be conscious of the rush hour timing and to be observant to avoid those perpetrating opportunistic crimes due to human and vehicular rush. It is also advised to seek local knowledge of the areas in the rainy season as some areas are generally waterlogged at such times. On 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017, Blaise Diagne International Airport was commissioned and all commercial flights have since moved their operations to this site which is approximately 50km from Dakar. A trip to Dakar from the new airport in Diass, could take up to two hours depending on the traffic situation. The road to the new airport is yet to be illuminated and could pose some challenges to night vision if vehicle head lamps are not



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bright enough. It is recommended that road users do not stop along the airport road at night. Travellers on this route can stop at the nearest police checkpoint if they a need arises to check the condition of their vehicles.

### RADISSON BLU HOTEL PROFILE

Radisson Blu is a 5-star hotel located on Ouest Corniche in Dakar and overlooks the coastal waters. The part of Ouest Corniche where Radisson is located houses several diplomats. The majority of buildings in this area are under CCTV camera surveillance. Radisson Blu shares two link doors with Sea Plaza mall and these enable hotel occupants to have easy access to the mall. The mini clinic onsite is equipped with an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and is staffed by a doctor and a few nurses. In addition to the more than 20 in-house security guards the hotel, there are over 10 armed Police officers on duty during each work shift. The security measures at the Radisson Blu will assure the safety of Afrinic staff and other delegates attending the event as they cooperate with arrangements in place at the hotel.

### Risk Matrix

#### *Risk Ratings*

0 - 4	Negligible
4.1 - 7	Low
7.1 - 12	Moderate
12.1 - 16	High
16.1 - 25	Very High

The following threats are listed in order of risk rating. It should be noted that, the risk matrix represents the current threat and might change if the threat changes, all conclusions are drawn on the basis of where the likelihood is considered to be highest.



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Factor	Likelihood	Impact	Overall Risk Rating	Assessment
Kidnapping	2.25	3.0	6.75	Low
Organised Crime	3.75	3.0	11.2	Moderate
Opportunistic Crime	4.2	3.0	12.7	High
Protest	4.2	2.7	11.6	Moderate
Road Traffic Accident	3.25	2.75	8.9	Moderate
Ethnic/Religious Violence	3.0	2.2	6.7	Low
Armed Clashes	2.25	2.25	5.6	Low
Terrorism	3.2	3.0	9.7	Moderate

