A Planned & Organised response to cover an event will drastically reduce many risks for the journalists.
Security Planning Cycle

Tips for Trainer

- Risk can’t be eliminated it can be reduced to acceptable level.

- Planning & Preparation doesn't stop journalist from his job but reduce risks.

- Through systematic risk assessment every threat and risk is identified and appropriate mitigation measures is taken.

- Security Planning Cycle is an “Effective Tool” it can be implemented to all activities.

- Situation Awareness is minute to minute risk assessment.
What should journalist do before going for coverage?

STOP
THINK
ORGANIZE
PROCEED
We must consider following steps to improve our safety every time we go out to cover a story…

1) Four-Step Risk Assessment Process

2) Travel Planning

3) Contingency Planning

4) Personal/Equipment Planning
Risk Assessment

Risk can’t be eliminated but it can be reduced to acceptable level.
Myths Vs. Reality

Myths
- It cannot happen to me
- Out of the blue
- Never saw it coming
- Violence random and unpredictable

Reality
- It can happen to anyone anytime.
- Mostly attacks are planned
- It can be detected during surveillance phase
- Violence has its indicator.
Risk Assessment Process

Four Step Planning Cycle:

1. WHO AND WHAT DO WE NEED TO PROTECT?
2. WHO AND WHAT CAN CAUSE US HARM?
3. WHAT CAN HAPPEN?
4. WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT?
Risk Assessment Process

Four Step Planning Cycle:

• WHO AND WHAT DO WE NEED TO PROTECT?
  (Asset – Self, colleagues, camera, vehicle etc.)

• WHO AND WHAT CAN CAUSE US HARM?
  (Threat– Terrorists, Criminals, Protestors etc.)

• WHAT CAN HAPPEN?
  (Risk– Assassination, Kidnapping, injury, equipment damage etc.)

• WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT?
  (Security Step– careful reporting, safe location, awareness, protective gears etc.)
Four Step Planning Cycle

- Who or what do we need to protect?
- What can we do about it?
- Who or what can cause us harm?
- What can happen?

Asset

Threat

Mitigation

Risk

Activity
Four Step Planning Cycle

What kind of story?

Activity

Assets

Threats

Risks

Mitigation
Four Step Planning Cycle

Activity

- What kind of story?
- What can we do about it?
- What can happen?
- What can we do about it?

Assets
- Who or what do we need to protect?

Threats
- Who or what can cause us harm?

Risks
- What can happen?

Mitigation
- What can we do about it?
## Four Step Planning Cycle

### Activity

- know forecast
- mark exit routes
- quick in/out
- communicate

### Protest Coverage

#### Assets
- Personnel
  - Self
  - Staff

- Equipment
  - Vehicle
  - Camera

#### Threats
- Protestors
- Police / forces
- Criminals
- Terrorists
- Media
- Climate
- Organization

#### Risks
- manhandling
- Teargas
- water canon
- baton charge
- bomb blast
- stampede
- snatching
- pick-pocketing
- weather

#### Mitigation
- safe location
- use lens
- secure belongings
- first aid items
- water bottle
- know forecast
- mark exit routes
- quick in/out
- communicate
Four Step Planning Cycle:

- **Group 1**: Coverage of a bomb explosion scene
- **Group 2**: Coverage of Firing between two groups
- **Group 3**: Coverage of a religious rally
- **Group 4**: Coverage of an earthquake hit area
Questions?
Travel Problems is Pakistan

Any participants ever been victim of travel incident?
Always Make Travel Plan

ANSWER THESE SIMPLE QUESTIONS...

• Who
• Why
• Where
• When
• How

• Know where you are going!
Always Make Travel Plan

Who?
Who are you meeting? Know their background? Trust them?

Why
Why are you going? Can this person come to you?

Where
Where are you meeting? Are you comfortable with location?

When
When are you meeting? When will you leave/report in?

How
How are you getting there? Do you trust the arrangements?

Know where you are going!
Do you know the area? Entry and exit routes? Safe places in case of trouble? Any cultural issues or recent tensions?
• Once completed, share the details of your travel plan with someone at the office or home.
• That way someone knows where you are supposed to be when in case anything goes wrong!
Security Tips for Own Transport

Always DO the **POWDER** check before setting off:

- **Petrol** (Keep sufficient fuel)
- **Oil** (Check, engine, brake oil and other fluids)
- **Water** (Maintain Radiator, water level, washer, spare etc.)
- **Damage** (Check for any damage that can cause problem)
- **Electric** (Check lights, indicators, wipers etc.)
- **Rubber** (Check tyres condition/pressure, spare wheel)

- Never give lift to any stranger
- Check vehicle before driving if left unattended (IED Risk)
- Avoid Night Driving
- Be extra vigilant at choke points
- Know safe haven on the route
“While travelling you are most vulnerable within 500 meter of your home and office”.

**Likely Choke / Ambush Points**

- Home
- Office
- Traffic Light
- T-Junction
- Roundabout
- Speed Breaker
- Bridge
- Crossroads
- Sharp Bend
- Underpass

*Can you name few more?*
“Concept of Safe Haven”.

A place that can provide temporary shelter in case of imminent danger.

- Police Checkpoint
- Military Checkpoint
- Military Base
- Police Station
- Area Office / Warehouse etc.
- Friend / Friendly Place
Security Tips for Public Transport

• Where possible choose reliable transport company.

• Check under your seat for unattended parcel/bag.

• Know the emergency exits well to escape in case any accident.

• Never leave your hand carry in case of any stop-over.
Questions?
Contingency Planning

What if something goes wrong?

Asif Hassan (L), a photographer for AFP news agency, was shot and wounded at the protest.
Contingency Planning

- Someone gets injured?
- Equipment damaged?
- Communications don’t work?
- You’re being followed?
- Kidnapped?

Plan A
Plan B
Make a Contingency Planning

- Where will we go for medical attention?
- Where we can get help if equipment damaged?
- If cellphone is out how will we communicate?
- Is there a safe location where we can to hide?
- Do we know how to contact assistance?
Personal Equipment

- Personal medical kit
- Medicines
- Safety equipment
- Communications
- Contact numbers
- Grab Bag
Grab Bag

• Water
• Food
• Light jacket or thermals
• Personal medical kit
• Torch and batteries
• Pocket knife
• Toiletries/Wet wipes
• Insect repellent
• Spare socks and jocks
Questions?