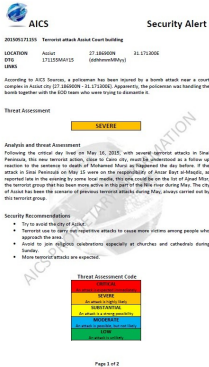




Ins & Outs of our Alerts

Security Alert. Techniques and Procedures



When a Customer receives a Security Alert, he has on his hands the final product of a process that starts on the ground, where the event is taking place.

Basically there are two types of Security Alert: Action and Projection. The difference between both is the information contained and the use that the Customer does of the report.

Security Alert (Action)

These documents are issued when an event that could affect the Security of the Customer occurs. The information contained in the Alert is not yet known by other sources (mass media) and gives the Customer the initial details on what is going, where, when, how and what to do. This information is always collected from the ground.

Security Alert (Projection)

It is based on information gained from AICS Sources and report on possible events that could affect the security of the Customer at a short time. It comprises the expected event, location, approximate time, and Security Recommendations.

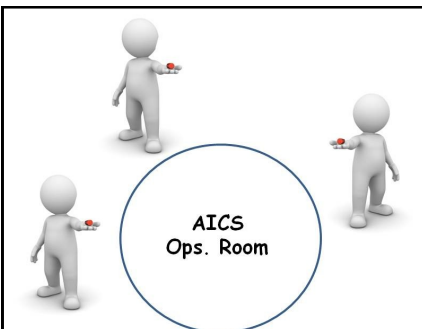
From Information to Intelligence. A short but intense process

When AICS Operators collect raw information from our Sources it is useless. The value of such reports is nothing unless it is processed and located in the right tempo-moment. In addition, the information received must be checked and confirmed by at least two other Sources (without any relationship between them). This is the only way to give accuracy and reliability to an Intelligence report.

The first step is to locate the information. Country, region and city are very much important but also the exact location of the event. In the picture it can be seen how it works. The dark blue circle is the country, the light blue is the region and finally, the red circle is the city and, in this case, the exact location of the event.



A Security Alert must be understood as a quick action document. Customers, who will take a decision according to the information delivered, must have a clear and exact picture of the situation. This necessity forces AICS to work on the maximum accuracy when mentioning places and to do so, it is not only the name but also the grid reference what is provided and using the local names (the same that could be found on the traffic signs: Asiut (27.178021N—31.185926E).



According to the procedures implemented by AICS, in coincidence with the international standards for Intelligence gathering, an information is assumed as reliable when it is confirmed by a minimum of three different Sources, without any relationship between them.

When preparing a Security Alert, time is fundamental. When there is an information considered time-sensitive, the process must be accelerated, but always keeping in mind that the information must be reliable. From AICS we cannot afford the risk of sending a Security Alert with not confirmed information .

Our Customers, in some cases, as a result of the report received can be forced to take a decision with a high impact on their operations and at AICS we are very much concerned on that issue.

Time-sensitive does not mean the validation of a rumor. Intelligence is based on confirmed information

The Information turns into Intelligence

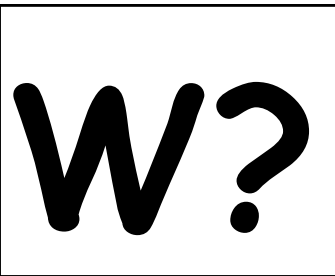
The final document received by our Customers is based on the information collected from AICS Sources but properly processed and turned into Intelligence. The Security Alert is not only a report on an event, threat or just movements of hostile elements. It has a threat assessment, based on international security standards and an Analysis and a deeper Threat Assessment according to such analysis.

The key point of the process is the analysis and the integration of the information into the general environmental situation of the country, region and particular location. It is not only what happens in the country, but how it can affect our Customers and their investments, facilities or personnel. To do so, our Analysis Section has a wide Data-base with hundreds of reports from Sources on the ground and of other kind, that is used to carry out the analysis of the information and turn it into Intelligence.

Threat Assessment Code	
CRITICAL	An attack is expected immediately
SEVERE	An attack is highly likely
SUBSTANTIAL	An attack is a strong possibility
MODERATE	An attack is possible, but not likely
LOW	An attack is unlikely

Analysis and final Product

The Analysis process is a combination of research, comparison of events and a deep knowledge of the persons or groups involved. When our analysts receive the reports, directly from the Sources, they put the information into context (environment and time-phase) to know what is going on and determine the most important question: WHY? Most of the situations can be predicted due to the daily monitoring of the different scenarios, especially those more critical. However, there are cases in which such prediction is impossible to be achieved. Our analysts work with human beings and their unpredictable reaction or decision, and such handicap must be taken into account.



The second question is WHO? To know who is behind the event or who can be planning an action that can affect our Customers, it is important to carry out the analysis and find the answer to the last question. WHAT?

The World on your hands

Once the analysis is complete and the Security Recommendations are prepared, the Security Alert is ready to be sent to our Customers.

The final product has three parts.

Red square. It comprises the general information regarding the location (name and grid reference), DTG (Date Time Group), Links (when the Security Alert is linked to other or others issued previously, and the information. Finally, after the information there is a visual threat assessment according to International Intelligence Standards.

Green square. It contains the Analysis and the threat assessment according to such analysis. This is the most important part of the document. Our Customers have the answers to questions like “why and what”. This is the tool they have to take whatever decision they consider more effective for their interests.

Blue square. Once the information is analyzed and issued the Intelligence assessment, several Security Recommendations are put on the table for our Customers. These recommendations go from places to be avoided, roads not to be driven through or the possibility of potential terrorist actions expected.

These Security Recommendations are the result of the Analysis and the knowledge of the country and person/ groups involved in the events. However, it is always on Customer’s decision to apply them or not.

AICS Security Alert

201505171155 Terrorist attack Assiut Court building

LOCATION	Assiut	27.186900N	31.171300E
DTG	171155MAY15	(ddhhmmMMy)	
LINKS			

According to AICS Sources, a policeman has been injured by a bomb attack near a court complex in Assiut city (27.186900N - 31.171300E). Apparently, the policeman was handling the bomb together with the EOD team who were trying to dismantle it.

Threat Assessment

SEVERE

Analysis and threat Assessment

Following the critical day lived on May 16, 2015, with several terrorist attacks in Sinai Peninsula, this new terrorist action, close to Cairo city, must be understood as a follow up reaction to the sentence to death of Mohammed Mursi as happened the day before. If the attack in Sinai Peninsula on May 15 were on the responsibility of Ansar Bayt al-Maqdis, as reported late in the evening by some local media, this one could be on the list of Ajnad Misr, the terrorist group that has been more active in this part of the Nile river during May. The city of Assiut has been the scenario of previous terrorist attacks during May, always carried out by this terrorist group.

Security Recommendations

- Try to avoid the city of Assiut.
- Terrorist use to carry out repetitive attacks to cause more victims among people who approach the area.
- Avoid to join religious celebrations especially at churches and cathedrals during Sunday.
- More terrorist attacks are expected.

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For our Customers...*to know what is happening is important but to know what is going to happen is NECESSARY.* That is our aim and we work for that. A continuous monitoring of the crisis areas and a regular check of all countries where our Customers are positioned is the keystone we use to fill all necessities and requirements.