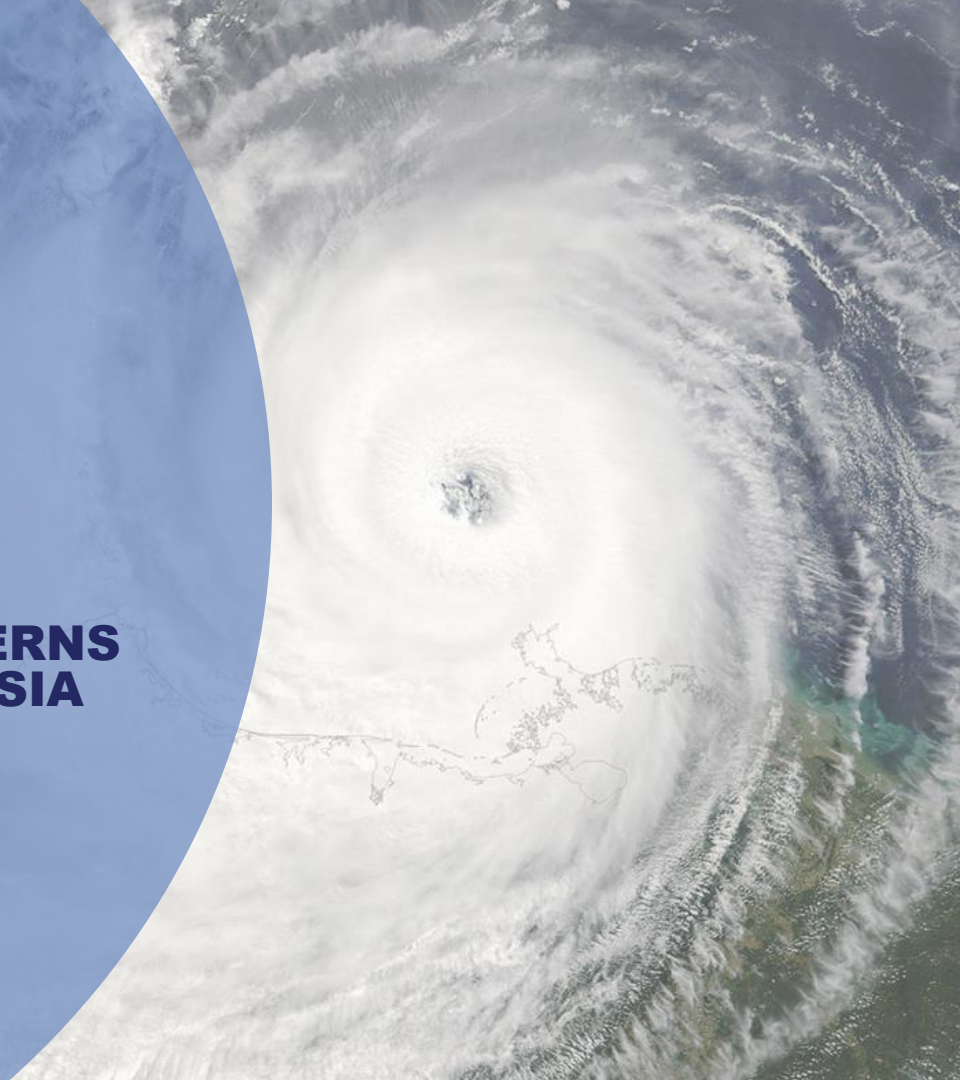




COVID-19 WEBINAR

**RESPONDING TO NATURAL
DISASTERS & SECURITY CONCERNS
DURING COVID-19: FOCUS ON ASIA**

**THURSDAY, 23 JULY
2 PM SINGAPORE | 4 PM SYDNEY**



AGENDA

- Pre-webinar survey results
- Risk environment with a focus on:
 - India
 - Bangladesh
 - Myanmar
 - Indonesia
 - Hong Kong (SAR)
 - Korean Peninsula
- Natural disasters hotspots in Asia

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SURVEY RESULTS

SECURITY DURING COVID-19



COVID-19 WORKFORCE RESILIENCE

SECURITY DURING THE PANDEMIC

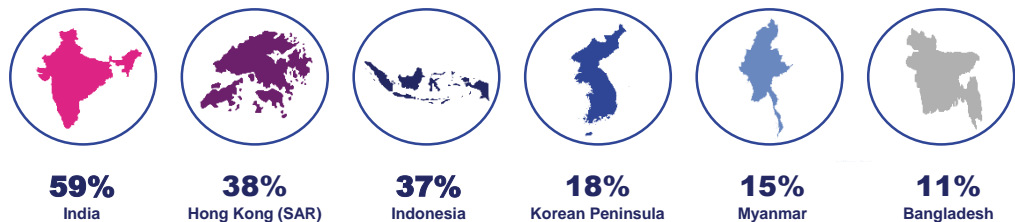


Approaches taken by organisations in Asia Pacific to prepare for changes in the security environment

- 85%** Ensuring access to accurate and timely information
- 60%** Develop emergency response plans that reflect the needs of both domestic employees (local nationals) and international assignees
- 51%** Providing security awareness training to our staff on the ground
- 51%** Access to forward leaning risk assessments
- 47%** Conducting Crisis Management or Incident Response exercises



Locations where organisations are most concerned about security environment



Organisations' biggest security challenges during COVID-19

- 58%** Ensuring business continuity amid movement restrictions
- 55%** Forecasting how COVID and the secondary security issues may impact our organisation
- 53%** Adhering to varying official guidelines on safety and health practices
- 51%** Staying up-to-date on changing travel restrictions
- 42%** Understanding how COVID is impacting sites/assignees overseas
- 32%** Reporting COVID updates to our board/crisis management team
- 32%** Pandemic monitoring on top of everyday security tasks
- 27%** Time spent researching COVID updates
- 25%** Deciding if/when to bring assignees back home
- 23%** Limited resources in-house to continuously monitor the situation

This COVID-19 study is an International SOS poll conducted among 146 people in Asia Pacific, mainly executives working in HR, HSE, Travel, Risk, Security, Finance and General Management from business industries such as Education, Engineering and Construction, NGO, Business Services, Oil and Gas, Mining, Government, High Tech & Food Industries. Research was conducted online from 16-22 July 2020.



RISK ENVIRONMENT

COUNTRY FOCUS



INDIA

- COVID-19-related restrictions have severely impacted mobility and resulted in increased grievances.
- Uptick in social unrest has been driven by a range of factors - from discontent over government policies and economic grievances to political issues.
- Frequency of protests to increase in the coming months, amid growing economic hardships and involvement of labour unions and political parties.



BANGLADESH

- Severe impact on economy has prompted near daily protests
- Protests appear to gain momentum with political parties leading recent gatherings.
- Economic hardship to continue in the coming months, driving momentum in social unrest.
- Increased grievances heightens risk of radicaliation and threat of terrorism



MYANMAR

- Sustained clashes have taken place in parts of Rakhine and Chin states, despite the COVID-19 pandemic:
- Similar fighting has been observed in northern Shan state over the last few months.
- Clashes in insurgency-affected areas are likely to escalate ahead of the upcoming election (8 November), with the main hotspots being Rakhine and Chin states, as well as northern Shan state.
- Periodic acts of violence outside insurgency affected areas – including urban centers – cannot be ruled out



INDONESIA

- Discontent over rising unemployment will remain key driver of unrest in the country amid COVID-19
- Protests will mainly be led by labour unions, supported by students and religious groups
- Secondary issues include potential rise in crimes such as thefts as well as further militant attacks
- Security forces expected to be capable in responding to the security challenges



HONG KONG (SAR)

- Unrest: COVID-19 will remain primary factor against significant protest turnout, in addition to police enforcement of related security laws
- Operational risks: Many organisations already reviewing potential impact of National Security Law (NSL) on business activities
- Individual employees: Promote staff compliance on NSL-related precautionary measures; institute review process for any potentially problematic activities



KOREAN PENINSULA

- Recent hostile rhetoric and activity by North Korea likely driven by attempts to seek economic concessions to deal with COVID-19 related fallout.
- Domestic preoccupations in the US have likely led to the lack of comment on the US' part.
- North Korea will likely continue rapid escalations and de-escalations in the coming months.
- Organisations need to distinguish between genuine indicators of a deterioration and 'white noise'





INTERNATIONAL
SOS

NATURAL DISASTERS HOTSPOTS

ASIA FOCUS



EARTHQUAKES | STORMS | FLOODS

RING OF FIRE

- Philippines
- Taiwan
- Japan
- Indonesia
- Papua New Guinea
- Pacific islands

HIMALAYAS

- South Western China
- Northern India
- Nepal
- Pakistan

North-west Pacific typhoon season

- May to November
- Philippines, China and Japan typically experience most activity

South-west Pacific cyclone season

- January to April
- Australia, Vanuatu and New Caledonia typically experience most activity

North Indian cyclone season

- April to December
- India, Bangladesh, Myanmar

IMPACT OF COVID-19

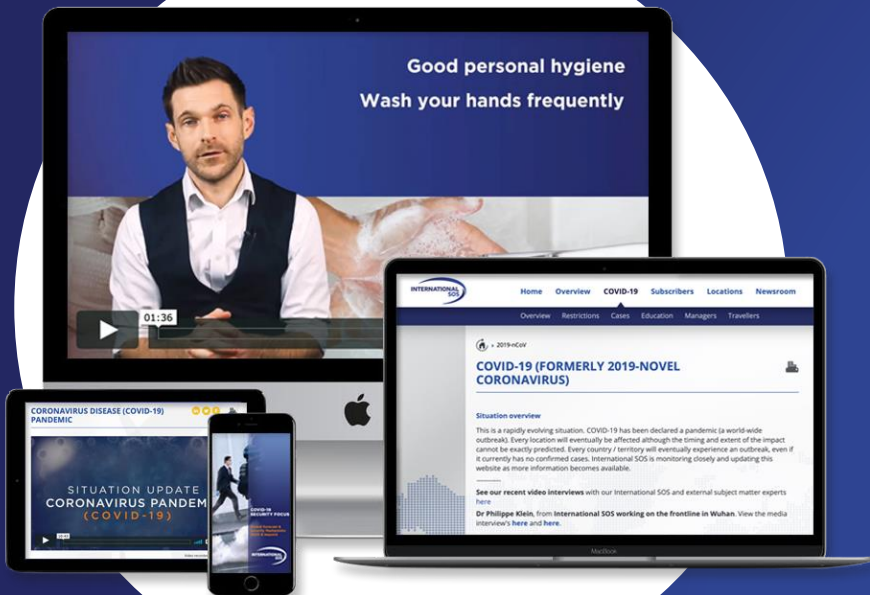
Control measures for COVID-19 – such as travel/movement restrictions and requirement for social distancing are resulting in additional consideration for evacuation and relocations

- Transportation/evacuation options
- Availability/capacity of temporary shelters
- Evacuation/standfast preparedness

Secondary security issues

- Looting, social unrest

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING



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