



OVERVIEW OF THREATS AND RISKS FACING INTERNATIONAL TRAVELLERS TO NIGERIA

Background

The international traveller to Nigeria faces a range of threats and risks that is complex and dynamic. The challenges faced by the traveller manifest as a full spectrum of threats and risks ranging from terrorism in the extreme north-east of the country to street robbery in the Lagos metropolis. Other risks to the individual include but are not limited to:

- Kidnapping
- Armed robbery
- Carjacking
- Theft
- Assault
- Identity theft
- Fraud
- Road traffic collisions
- Infectious disease outbreaks

The drivers of risk are mostly acquisitive although there is a limited agenda among some of the more politically motivated militants and the Islamist terrorist groups.

The threat map of Nigeria is neither static nor homogenous. Crime patterns shift constantly as gangs emerge and are subdued by law-enforcement. Spatial, behavioral and temporal patterns constantly shift as criminals develop new tactics to make financial gain through crime. Most criminal activity is concentrated in the urban areas. However, itinerant gangs are also responsible for violent robberies, car-jackings and kidnapping along isolated stretches of rural highways.

DCPL offers intelligence led solutions to the full range of threats and risks facing business travellers to Nigeria. Our deep understanding of the criminal threats and environmental hazards mean that we are able to offer bespoke solutions that reduce travellers' risks. We constantly monitor the environment, logging and mapping events that could impact on our clients' ability to move freely and operate effectively. This process allows us to predict, with reasonable accuracy, the likelihood of a specific category of criminal activity occurring at any given time and place. We then design a solution that enables the client to operate. Our advice is always tempered with the aim of offering a solution that is both effective and cost efficient as well as remaining conscious of the client's desired security profile.

Our advice to travellers is summarized as:

- Always ensure you have prepared well before you depart
- Read threat and risk intelligence reports provided by your company
- Ensure your documentation is complete, up to date and valid.
- Ensure personal administrative matters are complete
- Make sure your inoculations are up to date
- Be aware of your surroundings at the departure airport
- Maintain control of your luggage and carryon bags at all times
- Maintain your personal security during the flight – beware of what you tell fellow travellers
- Follow the advice sent to you by your meet and greet service provider when arriving at the destination airport



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- Always follow the advice of the meet and greet team on meeting them.
- Avoid drawing attention to yourself through your dress and behavior – do not look like a rich targetor a novice traveller!
- Expect a degree of 'culture shock' in your new environment.
- Maintain good security in hotels/residences – from check in right through to departure
- Be aware of the people around you – particularly hotel and domestic staff, drivers and security guards
- Remain as anonymous as possible
- Carry a dummy wallet and telephone – ones that look real but are anonymized and expendable
- Carry only minimal personal and company information with you – this includes in electronic formats
- Maintain high levels of alertness and security behavior when travelling in cars.
- Do NOT use local taxis
- If you are robbed, assaulted or kidnapped, do not resist. Hand over what they want. Be passive and cooperative
- If you are detained by authorities, remain calm and ask to speak to a company or diplomatic representative

We provide a comprehensive and detailed advisory booklet that expands all of the above points and a lot more. If you would like to know more, click [here](#).

In terms of physical and psychological impact, perhaps the greatest threat is that of kidnapping. In Nigeria, expatriate kidnap victims are rarely killed – particularly in the southern states, which include the notorious Niger Delta. DCPL can assist in preparation of travellers through our comprehensive range of services that include intelligence, training, tracking solutions, response and post incident care and repatriation assistance. For more information on these services, click [here](#)

Perhaps the greatest risk, from the perspective of likelihood of occurrence, is that of being involved in a Road Traffic Collision (RTC). First responders are few and far between, particularly in rural areas. The response is likely to be slow and will almost certainly not meet the standards of triage and stabilization care that is routine in European and other developed countries. DCPL can help mitigate these risks through the employment of our advanced journey management support. This service comprises of high-end, well-maintained vehicles that are all equipped with tracking devices, VHF radios, a full set of emergency equipment and are driven by personnel trained in defensive driving and registered warrant card carrying supernumerary police officers. We also supply Close Protection Officers and armed escorts when required. For more information on these services, click [here](#)

General situational understanding assists greatly in allowing the traveller to avoid trouble when away from their familiar surroundings. DCPL can assist the preparation of the traveller through the provision of bespoke, intelligence based threat and risk assessments. We employ highly skilled analysts who exploit a wide and diverse network of sources in order to ensure that our understanding of the operating environment is second to none. We deliver this to the traveller in concise, accurate, timely reports in a range of formats. For more information on our Information Services, click [here](#).

We also support the traveller with pre-travel advice on personal security. Knowing what to expect and how to respond will significantly reduce the exposure of the traveller. Our Traveller Security Advice Pack covers:

- Pre-travel preparation,
- Departure airport security,
- In flight and arrival airport security,



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- Hotel and residential security advice,
- How to move around safely,
- How to protect your personal information and identity,
- What to do if arrested or detained.

For more information about how to obtain this comprehensive advisory pack, please click [here](#).

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