



# **INTERNATIONAL BODYGUARD & SECURITY SERVICES ASSOCIATION**

## **Report of the IBSSA Executive Committee Chairman 2016**

Dear colleagues and friends,

Another year has passed of hard and fruitful work, when we all take part activity required to cope with the terrorism threat on the western world and disruption of the national agendas.

IBSSA Members together with institutions and organizations worldwide have already witnessed how a prolonged period of terrorist attacks and attempted attacks occur in different countries, with an emphasis on Europe over and over again. These include drive-by shootings and stabbings, laying powerful explosive devices, throwing stones at cars and throwing Molotov cocktails and burning tires towards citizens and especially to the security forces.

Various data in cumulative different countries indicate growth of the phenomenon and the "hot" media coverage given to the subject by communication systems worldwide.

Global media coverage of these bombings is characterized by a regular pattern over the years - outside of the main news focus. Terrorist attacks and attempted attacks with or without casualties are briefly covered immediately after their occurrence, but then rapidly disappear from the main news pages.

However, it seems that recently there has been an increase in the overall coverage of the media and its approach to terrorist attacks, especially when there were many dead and injured, as acts of terrorism in the city of Nice in France or in periods when there are several attacks against crowds, as the attack in Christmas Market in Berlin, Germany.

Many terrorist attacks – carried out recently at civilian targets in Europe – are attributed to attacks of the so-called "individual terrorism". These events are seen as an act of a single individual or terrorist, but once investigated in depth it becomes clear that these actions were based on a wider local organized team without any guiding institution or infrastructure, although the organizers are usually encouraged, supported and backed by the Global Jihad organizations.

IBSSA organization wishes to strengthen the national security officials at all countries in their fight against international and domestic terrorism which targets innocent citizens, old people, women and children regardless of background, religion, gender and nationality.

Through 2017 we will continue to provide professional solutions, advice and guidance to our various clients, which are in constant contact with the management in order to lead processes of prosperity and development in all areas of national security, information security and cyber warfare, investigations and intelligence and anti-terrorism warfare.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, I wish all managers, staff and members of the IBSSA a successful new year.

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