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COMUSNAVCENT/COMFIFTHFLT GENERAL ORDER 1-13A

From: Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command

Subj: FORCE PROTECTION MEASURES IN JOINT SECURITY AREA (JSA) BAHRAIN

Ref: (a) COMUSCENTCOM Fragmentary Order 15-012, March 2011
(b) CUSNC/C5F General Order 1-11
(c) CUSNC/C5F General Order 2-11
(d) CUSNC OPORD 09-01 7 Dec 09

1. Purpose. The purpose of this general order is to identify and regulate authority in reference (a). This general order consolidates guidance contained in references (b) and (c) and promulgates additional guidance for JSA Bahrain based on current Force Protection conditions. This order is effective immediately and references (b) and (c) are hereby cancelled.

2. Revision. This general order revises General Order 1-13 dated 29 April 2013.

3. Authority and Applicability. As the senior military officer in Bahrain, COMUSNAVCENT is responsible for force protection of military personnel, their families, and civilians serving with or employed by Department of Defense (DoD). Per reference (a), COMUSNAVCENT is designated as Commander, JSA Bahrain and is responsible for the execution of Joint Security Operations (JSO) in Bahrain. This authority applies to all U.S. military members and their dependents as well as civilian employees and contractor personnel attached or assigned to military units and military members in JSA Bahrain. It also applies to such personnel transiting through or temporarily visiting Bahrain. These provisions do not apply to Bahrain local national employees, third country national employees, civilian mariners, or military members under the authority of the U.S. Chief of Mission.

4. Force Protection Measures

a. Demonstrations. It is prohibited for personnel defined in paragraph 3 to attend or participate in political or religious demonstration activities in Bahrain, or publish photographs/video of such activities on social media websites. Additionally, personnel may not take photographs of military installations, ports, bridges, industrial facilities, mosques, religious or demonstration activities, government buildings, or residences of government officials. Photographs of local citizens may be taken only with their prior consent.

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b. Public Consumption of Alcohol. Personnel are particularly vulnerable when intoxicated; being intoxicated in public is prohibited. The public consumption of alcohol is prohibited in all bars including hotel bars and lounges, restaurants, public or commercial buildings and locations such as parks, fields, and streets between the hours of 0000 (midnight) and 0500 Sunday through Saturday (7 days per week).

c. Force Protection Buddy System. It is prohibited to transit on foot (walking, jogging, or running) or patronize bars, restaurants, public or commercial buildings and locations off-base, such as parks or fields without a buddy within the Kingdom of Bahrain between 2200-0500 daily. Service members, family members age 13 or older, or close personal acquaintances may serve as buddies. The public consumption of alcohol without a liberty buddy is authorized daily between 0501 and 2159; however, public intoxication is always prohibited. It is imperative that all personnel who fall under the responsibility of JSA Bahrain are with a liberty buddy in public between 2200-0500. The following are exceptions to the buddy requirement:

(1) Transiting to/from NSA Bahrain for the purposes of watch standing or official duties. Personnel should transit on well lit major roads and minimize time spent travelling on back roads and alleys.

(2) Transiting to/from NSA Bahrain and the taxi stand located directly outside the NSA compound.

(3) Transiting to/from NSA Bahrain to/from and between establishments located in, or within one block of "American Alley," the Dome Restaurant, Ramee International Hotel, and the K Hotel.

(4) Transiting short distances to pick up or drop off a buddy.

Commanding Officers may grant additional exceptions on a case-by-case basis for operational requirements.

d. Curfew. Personnel subject to JSA Bahrain Force Protection shall be in a hotel or private residence by 0100 nightly. The prohibition on public consumption of alcohol after midnight remains in effect, and therefore all personnel are prohibited from being in clubs, bars and other establishments where the consumption of alcohol is a primary focus of activity after midnight. Extended liberty hours may be approved on a case-by-case basis for special events and shall be requested via a special event request and force protection plan per reference (d). The commanding officer of deployed and/or visiting ships, squadrons, and units may approve overnight liberty; however, prohibitions on public alcohol consumption after midnight and requirement to be in a private residence or hotel room by 0100 remain in effect.

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5. Off-limits Areas and Establishments

a. Off-limits Establishments. These establishments will be promulgated by periodic Force Protection messages and graphics. Off-limits establishments (bars, clubs, restaurants, etc.) are promulgated by NSA Bahrain through base indoctrination and daily on marquees. All military personnel, DoD civilians, and dependents shall avoid these areas and establishments.

b. Off-limits Areas. It is prohibited for personnel defined in paragraph 3 to visit, conduct business in, or travel through areas in Bahrain that are defined as "Off-limits Areas". These determinations are based on documented violent protests and demonstrations in these areas. The areas will be promulgated via hardcopy maps and the Bahrain Google map application: <http://goo.gl/maps/whtcNK>.

(1) Red zones are prohibited areas at all times.

(2) Yellow zones are areas where activity traditionally occurs in the evenings, and therefore personnel shall avoid these areas between 2000 and 0400. Yellow Zones may have pottery shops, nurseries, souqs, or highways that subject personnel may travel or visit during daylight hours, but are required to leave the area in the evening.

(3) Commanding officers, O-5 and above, may approve specific limited exemptions on a case-by-case basis for personnel to visit, transit through, or conduct business in an off-limits area based on necessity and after evaluating potential risk to personnel.

(4) DoDDS evening events on school grounds are secure. Personnel may travel to and from DoDDS in the evening when events are scheduled. All personnel must maintain situational awareness and pay attention to alerts issues.

c. Housing. The housing office will verify that personnel are not leasing residences in areas that are off-limits or night time restricted. Personnel shall use the off-limits map when searching for a home and verify the address against the map in Base Housing prior to signing a pre-contract.

6. Punitive Order. This general order is punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Civilian personnel and contractors who violate this order may be subject to adverse administrative action. Military dependents may be subject to the loss of command sponsorship.


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