

KIDNAPPING – THE FACTS

Every year, more than 30,000 people are kidnapped around the world. Many of these incidents occur in Latin America, though other high-risk countries include Spain, Italy, India, Indonesia, The Philippines, South Africa and the former Soviet Union – and some of the most notorious cases have been in North America and Western Europe.

Nobody is immune to kidnap, but victims tend to fall into two categories: wealthy local people and ex-patriate employees of multi-national companies.

Kidnapping is carried out by professional groups – often terrorists – motivated by political aims and/or financial gain. It is a violent crime that is increasing and spreading, and the potential costs to the victim are enormous.

A company may suffer losses running into millions of dollars, arising from ransom payments, loss of business, adverse publicity and litigation. For the victim and their family, a kidnap will probably be the most traumatic experience they will ever have to endure.

In addition to covering all financial losses incurred in the event of a kidnap, ASM (Asset Security Managers Ltd.) also provides crisis consultants to advise a family or company on the best course of negotiation, plus extensive security advice to help individuals and corporations minimise their exposure to risk.

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