

Permanent Mission of Jordan to the United Nations

Until 1 January 2009, the Public Security Directorate was responsible for the protection of diplomatic and consular missions. Thereafter, the Police Force Directorate assumed that responsibility. Certain standards have been adopted with a view to reinforcing the protection accorded to the representatives of those missions, as set out below:

- The principle of reciprocity is applied with regard to complete security protection for certain diplomatic and consular missions and their representatives, in accordance with the requirements of the security situation.

- Diplomatic representatives and high-ranking persons are given close protection, in accordance with rank and the security situation.

- The principle of diplomatic immunity is observed in dealings with diplomatic staff and institutions and issues relating thereto.

- Through the pertinent units, there is ongoing coordination and cooperation with the security officers of embassies and diplomatic missions through the interchange of information relating to the safety and security of embassies and diplomatic missions and their representatives.

- The security measures taken in order to protect and ensure the safety and security of diplomatic missions and their representatives are periodically reviewed in the light of security situation requirements.

- International coordination and cooperation is ongoing, with a view to learning the latest developments and international endeavours exerted in order to protect diplomatic missions and their representatives and putting the same into practice at the local level through the relevant units and parties.

The Public Security Directorate notes that, in the event of any attack against diplomatic missions or their representatives, all measures permissible under national law

will be taken by the relevant parties. Should a diplomatic mission wish to follow up the issue, it may do so by submitting an official complaint. In the course of that process, the principle of diplomatic immunity will be observed in dealings with diplomatic staff. Should any breach of the law be perpetrated by diplomatic representatives, the appropriate legal measures will be taken in accordance with the principles of international law relating to immunity.

With effect from 1 January 2009, the Police Force assumed responsibility for dealing with the issue under consideration. A special security committee was formed within the Force in order to study the security measures adopted with respect to diplomatic and consular missions. The issues with which the committee concerns itself may be summarized as follows:

- All diplomatic missions and institutions and ambassadors' residences in Jordan are protected around the clock by Police Force personnel. They are also covered by patrols from the other security services and regularly checked by special officers.

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- In the event or expectation of any threat that affects the interests of those countries or their nationals, those missions are reinforced and random security sweeps are carried out in the surrounding areas. Any security loopholes that come to light during such operations are addressed.
 - An office has been established within the Police Force for liaison with embassies and diplomatic institutions. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has circulated its contact numbers to all diplomatic missions and institutions.

The relevant authorities have no objection to providing the United Nations Secretary-General with a report in the event of any serious trespass against diplomatic and consular missions in Jordan.