
Translated from Arabic

**Lebanese Republic
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants**

Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives

The Embassy Security Service protects embassies, diplomatic missions and related institutions by providing guard and escort services, and by carrying out surveillance and information gathering. Guard and escort duties are carried out by the Embassy Security Brigade of the above-mentioned Service, while surveillance and information gathering is carried out by the Central Surveillance Brigade.

I. Embassy Security Brigade

The units of the Embassy Security Brigade constantly protect and guard approximately 130 embassies and diplomatic missions during official business hours in the daytime and at night. The Brigade also provides escort services to a number of ambassadors; some are escorted whenever they move about while others are escorted on a temporary basis, in accordance with the requirements of the assignment. Such services are provided in coordination with the relevant mission. Escort units are provided with reinforcements when necessary (e.g., when there is a threat, information is received, etc.). In addition, units are stationed on or patrol the perimeter of embassies on a regular or temporary basis, depending on the circumstances.

II. Central Surveillance Brigade

The Central Surveillance Brigade uses security patrols to gather information. The Brigade also carries out required surveillance, deploys units on ad hoc basis at the above-mentioned missions and provides support to guard units when necessary. It furthermore regularly passes by all diplomatic and consular missions and the residences of their staff in order to monitor the situation and prevent any act of terrorism that might compromise their security and intervene immediately in case of emergency. Lastly, the Brigade, acting in coordination with the relevant security agencies, monitors protests that take place in front of embassies.

When necessary, Brigade personnel use civilian vehicles to escort certain diplomats. It remains in constant contact with the relevant officials of the diplomatic missions, in order to remain abreast of any security information the missions might have and to utilize such information as rapidly as possible.

On an exceptional basis, the Brigade, acting in coordination with the relevant judicial authorities, questions suspicious persons who are observed near the perimeter of diplomatic missions and ambassadorial residences.

III.

On orders from the General Directorate, the Mobile Forces Unit helps the Embassy Security Service to shore up security and protection at certain diplomatic missions whenever the Service receives information that an embassy might be threatened or attacked.

IV.

The General Directorate of Internal Security Forces receives the majority of sensitive security information from the specialized security sources. No embassies or diplomatic missions, as well their related institutions, have been subject to any type of attack recently.

V.

In order to ensure the smoothness of operations, the relevant agencies coordinate their efforts through the operations room maintained by the Embassy Security Service. Operations room staff are in direct contact around the clock with the chiefs and staff members of the above-mentioned agencies.

VI.

The Embassy Security Service will be strengthened through increased staffing, so that it can take the measures necessary to protect diplomatic missions.