**Exercise 4: Tips for Participants in Peaceful Assemblies**

**Intro:** This is an example of a risk assessment and security plan that uses no security software, and can be deployed on all phones. It is an introduction to risk assessment and mitigation and also a set of practical tactics for keeping safe during peaceful assemblies.

**Timing: 1 hour**

**Equipment Needed:**

* Participants’ phones.
* Printouts of [Mobile Tactics for Participants in Peaceful Assemblies](http://mobileactive.org/howtos/mobile-tactics-peaceful-assemblies).

**Content Outline and Main Topics:**

1. **Discussion/Instruction:** Assess your risks.
2. **Discussion/Instruction:** Understand the value of information on your mobile.
3. **Discussion/Instruction + Activities:** Things to do before joining a peaceful assembly.
4. **Discussion/Instruction:** Know your Mobile.
5. **Discussion/Instruction:** What do do during a peaceful assembly.
6. **Discussion/Instruction:** 10 tips for participants in peaceful assemblies.

**Objectives/Expected Outcomes:**

* Participants will become familiar with the concept of risk assessment and mitigation.
* Participants will be exposed to and practice basic risk mitigation techniques.

**Additional Resources for Trainers and Participants:**

* [Mobile Tactics for Participants in Peaceful Assemblies](http://mobileactive.org/howtos/mobile-tactics-peaceful-assemblies)
* [SaferMobile Lockdown Guides](http://www.google.com/url?q=http%3A%2F%2Fmobileactive.org%2Fsafermobile-lockdown&sa=D&sntz=1&usg=AFQjCNHQ2Gdw7UIxnjm1mlxzwbJcVgAEqQ)
* [SaferMobile InTheClear](http://safermobile.org/wiki/InTheClear)

**Content**

**1. Discussion/Instruction:** Assess your risks.

Ask participants what mobile communication issues they have experienced during participation in peaceful assemblies. How did these affect their involvement? Have they since taken steps to reduce their risk?  
  
For example, ask participants if they have experienced or planned for:

* Loss or seizure of your mobile phone.
* Disruptions of service from hardware or network failures.
* Surveillance of your communications.

**2. Discussion/Instruction:** Understand the value of information on your mobile.

What could happen if your phone got into the wrong hands? Consider:

* Videos and photos?
* Your private information, such as contacts, call records, messages, or calendar?

**3. Discussion/Instruction and Activities:** Things to do before joining a peaceful assembly.

Things to do before joining a peaceful assembly.

* Back up your mobile content.
* Carry a spare mobile battery.
* Keep important information on a piece of paper
  + *Have participants create an example now.*
* Recharge your credit, and bring extra credit.
* Explore network strength
  + *Have participants walk around and do this now, in and near the training venue, and report back.*
* Cross-post to multiple social networks for redundancy, and consider emailing content to a trusted contact as well.
* Bookmark
  + *Have participants suggest sites to bookmark, and actually create the bookmarks. Don’t save your passwords on your phone, though!*
* Install [InTheClear](http://safermobile.org/wiki/InTheClear) or another remote lock/remote wipe app in case your phone is lost or stolen (see Backup, Data Deletion and Remote Wipe tools and Exercise 5 - Backupfest //LINK//).

**4. Discussion/Instruction:** Know your Mobile.

* Explore your mobile keypad.
* Explore your mobile camera.

**5. Discussion/Instruction:** What do do during a peaceful assembly.

* Assess your physical risk and the police presence.
* Assess network coverage.
* Choose your tactics.

**6. Discussion/Instruction:** 8 tips for participants in peaceful assemblies.

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1. Share information via SMS to avoid being seen making a call. If using SMS, consider using a code. See Exercise 3: Code-making.
2. Keep memory card as empty as possible.
3. Try to upload recorded content quickly. Delete it from your phone when uploaded.
4. Carry a spare SIM card if you can.
5. Keep your mobile silent and turn vibration on (See LockDown //LINK//)
6. Keep your mobile in your pocket and out of sight if not using it.
7. Write down on a piece of paper important links.
8. Prepare messages ahead.