

**MARTIN VOWLES**

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A business graduate with over twenty four years commercial, and eleven years military experience, in hostile, post conflict and remote and demanding environments.

**CLOSE PROTECTION, OIL, GAS, SEISMIC and MINING OPERATIONS**

Managed security, safety and community liaison issues, coordinated provision of security support services, identified security threats, and managed them within local legal obligations.

**Spain 2015 to 2016 Estate Manager**

Estate Manager at Exclusive Hunting Estate "El Sauceral" and Vineyard "El Furtivo" near Toledo

**Japan and Venezuela 2013 to 2014 Security Manager for JGC**

Created and implemented security policies, plans and procedures, crisis management and evacuation planning, risk assessments and implementation of appropriate mitigation methods for the deep conversion project on the Puerto la Cruz refinery in Venezuela.

**Libya 2012 Operation Liaison Coordinator for Repsol**

Managed the delivery of security policies, identified new security procedures and processes and advised on the restart of operations, post civil war.

**Ethiopia 2012 Senior Security Officer with BHP Billiton**

Ensured there was security compliance on a potash exploration operation.

**Yemen 2010 to 2012 AP and CSR Superintendent for OMV**

Asset Protection and Corporate Social Responsibility for the central processing facility and pipeline development operations in the volatile Shabwah and Marib tribal areas of Block S2.

**Yemen 2009 Field Security Consultant for OXY**

Military and tribal security liaison responsibilities during the construction of a remote fly camp and the subsequent seismic survey operation in Block 75.

**Yemen 2008 Security Manager for KNOC**

Sana'a based security manager for the Korean National Oil Corporation. Managed two expat field based security advisors operating in Block 70.

**Ethiopia 2007 to 2008 Military Liaison for Lundin and Pexco**

Provided security and support for aerial surveys crews flying fixed wing aircraft from remote airstrips in the Ogaden. Trained and mentored Ethiopian soldiers to act as a quick reaction force to accompany helicopter borne search and rescue team.

**Sudan 2007 WesternGeco Seismic Survey Crew**

Operated in the Nuer tribal swamp region of Thar Jath and liaised with local militias and the Sudanese Peoples Liberation Army. Negotiated access rights with local communities and tribes.

**Djibouti 2005 Security Advisor to ExxonMobil**

Advised and guided the senior management team with on-going security advice during the contested closure of a central production facility.

**Georgia 2001 Security Manager for Ramco**

Responsible for the access security, route clearance and journey management control of all goods and personnel to an oil drilling rig in the lower Caucas Mountains. This was achieved by constant liaison and negotiation with the local community representatives, the police and the army.

**Nigeria 2000 Security Advisor to Shell**

A member of the crisis management team in Port Harcourt after an offshore oilrig was over-run by local tribes. Assisted in the negotiated release of hostages and implemented training programs and improved procedures.

**Colombia 1997 to 1999 Security Manager for BP**

Managed and controlled the security of three remote oil drilling rigs in the volatile Casanare region by designing and implementing physical security measures, and by liaison with the military and police units to defend against attacks by the ELN and FARC guerrillas.

**Algeria 1996 to 1997 Security Advisor for Repsol and Lasmo**

Managed the security and journey management of staff to a remote production facility and organised and controlled all movements to a remote fly camp. Secured safe access to the area of operations for the seismic survey crews in the Sahara desert.

**Algeria 1995 to 1996 Security Manager for BP**

Managed and organised the security needs of a specialist team of expat engineers during the construction of the BP base camp in Hassi Messauod.

**Global 1993 to 1995 Close Protection (CP)**

CP for various very high net worth families and individuals, mainly Russian and Arabic, in some of the worlds most glamorous destinations.

**NGO'S, INTERNATIONAL AID and RE-CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

Recruited, mentored, trained and managed local guards liaised with government, military and civil officials.

**Pakistan 2009 Security Director for CHF**

Implemented procedures for the safe delivery of aid, from an USAID project based in Islamabad and Peshawar, into the volatile North West Frontier Province, by training former Pakistani Commandos to escort Mediators, and Assessors into the Federally Administered Tribal Areas.

**Afghanistan 2005 to 2007 Security Advisor for EMG, Checchi, Paxton and Padco**

Directed and managed the security of various USAID projects based in Kabul, by recruiting and training an Afghan security guard force in safe and accurate use of their weapons, static guarding skills and drills, and introduced live firing competency tests. Wrote and instituted the standard operating procedures, and attended government security briefings. Implemented a promotion scheme and encouraged better performance, trained the best guards to escort standard, and maintained weapon and physical training standards. Instigated emergency drills and training programs, and implemented new policies and procedures. Trained drivers in the skills required for defensive driving in a hostile environment, with in-class, and practical training.

**Iraq 2003 to 2004 Instructor, Ghurkha Convoy and Force Protection Teams**

Trained and managed a company of eighty former British Ghurkhas to run a strategic convoy escort from Kuwait, into the Green Zone in Baghdad. Organised training days, attended daily Department of Defence briefings, and liaised between the Force Protection and the United States military.

**Iraq 2003 Security Advisor to Costain Construction Management Team in Kurdistan**

Advised senior management, and liaised with government and tribal leaders. Set up all necessary security measures for the expat specialist to start work, in what was, an immediate post conflict, hostile environment.

**MEDIA SUPPORT (HIGHLIGHTS)**

Assisted media crews during difficult and demanding situations, organised safe access to the news scene, and provided immediate trauma life support.

<b>Sky News:</b>	Israel/Gaza	Reported on the war between Israeli Defence Force and Hamas	2014
	Ukraine	Reported on the shooting down of Malaysian flight MH17	2014
	Iraq	Reported on the Islamic State (ISIS) insurgency from Kurdistan	2014
	Syria	Multiple trips into Northern Syria, covered the civil war	2012-2013
	Libya	Multiple trips from February to October, reported the civil war	2011
	Haiti	Reported on Earthquake damage from Port Au Prince & environs	2010
	Yemen	Reported on Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP)	2010
	Afghanistan	Reported on the first and second Presidential elections	2009
	Pakistan	Reported on the increase in terrorism across the country	2009
	Morocco	Investigated an international people smuggling gang	2006
	Germany	FIFA World Cup, reported on International football hooligans	2006
	Saudi Arabia	Documentary on the rise of home grown terrorism	2005
	Portugal	UEFA European Cup, reported on International football violence	2004
	Indonesia	Reported on the Tsunami devastation in Banda Aceh, Sumatra	2004
	Middle East	Reported on Gulf war preparations from Syria, Turkey and Jordan	2003
<b>ITN</b>	Syria	Reported from Idlib province in November and December	2012
<b>C5 News</b>	France	Reported On Race riots in Clichy-Sous-Bois & The Paris Suburbs	2005
<b>NBC</b>	Iraq	Baghdad bureau; covered the civil war across Iraq	2004-2005
<b>Channel 1</b>	Iraq	Embedded with the United States 3 <sup>rd</sup> Stryker Brigade in Kirkuk	2003
<b>Reuters</b>	Iraq	Completed security audit of countrywide media operations	2003
<b>BBC:</b>	Ukraine	Covered the war in Donetsk & the disputed Donbas region	2014
	Georgia	Radio Three Stalin documentary in Tbilisi and Gori	2002
	UK	Reported on race riots in London, Bradford, Oldham and Burnley	2001

**QUALIFICATIONS and SKILLS**

<b>Bachelor of Arts (2:1)</b>	Business Studies (Honours) from the University of Wales	2012
<b>Masters Certificate</b>	Critical Infrastructure Protection from Carleton University	2011
<b>Higher National Diploma</b>	Business and Finance from Plymouth University	1992
<b>UK Licensed Bodyguard</b>	Security Industry Authority; Frontline Close Protection	2007-2016
<b>Medicine In Remote Areas</b>	First Person On Scene, Emergency Medical Technician (MIRA)	2014
<b>Advanced Driver</b>	United Kingdom Police Trained	2002
<b>Languages</b>	Spanish; professional working proficiency standard	1997-Date