



HOME & ENTERPRISE:

Security in times of uncertainties

In the past 5 weeks, Nigerians – government, individuals, large and small businesses – experienced what was likely one of the most vulnerable and uncertain times.

Unfortunately, the trend appears to still overshadow our current existence,

This may be made more challenging with the economic downturn amidst the Christmas festivities a few weeks ahead.

Some recent security flashpoints:

50

shops vandalised by hoodlums during clashes in parts of Mushin in Lagos – in mid-November

20

persons including market women, traders, civil servants and students kidnapped on the Akure/Owo/Benin Highway in the second week of November

20

vehicles destroyed during attacks by rival groups in Idi-Araba area of Lagos

23%

rise in armed robbery cases and attack in Akure, Ondo state

28

people, including an ACP, killed in bloody clash in Edo State in the first week of November

29.7%

drop in foreign direct investment to N137.6 billion (\$362.84 million) from N178.6 billion (\$470.51 million) compared to corresponding period of 2019 (H1'19).



N113bn

lost in the Nigerian equity market as a result of the key infrastructures that were destroyed in Lagos state during the recent crisis, thus dampening investors' sentiments.

2,500+

business owners apply for N2.5bn Lagos Recovery Fund for MSMEs - those whose businesses were affected during the unrests across the state.



Security Risks' Exposures of Individuals and Businesses

Academy Halogen carried out a survey to assess the levels of vulnerabilities and readiness of people in their homes and/or business, in the event of a security crisis and/or emergencies.

Homes

Our findings are that **only 3 out of 10 Nigerian homes are adequately prepared and/or equipped for security challenges and/or emergencies.**

70%

of Nigerian homes do not have basic emergency tools such as first aid box, fire extinguisher, alarm system etc.

32%

of homes do not have/use double or triple locks for their front and back doors

48%

of homes do not have an agreed contact person(s) during an emergency

Less than
20%

of Nigerians insure their homes and the contents

40%

of Nigerians do not have the phone contacts of emergency services

6 out of 10

Nigerians do not carry out background-checks/identity verifications on their domestic helps – such as drivers, house help, gate men, gardener etc.

35%

of individuals do not know the security 'dark spots' in their homes.

over
63%

of Nigerians do not have a family emergency plan



Businesses

Only 60% of Nigerian businesses have provisions for security breaches.

72%

of enterprise operate in a high-profile sector that could be vulnerable to attacks, however with limited security architecture

Only 67%

businesses have an established/formal relationship with relevant security and emergency services' agencies

67%

of business facilities have proximity to other organizations and/or physical structures that might be targeted for attacks, but with limited cognizance of this in their security plan(s)/architecture

56%

do not have adequate electronic and cyber security solutions

72%

of enterprise (large, medium and small) have product(s) and/or service(s) and operations with characteristics that might make them potential target for attack, yet this vulnerability is not adequately addressed. This is prominent among retailers, supermarkets, fashion houses, health and beauty products resellers etc.

Almost half 45%

of the businesses do not have up-to-date business continuity plan (BCP)

38%

of Nigerian businesses do not have an updated Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) for premises' and perimeters' security

Only 61%

of the organisations surveyed have adequate insurance covers for their assets



Mitigating Security Risks

Security Checklists

It is important for individuals and businesses to be aware of their security risks' exposure and mitigate them appropriately, especially at such uncertain times. We encourage you to take this simple self-assessment.

Instruction:

Tick the appropriate boxes for each checklist.

"NO" indicates your area(s) of security vulnerabilities and risks.

| CHECKLISTS FOR INDIVIDUALS AND HOMES | YES | NO |
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| Front and rear doors have double or triple locks | | |
| There is a fully equipped and current first aid box at home | | |
| At least there is one member of the family trained on basic first aid | | |
| In my home, there is an agreed first person to contact in case of an emergency | | |
| There is an agreed safe place to hide in the house if there is an intruder | | |
| There is an agreed safe place to run to if there is need to escape from home | | |
| The home and all its valuable contents are insured | | |
| There is a functional fire extinguisher at home | | |
| There is a functional smoke alarm at home | | |
| An intruder alarm is installed | | |
| Background checks are carried out on all domestic help(s) | | |
| The telephone numbers of emergency services – police, fire, ambulance, etc. – are known and are easily accessible in case of emergency | | |
| Security tips are shared regularly with the neighbours | | |
| The security 'dark spot(s)' in the home is/are known to all concerned | | |



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| There is a family emergency plan reviewed in the last 3 months | | |
| I always alternate days and times for shopping and going out for personal needs | | |
| I always change my routes to and from home frequently | | |
| There is always someone that knows my whereabouts and/or know where I am going | | |
| Valuables are always stored out of sight in the car | | |
| Gas tank of the car is at least quarter or half way full at all times, to ensure I do not run out and have enough in an emergency | | |
| My family/neighbours know what to do if they discover a burglar breaking in or already in the house | | |
| I keep a record (photocopy) of the contents of my wallet – bank cards etc. | | |
| There is more than one driver in the family – in case of emergencies | | |
| There is an alternative power supply – e.g. generator, inverter etc. | | |
| A fully charged mobile phone is dedicated for the family's use in case of an emergency | | |
| At night, I only use well-lit walkways and/or I walk with someone | | |
| I am conscious of what I post on social media; I seldom post/announce vacations, being out at a family function or meal, or even pictures of valuable items | | |
| My home has security warning signs that are displayed around the perimeter of my home and property to warn intruders of what security measures I have [even if I do not I have any] E.g. Beware of dog(s), CCTV sign etc. | | |
| Good lighting is installed around the perimeter of my home, particularly over access points, to provide more effective illumination when it is dark. | | |
| Trees and branches that are overhanging are trimmed to prevent burglars from using them to access the property | | |
| Our windows, fences and gates are regularly maintained at least once a year to maximize their effectiveness and ensure that they are in good working order | | |

TOTAL No. of YES

TOTAL No. of NO



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| CHECKLISTS FOR BUSINESSES | YES | NO |
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| A comprehensive review of Health and Safety policy and standards has been carried out in the last 3-6 months | | |
| Our business has established relationships with security agencies – police and others | | |
| The Standard Operating Procedure [SoP] on premises' and perimeters' security for our business has been updated in the last 3 months, therefore current | | |
| We have an updated emergency evacuation procedure | | |
| There are named "wardens" responsible for managing evacuation | | |
| Procedures for phased and "quick close" to shut down the premises in the event of an emergency are in place and are current | | |
| Medical advice and medical support service(s) are available and/or in place if /when required – for staff and visitors | | |
| A muster point for the premises has been designated | | |
| We have insurance that covers all company assets | | |
| There is a Fire Marshall capable of conducting drills and ensuring evacuation | | |
| First Aid box is available in a conspicuous place for all | | |
| There is a trained first aider who is always available for emergency situations | | |
| We have an updated security risks' assessment with cognizance to interconnected risks | | |
| A crisis management working group/team has been established in our company and is available when required to converge | | |
| An updated business continuity plan (BCP) is in place and it is integrated into our strategic business objectives | | |
| Our business has confirmed supply chains for business continuity | | |
| There are entry/exit badging protocols for employees and visitors | | |
| We have a visitor's protocol for all non-employees | | |
| Our employees' security risks assessment and profiling have been carried out and is up to date | | |



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| We have risk profiled our top clients with control assurance in place to mitigate identified risks | | |
| In the last 6 months, we have carried out an organizational resilience exercise and/or stress testing and/or scenario analysis, with reports on recommendations thereafter | | |
| Our security risk profile and mitigating plans is now a standing board agenda with defined board level interventions | | |
| There is a critical assets risks' management system(s) in place | | |
| We have developed 'emerging risks' framework in preparation for the "next crisis" | | |
| There are alternate business operations location(s) identified and made ready in case of the need for relocation, informed by a crisis | | |
| We have security operatives in place and they are trained and adequate for our needs | | |
| Our business have adequate electronic security | | |
| All our employees have insurance cover | | |
| We have the data of all key staff, including additional details of next of kin, home address, contact telephone(s) etc. All these are in place and up to date, | | |
| Our company has a list of all "essential" employees/roles in the organization | | |
| Our technology infrastructure supports our business continuity | | |
| We have updated Information security policy | | |
| The I.T network availability and reliability in our company is assured | | |
| Cyber security capabilities are in place with assured data security | | |
| Contingency plans are in place to ensure availability of technology at any point in time | | |
| There is adequate provision to back up the company's critical information/data | | |
| There is a burglary alarm system installed in our business premises | | |
| There is functioning smoke alarm in our facility | | |
| Our emergency/fire exits and evacuation routes are clearly designated and are accessible | | |
| We have security storage for sensitive documents | | |
| Our organizational identity management policy/system ensures that all employees identities have been verified with background checks undertaken for all | | |

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| Our egresses routes are secured to ensure that they will not allow protests or rioters access our building | | |
| We have fully functioning fire extinguishers that have not expired | | |
| Our smoke detectors and notification systems have been tested in the last 4 weeks and are working properly | | |
| There is a security checklist for continuous reference | | |
| Electronic locks have been installed to further secure certain doors to limit access to some of the most sensitive areas of our business | | |
| We have trackers on vulnerable and valuable assets | | |
| There is a system and process of communication to clients about shared risks | | |
| Travel advisory service is in place for employees to educate and reduce risks' exposure | | |
| The surroundings and perimeters to our building are anchored and secured | | |
| All our security operatives know their roles and responsibilities during unrest/protests. | | |

TOTAL No. of YES

TOTAL No. of NO

Conclusion

2020 has been a particularly challenging year for most Nigerians alongside the impact of COVID-19. Security is now top priority for all. Take appropriate actions TODAY

For further support, advisory and services to assist in addressing the “NOs” in your self-evaluation above, please contact Halogen Group on;

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