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Kidnapping is an important risk for a growing range of organisations – multinational companies, non-governmental organisations and the media. Many have well developed plans and policies in place to cover staff and contractor safety and security, insurance to cover the costs of a kidnap, and security consultants on standby to run the response to a kidnap, should it occur.

Thankfully, kidnapping remains a rare crime, but this means that organisations need to continue to refresh their knowledge and understanding of the latest trends and best practices. This seminar aims to do just that, with a focus on the areas most forgotten and least understood by organisations.

- You will hear from former hostages about their experiences;
- Family members of former hostages will tell you about what they went through and the kind of support they needed;
- Senior representatives from government and its agencies will talk about how they interface with families, employers and others during a kidnap;
- You will hear accounts of how different organisations have managed kidnaps and get practical advice on how you can be better prepared for the worst;
- Leading psychologists specialising in kidnap response will help you to understand how best to support the emotional needs of families and the hostage on their return to work;
- You will receive a briefing on the latest trends and statistics for kidnapping worldwide.

Hostage UK is a charity set up to help families during kidnaps and offer information and guidance for organisations sending employees to kidnap hotspots. It is running this seminar for organisations to allow them to explore these issues in an informative, informal and confidential setting.

There are a maximum of 35 fee paying places available for this seminar.

Places are **£550** each, and discounted places are available for members of the Security Institute and RSMF (**£450**). A special rate of **£250** is available for public servants and non-governmental organisations.



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Programme

08.30	Registration and coffee	
09.00	Introductions	Rachel Briggs , Director, Hostage UK
09.30	An overview of kidnapping trends	Peter Cheney , Director, Control Risks
10.00	Reflections from a former hostage	Peter Moore , former hostage held in Iraq
10.50	Coffee	
11.10	Reflections from the family of a former hostage	Pauline Sweeney , stepmother of Peter Moore
12.00	Psychological perspectives on hostage resilience	Dr Roderick J Ormer
	Supporting the family during and after a kidnap	Dr Lesley Perman-Kerr
12.45	Lunch	
13.35	Presentation of Hostage UK 24/7 phone line	Suzanne Williams QPM , Hostage UK trustee
13.45	Reflections from a former hostage	Alan Johnston , BBC journalist, kidnapped in Gaza
	Case study of an organisational response	Paul Greeves , Head of Safety, Security and Health, BBC on the Alan Johnston kidnap
15.15	Coffee	
15.45	The UK government response	Jim Collins , Head of Special Cases, Consular Directorate, Foreign and Commonwealth Office Det. Chief Inspector Neil Stapley , Hostage and Crisis Negotiation Unit, Metropolitan Police Service
16.30	Concluding remarks	Rachel Briggs , Director, Hostage UK



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