



INCIDENT REPORT

Date: 14th September 2012
Time: 13:00 hours
Exact Location: U.S. Mission Benghazi

Action	Yes	No
TOC Informed	Yes	
Project Manager Informed	Yes	
Guard Commander Informed	Yes	
QRF Used	Yes (NTC)	
Police Attendance		No

Name of person reporting	Post at time of incident	Contact No
Dylan Davies	PM	

Full Details of Incident

This is a true account of events that occurred in Benghazi between the 11th and 12th of September 2012, by Dylan Davies, Project Manager for Blue Mountain Group, provider of the Local Guard Force for the US Mission in Benghazi.

Many of the details in my statement arrived from the guard forces that were on the ground in Benghazi at the time of the incident. Due to this I cannot confirm that all the details are correct.

Timings are also estimated due to the volume of calls and information I was receiving at the time.

At approximately 2130hrs on the 11th of September 2012, I received a phone call from my guard commander (who was off duty) stating that the US Mission was under a sustained attack and the compound perimeter wall had been breached.

He informed me that he had received a call from the guard supervisor, who said that over fifty armed men had attacked the compound and gained access.

informed me that he and had been at the front gate at the time of the attack. They pressed the duck and cover alarm and then escaped unharmed, however he did not know the location of the other three guard members, namely:

I attempted to phone (two of the RSO's at the Mission who I'd been working alongside for 5 weeks) answered me on the third attempt and told me that "the attackers were all over the compound and things were looking bad". I said "good luck mate" and put the phone down as not to waste his time. He sounded composed and professional as always. I did not get through to Scott at all, and I feared the worst for him.

At this point I sent an email to my senior management in the UK to inform them that the US Mission was under attack and that I would update them when I had more information.

At around 2200hrs my drive arrived so that we could drive to the mission to see what was going on. We could not get anywhere near the mission as roadblocks had been set up by the Sharia brigade. Osama informed me that we would be killed if we continued on so we returned to my villa.

At approximately 2230 I telephoned the Managing Director of Blue Mountain to update him on the events. He told me that under no circumstances was I to attempt to get to the US Mission, and I was to conduct operations from my villa.

At around 2300hrs two of my off duty guards came to my villa to update me on events. They had driven past the rear of the US Mission and said that the Charlie 3 gate was wide open and the evacuation vehicle had gone, which implied the guys had extracted themselves to the ERV.

then received a telephone call informing him that had been beaten up by the attackers but were OK. However, he was told that had been shot.

I instructed [redacted] to go to the hospital and check on [redacted] condition, only if it was a ~~to do~~ so.

[redacted] left to go to the hospital. At 0100hrs on the 12th September 2012, for other members of the guard force turned up.

[redacted] who were on duty during the attack informed me that they were ~~taken~~ and told to kneel and start praying as they were about to be executed. Luckily they were ~~eventually~~ released. Both men were clearly very shaken and did not say much at all.

At 0200hrs, I received a call from [redacted] who was at the hospital. He said that [redacted] had been shot in the leg but he would survive. He then said that he had some really alarming news for me and would come to my villa to discuss. I said "just tell me on the phone" but he refused and told me that this news was too important.

On his arrival he said we must speak in private. We went into another room, at which point he turned on his phone and showed me a photo of a dead man at the hospital. I knew instantly that the man was the US Ambassador. There did not appear to be any bruising, deformity or gunshot wounds to the body. The ambassador's face was black as were his teeth so I thought he must have died from smoke inhalation, I could not confirm this however.

[redacted] then received a call from a doctor at the hospital demanding the name of the lead American. I told the doctor that I'd never seen the man before and didn't know his name; the doctor became irate so I put the phone down.

[redacted] had learned that the ambassador had been taken to the hospital by a group of Libyan men and that he was alive on arrival but later passed away. I asked [redacted] if any other Americans were at the hospital he said yes, a black man who had been shot in the hand. I presumed that this was one of the Ambassadors close protection team as both men were black.

At this stage I feared the worst for the remaining Americans at the compound. I phoned my Managing Director and told him what I'd seen as I trust him implicitly, and I knew he would not pass this information on. However I kept quiet about the Ambassadors death as I knew there would be huge repercussions.

At 0417hrs, on the 12th September 2012, I received a short text message from [redacted] that said, "we're hunkered down and working on evac". I was relieved that [redacted] was OK. I have not heard another word from the US staff since then. I know [redacted] should not have text me but he knew that I'd been left on my own in Benghazi with no life support, so I thank him for updating me. [redacted] is a very capable, calm, professional special agent, as indeed all the RSO's have been since I started working at the US Mission in March 2012.

At 0930hrs on the 12th of September 2012, Osama and I made our way to the US mission to check that no one was left behind and to see if any weapons had been left. On my arrival I instantly noticed that there was no one at the front gate of the US mission. On entering the compound I could not believe my eyes, all four villas had been totally destroyed, there were still around five guys looting in there and there were five members of the Sharia brigade inside dressed in desert camouflage uniform.

The five Sharia brigade men were laughing and joking, and started shouting "hey American, hey American" at me so I replied in Arabic "I'm not American I'm British" to which they replied "oh British are Ok". I walked away shaking my head. They asked why I was shaking my head and I told them that they would not be laughing for long when they realise what they've done. I told them that they had killed some good people who were totally innocent of any crime.

They left the compound immediately. I walked around the compound in a daze for around 10 minutes; I took roughly 25 photos which I've already passed on to the US State Department via Email.

I would like to take this opportunity to send my condolences to the family and friends of the four brave Americans who have been killed by one of the most cowardly acts I have ever witnessed.

It has been an honour working at the US Mission and all the RSO's and staff have been extremely professional and accommodating towards me and the Local Guard Force.

Yours Sincerely,

Dylan Davies.

Continue overleaf if required

The details above are true and correct:

Guard reporting Signature:

Guard Commander Signature:

Project Manager Signature:

Dylan Davies