



ICC THREAT TRENDS

2024 Quarterly Update

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TRENDS - What and why?

- G4S monitoring over the past three years has allowed us to **curate actionable intelligence** on trends for the ICC
- Trends are **not limited to specific geographical regions**
- Security trends in Country X, can also impact Country Y.



OUTLOOK

- Politically-motivated **protests**
- **Pitch invasions** by opportunistic fans
- Regional geopolitics, **border clashes, conflict** and **terrorism/insurgency**
- Asymmetric and non-traditional threats such as **UAVs, environmental hazards**
- **Violence** between fans (shared online)

Protests Trends and Recent Activity

Pro-Palestine and pro-Israel protests

Heightened protest activity and political tensions caused by the Israel-Palestine conflict will continue to increase the risk of related protests in tournament locations.



Pro-Palestine at SA v IND 2nd Test in Cape Town



Pro-Israel protest at Cricket South Africa (CSA) offices in Johannesburg

Protests Trends and Recent Activity

Issue-motivated protests

Over the past 12 months, activists, protest groups and players have used the platform of cricket to conduct **political**, **environmental** and **humanitarian** protests.



Extinction Rebellion banner protest at Lords, UK



Usman Khawaja shoe protest at WACA Ground, Australia

Protests Trends and Recent Activity



Just Stop Oil protesters breach security, throwing orange power on field at ENG v AUS Ashes Test at Lord's, UK

Protests Trends and Recent Activity

Pitch invasions

Pitch invasion incidents pose a significant reputational and security risk to all events. Incidents often receive widespread media attention, with the potential to inspire further incidents by other supporters.

High-profile players, such as **Virat Kohli**, have been targeted frequently.

Interaction with high-profile players, even if harmless, presents a risk.

G4S protest monitoring indicates that pitch invasion incidents will continue to target high-profile players and **are not restricted to major events.**



'Free Palestine' t-shirt during IND vs AUS CWC finals trying to hug Virat Kohli



YouTuber Jarvo69 breaches security and runs onto field during IND v AUS at MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai

Violent Incident Trends

Violent crime inside and outside of venues

Multiple cities which host ICC events have a high rates of violent crime. While there is no information to indicate a targeted threats against ICC teams, individual players, or staff, there is a high risk that members could be affected by indiscriminate crime, such as mass shootings or armed robbery. In areas where there is a high risk of violent crime, there is often an **increased risk of violent crime targeting foreign nationals** due to their perceived wealth.



Low-level violence between fans at Arun Jaitley Stadium in Delhi during Men's CWC

Emerging Threats

Unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs)

UAVs operated by criminal and/or terrorist actors present a threat across the globe. G4S monitoring indicates a **growing trend of threat actors using off-the-shelf components to modify inexpensive UAVs since 2022**, enabling systems to drop explosive or chemical devices as well as leaflets.



DJI Mavic 3 Pro model UAV used to transport narcotics across PAK-IND border.

The potential for UAVs to be weaponised and cause significant harm is no longer a hypothetical situation

Emerging Threats Q1 2024

Insider threats

Insider threats are not limited to industries such as finance, IT and telecommunications. Security breaches by fans are rare, but have a significant impact.

However, the reach of a single security breach can spread exponentially online - risking the **physical safety** of an individual and the **reputation** of cricket across the world.

Online misinformation / disinformation

Since October 2023, sports aggregator accounts have come under increased scrutiny for posting false or misleading information as actual news.

Misinformation is false or inaccurate information. Examples include rumors, insults and pranks.

Disinformation is deliberate and includes malicious content such as hoaxes, spear phishing and propaganda. It spreads fear and suspicion among the population.



Footage of Virat Kohli shared widely online after fan entered room at Crown Hotel in Perth

Asymmetric Environmental and Health

Air pollution Multiple cities which host ICC events, including **Lahore** and **Karachi** in **Pakistan**, and **Delhi** and **Mumbai** in **India** are ranked among the worst locations for air pollution.



Severe air pollution and poor air quality in Delhi, November 2023



Flooding at Eden Park outer oval, January 2023

Extreme weather incidents will pose a direct and indirect threat risk to ICC events, with the risk of causing significant transport disruptions and delays to fixtures.

Asymmetric Trends

- Malaria
- Dengue fever
- Air pollution
- Mental health
- Foodborne and waterborne diseases
- Sexually transmitted diseases
- Altitude sickness
- Extreme temperatures
- COVID-19

POLITICAL RISK

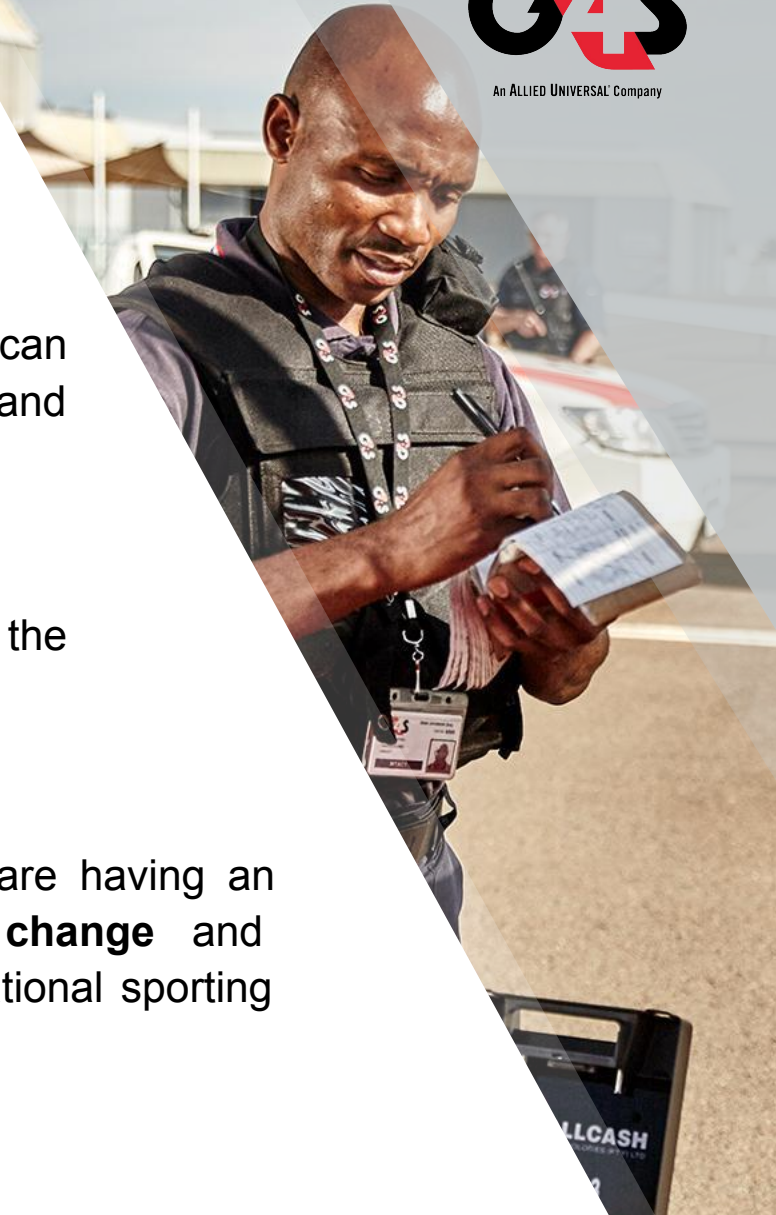
- Protests, social unrest, and political tensions can jeopardise the safety of sportspeople, officials, and spectators

REPUTATIONAL RISK

- Online and social media trends present a risk to the reputation of local boards and the ICC.

SAFETY

- The world faces two interlaced problems that are having an outsized impact on public health: **climate change** and **insecurity**, which will continue to impact international sporting events over the next quarter.





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