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SECURITY ALERT ON THE INCREASING RATE OF KIDNAPPING OF FRSC PERSONNEL: NEED FOR CAUTION

Kidnapping is currently the biggest security risk an individual, company or family is faced with in the Country. Its spread has thrown up additional security challenges for businesses and individuals despite security measures put in place by the Government. Hence the need for staff to thread with caution in order to avoid security threat of any kind because everyone is at risk of being kidnapped irrespective of one's status.

- 2. Arising from the current trend with respect to KIDNAPPING and attacks on innocent citizens across the country, the Corps Marshal is worried about the recent kidnapping and assault on personnel of the Corps where huge ransom are being demanded before such victim (s) are released by their abductors. This calls for a more proactive measures to reverse this ugly incidences to guide against the unquantifiable pains and losses suffered by the Corps and relations of the personnel's involved
- 3. In view of this, I am directed to present some pre-cautionary guidelines as measures to guide against the activities of kidnappers:
 - a. Be vigilant at all times and review your security measures regularly.
 - b. As much as possible, avoid travelling at night and limit your movement during dark hours as well as keep off from quiet and poorly lit roads and environment
 - c. Take particular care, if you're visiting crowded places or attending events which attract large crowd. Criminals often use these situations as cover for robbery and kidnapping.
 - d. High-profile individuals are frequently targeted; so, be discreet in the kinds of gadgets you display in your car when on the road and avoid any form of flamboyant lifestyle.

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- e. Be mindful of curfews or restrictions that may be imposed on the movement of vehicles and persons, and don't attempt to break any of them.
- f. Avoid carrying large amounts of cash and don't display expensive watches, jewelries or items of sentimental value that could attract undue attention to you.
- g. Be particularly vigilant when sitting in traffic jams or at traffic lights. Keep car windows up and doors locked, and make sure your valuables are out of sight.
- h. If you feel your vehicle is being followed, drive to the nearest place of safety (e.g. the nearest police station or military base).
- i. You should take particular care when driving outside cities, and consider travelling in convoy.
- j. If you are travelling by public transport, board in designated motor parks, rather than standing by the road side to solicit for free ride from strangers or taking cheaper alternative that could prove unwise.
- k. If you're driving your own car, don't pick up people at random.
- 1. Be mindful of the kind of friends you relate with and sensor the type of people you allow access into your private residence
- m. Obtain and keep the telephone numbers of the Police in your locality.
- n. Whenever you are travelling in a public transport, make sure you have somebody to accompany you to the park and let the person take the registration number of the Vehicle you are travelling with.
- o. Avoid displaying Uniforms, Berret, Belt or any other paraphernalia that could expose your identity as a personnel of the security agencies.
- 4. In case you receive any form of threat text messages or call from any known or unknown person (s) do not hesitate to report to the POLICE and inform your immediate supervising Officer for necessary action.
- 5. The content of this Security Alert should be widely circulated to All Staff.
- 4. Please treat as imperative.

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