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COMUSNAVCENT/COMFIFTHFLT GENERAL ORDER 1-13D

From: Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command  
Commander, U.S. FIFTH Fleet

Subj: FORCE PROTECTION MEASURES IN JOINT SECURITY AREA BAHRAIN

Ref: (a) COMUSCENTCOM OPORD 05-04, of 1 December 2021  
(b) CUSNC OPORD 20-00 Force Protection, of 28 July 2020  
(c) COMUSNAVCENT/COMFIFTHFLT OPORD 1000-20, of 1 Mar 2020  
(d) SECNAVINST 5520.6

1. Purpose. The purpose of this general order is to identify and regulate authority in references (a) through (d), and promulgate additional guidance for Joint Security Area (JSA) Bahrain based on current Force Protection conditions. This order is effective the date of this order.

2. Cancellation. COMUSNAVCENT/COMFIFTHFLT General Order 1-13C.

3. Background. This general order modifies the curfew and liberty buddy requirements in General Order 1-13C.

a. Personnel subject to this general order are no longer required to be in a hotel or private residence by 0100; however, U.S. military members are still prohibited from being in clubs, bars, and establishments where the consumption of alcohol is the primary focus of activity after midnight (0000).

b. Personnel subject to this general order are no longer required to have a buddy while on liberty, provided that they have completed the NSA Bahrain Area Orientation Briefing/Intercultural Relations (AOB-ICR) course. Personnel who have not completed the course are required to have a buddy at all times on liberty.

4. Authority and Applicability. As the senior military officer in Bahrain, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command (COMUSNAVCENT) is responsible for force protection of military personnel, their families, and civilians serving with or employed by the Department of Defense (DoD). Per reference (a), COMUSNAVCENT is designated as Commander, JSA Bahrain and is responsible for the execution of Joint Security Operations in Bahrain. This authority applies to all U.S. military members and their dependents, as well as civilian employees and contractor personnel attached or assigned to military units in JSA Bahrain. It also applies to personnel transiting through or temporarily visiting Bahrain. These provisions do not apply to Bahrain local national employees, third country national employees, civilian mariners, or military members under the authority of the U.S. Chief of Mission.

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5. Force Protection Measures.

a. Demonstrations. Personnel defined in paragraph 3 of this general order are prohibited from attending or participating in political or religious demonstration activities in Bahrain, or publishing photographs and videos of such activities on social media websites. Additionally, personnel may not take photographs of military installations, ports, bridges, industrial facilities, mosques, political or religious or demonstration activities, government buildings, or residences of government officials. Photographs of local citizens may be taken only with their prior consent.

b. Public Consumption of Alcohol. **Being intoxicated in public is always prohibited.** All **U.S. military members** are prohibited from being in clubs, bars, and other establishments where the consumption of alcohol is a primary focus of activity after **midnight (0000)**.

c. Force Protection Buddy System. Personnel defined in paragraph 3 of this general order are required to have a buddy at all times while on liberty, until they have completed the NSA Bahrain AOB-ICR course.

d. Deployed Units. All personnel assigned to deployed and/or visiting ships, squadrons, and units must be back onboard their ship or in the barracks, or a hotel room, as directed by their Commanding Officer, by 0100. Commanding Officers of deployed and/or visiting ships, squadrons, and units may always impose more stringent restrictions than those listed in this general order or detailed in COMUSNAVCENT/COMFIFTHFLT OPOD 1000-20 (Annex E).

6. Combatting Trafficking in Persons (CTIP). Per reference (d), the Department of the Navy (DON) policy is to oppose any activity that contributes to Trafficking in Persons (TIP), including prostitution, involuntary servitude, debt bondage, forced labor, and other harmful and dehumanizing actions. Service Members, civilian employees, indirect hires, DON contractors, foreign national employees of the DON, and all dependents that facilitate or support TIP, domestically and overseas will be in violation of U.S. law and the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

7. Off-limits Establishments and Areas.

a. Off-limits Establishments. Off-limits establishments will be promulgated by periodic Force Protection messages and graphics. Off-limits establishments (bars, clubs, restaurants, etc.) are promulgated by NSA Bahrain through base indoctrination, the Plan of the Week, and daily marquees. All military personnel, DoD civilians, and dependents shall avoid these areas and establishments.

b. Off-limits Areas. It is prohibited for personnel defined in paragraph 3 to visit, conduct business in, or travel through areas in Bahrain that are defined as "off-limits areas." These determinations are based on documented violent protests and demonstrations in these areas. The areas will be promulgated via hardcopy maps and the Bahrain Google map application: <http://goo.gl/whtcNk>.

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(1) Red Zones are prohibited areas at all times.

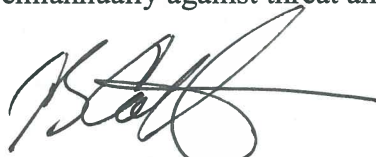
(2) Yellow Zones are areas where activity traditionally occurs in the evenings. Yellow zones may have pottery shops, nurseries, souqs, or highways that subject personnel may travel or visit during daylight hours, but are required to leave the area in the evening. Personnel shall avoid these areas between 1900 and 0500.

(3) Commanding Officers, O-5 and above, may approve specific limited exceptions on a case-by-case basis for personnel to visit, transit through, or conduct business in an off-limits area based on necessity and after evaluating potential risk to personnel.

c. Housing. The Housing Office will verify that personnel are not leasing residences in areas that are off-limits or night time restricted. Personnel shall use the off-limits map when searching for a home and verify the address against the map in Base Housing prior to signing a pre-contract.

8. Punitive Order. This general order is punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Civilian personnel and contractors who violate this order may be subject to adverse administrative action. Military dependents may be subject to the loss of command sponsorship.

9. Review. This general order will be reviewed semiannually against threat and law enforcement data.



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