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# **HLS**

# **Delegation to**

# **Ghana &**

# **Kenya –**

# **August 21-24,**

# **2023**



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### Ghana

#### **Background**

The security situation in Ghana is relatively calm, but there are several threats that the country faces. These threats include border security issues, maritime security concerns, cybercrime, illegal mining, clashes between herdsmen and farmers, human trafficking, and armed robbery.

#### **Border Security**

Ghana's borders are porous and inadequately monitored, leading to smuggling, arms and drug trafficking, and human trafficking. Collaboration between agencies responsible for border management, such as the Customs Division and Ghana Immigration Service, is not optimal.

#### **Maritime Security**

Since the discovery of hydrocarbons, Ghana has seen an increase in offshore threats such as illegal fishing, piracy, maritime terrorism, and oil-related environmental degradation. The Marine Police and Ghana Navy are working with domestic and regional partners to address these challenges.

#### **Cyber Security / Cyber Crime**

Cybersecurity and cybercrime are pressing concerns for the Ghanaian government, as the number of sophisticated cybercrimes continues to rise. Although there is a national cybersecurity policy and strategy in place, there are gaps in definitions, responsibilities, and coordination among the nation's Computer Emergency Readiness Teams (CERTs).

#### **Illegal Mining**

Illegal mining poses a major environmental and public health threat, despite a government moratorium on operations. "Operation Vanguard," a joint task force of the military and police, has been commissioned to combat illegal mining, particularly in the Ashanti, Eastern, and Western regions. Some progress has been made in restoring affected water bodies, but there has been opposition from certain groups calling for the ban on small-scale mining to be lifted.

#### **Herdsmen Menace**

Violent tensions between local farmers and nomadic herdsmen have resulted in loss of life and displacement. The government launched "OPERATION COWLEG" to address the clashes and forced the herdsmen to relocate, leading to conflicts with farmers in other areas. To tackle the issue comprehensively, the government initiated the National Cattle Ranching Project to minimize conflicts between herdsmen and farmers.

#### **Human Trafficking**

Human trafficking is a growing threat, with Ghanaian females aged 18 to 35 being trafficked to countries such as Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. Many victims are recruited under the pretext of lucrative job opportunities abroad and end up as domestic workers subjected to inhumane treatment. The government has placed a temporary ban on labor exportation to countries with records of abuse, and the Ghana Immigration Service and Anti-Human Trafficking Unit are monitoring exit points to identify potential victims.



### Armed Robbery

Armed robbery is another significant threat, particularly in regions like Greater Accra, Ashanti, Eastern, and Northern. Robbery attacks on forex bureaus and mobile money vendors have increased, and the government launched "OPERATION CALM LIFE" to enhance visible security. Strategies include visibility policing, random swoops on suspected criminals, patrols in crime-prone areas and highways, increased electronic surveillance, and the introduction of motorbike patrol teams.

### Dates of Travel- 20<sup>nd</sup>-22<sup>th</sup> August


#### DRAFT Agenda / meetings for HLS Delegation

Arrival Day – Aug 20		
Time	Meeting	Location
20 AUG 01:00 TLV → 20 AUG 11:20 ACC 13 hrs 20 mins <b>1 Stop (ADD)</b>		
	Arrival in Accra	
	Transport to Hotel	
Day 1 – Aug 21 <sup>st</sup>		
8:00-9:00	Welcoming Remarks & refreshments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction of delegates</li> <li>• Israel Head of Economic Mission</li> <li>• Overview of HLS sector in Ghana</li> </ul>	Hotel
9:30-11:30	<b><u>Roundtable Meeting with Ghana Police Service</u></b> Meeting with high-ranking officials from the Ghana Police Service to discuss collaboration opportunities in surveillance, crime mapping, forensic analysis, and training programs	Ghana Police Headquarters
***Workshop Alternative Option***		



9:30-11:30	<p><b><u>Roundtable Meeting with Ghana Maritime Authority</u></b> Workshop with Ghana Maritime Authority on maritime security, led by Israeli experts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Topics: vessel tracking technologies, maritime surveillance systems, strategies to combat illegal fishing and piracy</li> <li>• Exchange of experiences and best practices between Israeli experts and Ghanaian counterparts</li> <li>• Identification of pilot projects to demonstrate the effectiveness of Israeli technologies in Ghana's maritime domain</li> </ul>	Maritime Authority Head office
12:00-13:00	Lunch on own	
14:00 – 16:00	<p><b><u>Roundtable Meeting with Ghana Armed Forces</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting with senior officials from the Ghana Armed Forces to discuss the terrorist threat in Ghana and potential collaboration opportunities</li> <li>• Presentation by the Israeli experts on counterterrorism strategies, intelligence gathering, and threat analysis techniques</li> <li>• Discussion on the specific challenges faced by Ghana in countering terrorism and identifying areas where Israeli expertise can be applied</li> </ul>	GAF Office
18:00 – 20:00	<b>Dinner Reception Hosted by the Ambassador Of Israel to Ghana at her Residence</b>	Residence of Ambassador
<b>Day 2 - Aug 22</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Location</b>
8:30-13:30	<p><b><u>Business Conference and B2B session</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conference with relevant Ghanaian government agencies and security stakeholders. Conference centered around Ghana's security landscape and discussions on specific challenges.</li> <li>• One-on-one meeting session, prescheduled and on spot.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Invitees</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Disaster Management Organization (NADMO)</li> <li>• National Ambulance Service</li> <li>• National Fire Service</li> <li>• Ghana Police Service</li> <li>• Ghana Armed Forces</li> <li>• Ministry of Finance</li> <li>• National Signals Bureau</li> <li>• CDD Ghana</li> <li>• National Centre for Coordination of Early Warning and</li> </ul>	TBD



	<p>Response Mechanism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ghana Maritime Authority</li> <li>• Ministry of Interior</li> <li>• Ministry of Defense</li> <li>• Ghana Airport Company Ltd</li> <li>• Inter-Agency Working Group</li> <li>• Defense and Interior Committee of Parliament</li> <li>• Cyber Security Authority</li> <li>• Private Security Companies</li> <li>• Security consultants</li> </ul>	
14:30-16:30	<p><b><u>Roundtable Meeting with Ghana Airport Company Limited</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting with officials from the Ghana Airport Company Limited (GACL) to discuss collaboration opportunities in airport security and related issues.</li> <li>• Presentation by the Israeli experts on international best practices in airport security, including passenger screening, baggage handling, and access control systems.</li> <li>• Discussion on the specific challenges faced by GACL in ensuring robust security measures at Ghana's airports.</li> </ul>	Ghana Airport Company Limited offices
19:00	<p>Departure to airport</p>  <p>The screenshot shows a flight from Accra Kotoka (ACC) at 10:00 pm to Nairobi Jomo Kenyatta Intl (NBO) at 6:40 am. It is an overnight flight on a Boeing 737-800 (winglets) in Economy class. The flight arrives on Wednesday, August 23.</p>	



## **Kenya**

The Israel Economic and Trade Mission in Nairobi is the operational-diplomatic arm of the Ministry of Economy in Kenya and provides a wide range of services to both Israeli companies and Kenyan Companies. These services include, allocating business opportunities for Israeli companies, organizing business delegations from Kenya to Israel, promoting Israeli exports and enhancing overall bilateral cooperation by promoting B2B meetings between both countries.

The Israel Economic and Trade Mission has organized for a delegation of Israeli HLS companies for a visit to Kenya to seek for collaborations and partnerships.

## **HLS Sector Overview**

### **Terrorism**

There is a heightened threat of terrorism, including terrorist kidnappings, across Kenya. The main terrorism threat is from extremists linked to Al Shabaab, a militant group in Somalia. Al Shabaab has issued public threats against Kenya due to Kenya's military intervention in Somalia. The Kenyan authorities have increased security to counter potential reprisal attacks by Al Shabaab. In particular, there are also frequent attacks in the north-eastern border regions (Lamu, Garissa, Wajir and Mandera Counties), most of which are attributed to Al Shabaab. These have killed members of the Kenyan security forces as well as civilians. Armed militia groups operate along the border with Somalia.

### **Cyber Crime Threats**

Kenyan businesses and individuals are increasingly having to contend with emerging online threats with the country, facing an average of one million online crimes reported every day. Malware is the leading threat in Kenya, followed by Botnet also known as a distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) came second, Web application attacks came a distant third. Between 2021 and 2022 cybersecurity attacks increased from 8.0 million in to 13.7 million in 2022 with hackers now setting sights on large organizations in Kenya such as government agencies and universities. According to recent reports eight of Kenya's ministries and government departments, including the presidential office, the National Intelligence Service, the National Treasury and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, were targeted over a three-year period.

### **Border Security Issues**

Landmines have been used in attacks around Moyale, close to the main A2 road south. Vehicles crossing the Kenya-Ethiopia border are attacked. There are some concerns about the lack of security arrangements in local airports. The airports are mainly used for domestic flights, including charters. There is need to strengthen comprehensive remote border area surveillance programs and technologies to increase border security challenges in Kenya.

### **Maritime Security**

The threat of piracy and armed robbery off the coast of Somalia, in the Gulf of Aden and Indian Ocean remains significant. Reports of attacks on local fishing dhows in the area around the Gulf of Aden and Horn of Africa continue. The combined threat assessment of the international Naval Counter Piracy Forces remains that all sailing yachts under their own passage should remain out of the designated High Risk Area or face the risk of being hijacked and held hostage for ransom.



**Cattle Rustling**

Rural areas, particularly in the north and north eastern parts of Kenya, occasionally experience cattle rustling, banditry and ethnic clashes. The Government of Kenya occasionally imposes a dusk-to-dawn curfew in parts of Turkana, West Pokot, Elgeyo Marakwet, Baringo, Laikipia, and Samburu counties to stem the cattle rustling.

**Crime**

Bag snatching is common in transport hubs like bus stations, railway stations and airports. Mugging, kidnapping, car-jacking and armed robbery occur regularly, particularly in Nairobi, Mombasa and other large cities. In Nairobi, risk of these crimes is higher. Although uncommon, incidents of violent crime and Gun attacks have been on the rise.

**Objectives of trip**

- Meet Key Kenyan HLS stakeholders and agencies
- Understand Kenya’s HLS needs and challenges and offer technologies solutions
- Undertake B2Bs to seek collaborations and partners in Kenya

**Partners**

- National Police Service Kenya
- Kenya Defence Forces
- National Kenya Computer Incident Response Team – Coordination Centre (National KE-CIRT/CC)
- Embassy of Israel in Kenya
- Protective Society Association of Kenya –PROSAK
- Private Security Industry Association-PSIA
- Private Security Regulatory Authority –PSRA

**Dates of Travel- 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> August**

**DRAFT Agenda / meetings for HLS Delegation**

Day 1 – Aug 23		
Time	Meeting	Location
	<p>22:00 (ACC) — 05h40m Direct — 06:40<sup>+1</sup> (NBO) Kenya Airways (KQ511) <a href="#">Show flight details</a></p>	



6:40	Arrival in Nairobi	
7:30 – 8:30	Transport to Hotel	
12:00-12:30	<b>Welcoming Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ambassador of Israel in Kenya</li> <li>• Israel Head of Economic Mission</li> <li>• IEI representative</li> </ul>	<a href="#">Nairobi Serena Hotel</a>
12:30-13:30	<b>Market Overview &amp; Presentations by:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Security Expert - TBC</li> <li>• Private Security Association – Prosak Association – Delaano Kiilu</li> <li>• Israeli Security Experts Panel – Dror Itzhaki   Moshe Zinuk   TBC</li> </ul>	<a href="#">Nairobi Serena Hotel</a>
13:30-14:30	<b>Networking Lunch</b> at the hotel with the panelists and the speakers	<a href="#">Nairobi Serena Hotel</a>
14:30-15:00	Travel to National Police Headquarters	
15:00-16:00	<b><u>Roundtable discussion with the NPS - National Police Service of Kenya:</u></b> Presentation by Israeli companies + Networking	NPS HQ
16:00-16:30	Travel to Hotel	
16:30-17:00	Free time to rest and get dressed at the hotel	
17:00-18:00	<b><u>Roundtable discussion with DOD – Department of Defense &amp; Kenya Defense Forces:</u></b> Presentation by Israeli companies + Networking at the hotel	<a href="#">Nairobi Serena Hotel</a>
18:00 –21:00	<b>Working Dinner Reception Hosted by Economic &amp; Trade Mission Graced by Permanent Secretary Interior Ministry and the Ambassador of Israel in Kenya</b>	<a href="#">Nairobi Serena Hotel</a>
<b>Day 2 - Aug 24</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Location</b>





8:30-10:00	<b>Power Business Breakfast + Business Seminar</b> in collaboration with PROSAK / KEPSA: Presentation by Israeli companies	
10:00-15:00	B2B meetings with stakeholders and integrators + Networking Lunch (13:00-14:00)	
15:00-16:00	Travel to the <a href="#">Giraffe Center</a> / Airport (for 18:00 flight)	
16:00-17:30	Visit at <a href="#">Giraffe Center</a>	

### Annex: Optional return flights Details

Departure · Thu, 24 Aug 248 kg CO<sub>2</sub> [Select flight](#) KES 99,470 ^

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- 18:00 · Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (NBO)
  - Travel time: 2 hrs
- 20:00 · Addis Ababa Bole International Airport (ADD)
  - Ethiopian · Economy · Boeing 787 · ET 319

3 hrs 55 min layover · Addis Ababa (ADD)

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- 23:55 · Addis Ababa Bole International Airport (ADD)
  - Travel time: 4 hrs 5 min · **Overnight** ▲
- 04:00\*<sup>1</sup> · Ben Gurion Airport (TLV)
  - Ethiopian · Economy · Boeing 737MAX 8 Passenger · ET 404

Departure · Thu, 24 Aug 419 kg CO<sub>2</sub> [Select flight](#) KES 120,525 ^

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- 22:45 · Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (NBO)
  - Travel time: 5 hrs 5 min · **Overnight** ▲
- 04:50\*<sup>1</sup> · Dubai International Airport (DXB)
  - Emirates · Economy · Boeing 777 · EK 722

3 hrs 25 min layover · Dubai (DXB) · **Overnight layover** ▲

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- 08:15\*<sup>1</sup> · Dubai International Airport (DXB)
  - Travel time: 3 hrs 10 min
- 10:25\*<sup>1</sup> · Ben Gurion Airport (TLV)
  - Emirates · Economy · Boeing 777 · EK 933