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Abstract

Because terror groups are targeting areas with a mass number of people, there is a high probability of experiencing an attack during the event of debate in Atlanta Chastain Park. The paper, therefore, seeks to address various issues concerning the security during the said day. Therefore, the federal government, as well as the state government, should play an important role in security matters during the event to ensure that the people are secure.

There are various federal government agencies that can be used to provide security. They are central intelligence agency (CIA), the Department of Defense (DOD) that includes the army, air force, marines, navy and National Guard. The federal can manage the security by the use of national special security event which is under the arm of United States Department of Homeland Security (Matthews, 2010). Through the use of all those agencies, the federal and the state government can ensure the safety as well as the security of those who are planning to attend the debate event since it is a national event.

Introduction

Considering terror groups target areas with a huge number of people, there are high chances of experiencing a terror attack in Atlanta Chastain Park during the debate event. As the risk analysts and senior security officer, I recommended various pertinent issues that should be given keen consideration by security agencies such as central intelligence agency (CIA), National Guard and the Department of Defense (DOD) among others in the event of an attack. I recommended that participants should be made aware of the likelihood of a potential attack and the various means of evacuation available in the facility. I also suggested that a risk analysis should be conducted on security personnel and the tools of trade to improve their preparedness and a thorough investigation of the park should be conducted before the event begins to reduce the chances associated with planted explosives. I also addressed security plans to counter terrorism strategy and the various pillars that should be addressed by the United Nations in order to curb terrorism. In this paper, being the officer in charge of security issues, I am going to carry out a scenario analysis of the location and the likelihood of experiencing an attack in order to ensure that the terrorists have no chances of disrupting the debate at Atlanta Chastain Park.

How does the terroristic act in your paper impact future prospects of terrorism whether by genetic engineering, cyber-terrorism, biological warfare, or any other weapons of mass destruction (WMD)?

With the rapid growth in technology over the past years, the cases of security attacks especially by terrorists have grown to a great extent. Although it is difficult to identify and prevent all security vulnerabilities, it is very important to analyze threats and prevent them effectively in order to protect the life of people and property. Being the senior security officer in the city of Atlanta and the security analyst at Atlanta Chastain Park, I will implement Security Risk Analysis (SRA) in order to identify and assess the likelihood of accidents and risks before and after they occur. This proactive approach will enable me to secure information and personnel management, to establish practical policies to safeguard the park from terror and to identify valuable data for estimation of risks in future (Levitin, G., & Hausken, 2010).

I will assess the various security requirements by defining the scope and boundaries of information available at the site. Then, I will carry out a risk analysis by identifying assets in the building, the likely threats such as explosives and vulnerabilities such as the people in the building to measure the risks of security. I will then classify the assets, vulnerabilities and threats to be able to ascertain the degree of vulnerability of each threat in order to carry out important risk mitigation measures. In order to reduce the chances of debate disruption in the event of a disaster or sabotage it is important to implement disaster recovery plans and physical security strategies. These strategies will enable me to protect people, systems, equipment, personal data, facilities at the park and organization’s assets. These assets will be protected by ensuring that the participants undergo thorough training to get tips for emergency response readiness (Miller, S., & Selgelid, 2008).

The property will undergo site redesign and layout to accommodate a large number of people and to make it easier to evacuate easily. Environmental components are of concern as well as intrusion detection in order to notify those present of the terror attack and the steps they should take to stay safe. In addition, to protect the building and participants from fire burns, I will ensure the installation of power and fire protection gadgets and personnel in the event of an explosion in the building or in the surroundings of the park.

I will also ensure that areas of concern are protected to prevent unauthorized access into the premises. This is because; the attacker can access entry into the park by tailgating, breaking through the door or by hacking into the access control smart cards. To protect these threats against physical intrusion, I will install alarm backup systems, physical intrusion detection systems and man traps. Terrorists’ familiarity with technology makes it easy for them to resort to cyber-attacks thus reducing the privacy of significant information on information systems and on laptops. They are using computer technology to perform terrorist actions such as misinformation, intelligence gathering, information gathering and communication (Moore, W., Bakker, R., & Hill, 2011). To protect vital information on laptops, tablets and mobile phones that would provide access to the attackers, I will ensure the use of cable locks and RFID systems in the premises. I will cooperate with the security agencies as well as the private sector to build an information sharing forum in order to protect the information infrastructure. With the cooperation of the government, we will increase R &D investments in the computer security to protect information and reduce the chances of cyber terrorism.

Changes in motives among terrorists groups have changed their structure and mode of attack. Records show that most of these groups prefer to use conventional weapons and guns although others opt for mass casualties. They use biological and chemical weapons such as gas attack to increase their targets, to attract attention or increase psychological impact on the victims and others (Miller, 2018).  To mitigate the probability of such an attack, I will employ both active and passive measures of defense. Together with the government and security agencies, I will ensure the use of missiles to prevent the aircrafts carrying the weapons of mass destruction from reaching the park. I will employ the use of intelligence security services to assess the potential threat, detect it, warn those present at the park, provide protective gadgets and inform them of the method they can use to reduce the impact of the attack. To ensure the safety of victims, I will ensure that medical practitioners are made aware in order to avail themselves to decontaminate those affected and carry out the required medical measures.

Moral and ethical implications of the use of this type of WMD destruction

Traditionally, weapons of massive destructions such as nuclear, chemical and biological weapons have been employed to achieve various political and personal intentions. Although the possession of various chemical and biological weapons is outlawed by the international treaty, the possession of nuclear weapons is not outlawed as they come with legal status although their use has various legal restrictions (O'Neil, 2016). Some of the other WMD weapons used include ballistic missiles, missile technology and radiological materials.

These WMD have occupied a central position in international politics and they have the potential for large scale destruction in an indiscriminate nature. These weapons act as unprecedented challenges to security and peace in the world. The use of any WMD by one country makes it easier for other countries to respond thus resulting in war and increased crimes. Although these weapons act as defensive mechanisms for many nations, their impact on human and biodiversity is intense. In addition to the dangers associated with stocking of weapons of mass destruction, the spread of these weapons and the consequential technologies increases the chances of developing black-market sales which increases insecurity (Joyner, 2009).

Conclusion

To promote security and safety of facilities at Atlanta Chastain Park, it will be necessary to prepare the public and private sectors to respond to possible attack. Therefore, I will strengthen intelligence services to prevent likely terrorist attacks at the park by selecting and authorizing the use of electronic surveillance and physical searches in the facility. I will employ counter-terrorism agencies who will be able to extract information from modern communication facilities and computer networks and inform us beforehand in order to get prepared. I will implement strategies to minimize loss of life if the terrorists decide to use biological or chemical agents at the park. If the attacks occur, I will work with the government to ensure that they are brought to justice without striking deals or making concessions.

To manage the consequences of the terrorist attacks, I will ensure the presence of trained and equipped personnel such as fire-fighters, public health and police who will work together to consolidate their efforts. In the case of a biological agent attack, I will notify the public health sector to engage their response to the earliest symptoms of attack. In the premises, I will ensure that public service announcement facilities are in good condition in order to notify the public of the nature of attack to help minimize exposure and where they can seek treatment or counseling. This will help to keep the crowd contained, to prevent them from panicking and getting out of the premises which would expose others to the attack (O'Day, 2004).  Moreover, I will ensure the implementation of information detection devices such as high-speed plasma limiters to detect and counter biological and chemical attacks. Lastly, considering weapons of mass destruction have adverse effects on human livelihood, their use should be controlled and mitigated.

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