



FORCE PROTECTION

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Force protection for [foreign internal defense](#) (FID) applies to deployed operational units supporting host-nation [internal defense and development](#) programs. Commanders exercise force protection to ensure the defense and survival of US personnel, facilities, [command and control](#) structures, and weapon systems. Specific force protection guidance is contained in AFDP 3-10, [Force Protection](#).

FID training and advisory teams often deploy to locations where there is no other US military presence. Commanders should, commensurate with the estimated threat level, ensure that force protection personnel deploy as an integral part of the team. These teams are typically small. Force protection personnel should be prepared to conduct threat, criticality, vulnerability, and risk assessments and make recommendations to the commander for risk management. They should also provide some measure of force protection for the deployed team. Indigenous security force personnel may augment the US team's force protection effort and provide security for their own forces and resources. The early integration of [host nation](#) security forces into the FID operating environment should be a priority consideration. In-country training and advisory FID teams should possess a robust blue-force tracking capability, or similar capability.
