

## **SECURITY AND SAFETY SIG**



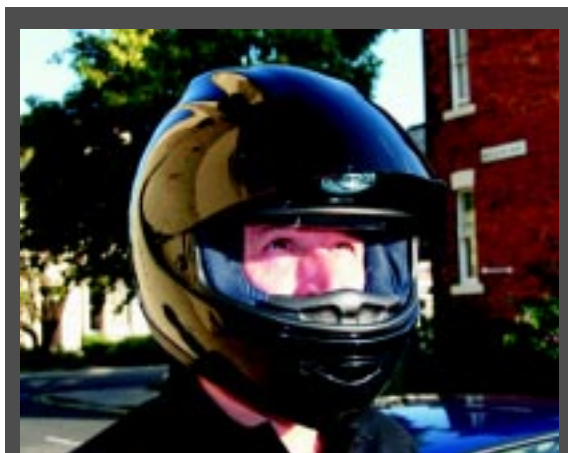
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A look back over the last 9 months shows just how quickly situations can change. Recent events, together with decisions taken by governments continue to have an impact on both our lives and the fortunes of our companies. Those looking forward to plan for the future, whether it is for personal goals or corporate success face additional challenges not anticipated in January. Inevitably, it is a matter of choice. As individuals, we make a personal choice to live and work here in the Kingdom. Likewise, companies must also review their objectives and choose how they will continue to operate in an environment where security is now a much more serious concern.

When the Security and Safety SIG was launched at the British Embassy earlier this year, the aim was ***“to provide a forum to review and debate security and safety issues and share best practices across the British business community in Riyadh”***. The aim remains valid but it can only be fulfilled if there is active participation from the business community. Security practitioners are busier than ever and are

dealing with security issues not only at the companies where you work, but also at the homes where you live and at the schools attended by your children. The choices made by security managers will often have an impact on your lives. So, those choices should be informed. A price is often put on information, particularly if supplied by consultants. What the Security and Safety SIG can do is act as one source of security information at the cost of only your time.

Meetings this year chaired by Gordon Blackwood and myself have covered *“Security Risk Assessment”* and topically *“Compound Security”*. Gordon has moved on to chair the Business Development Committee and has nominated Jonathon Tedd of Group 4 Nesma as the Deputy Chairman, with me assuming Gordon’s previous role. Further meetings are planned for the remainder of the year for those who have either expressed an interest in participating, or for those who wish to make a more informed choice.



Mirror image: the world’s first motorsport helmet with a built-in, unbreakable rear-view mirror system has been developed by Reevu, based in the UK. The company says there are also potential applications for the helmet in skiing, horse riding and for security, fire and rescue and police work.

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## **LIGHT ENGINEERING:**

The yellow plastic GloTorch technology can glow in the dark for more than eight hours, after just 10 minutes’ exposure to a light source. It was developed by UK firm DualGlo and enables users to find it easily as it glows in the dark during emergencies such as power cuts.

The new colours glow up to seven times brighter than old style materials, and unlike previous technology, the luminous DualGlo materials are added to the manufactured goods during production, so are part of the product, rather than a surface coating.

DualGlo materials can now be used in a wide variety of materials, from plastics to printing inks, providing bright daylight colours (yellow, green, blue, pink and white) all of which glow in the dark for up to 20 hours after each exposure to a few minutes of light.

The technology is currently being added to machine washable textiles that will be used in a wide variety of fashion, safety, sporting and military applications. Chubb Fire, the UK’s leading fire protection company, has recently launched a product using DualGlo material. The Pinpoint is a photoluminescent fire extinguisher pin and OK indicator that can be fitted to all the handles of its fire extinguishers.

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