

“Security Planning is the Key” says General Manager of Logan’s LTD

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Maritime crime incidents in Italy are on the rise, drugs and alien smuggling continuously occur, and the possibility for a terror incident to occur is no more a fairy tale. Maritime ports are aware of the negative effects and financial implications that can result, and are gradually rethinking how to maximize protection for their port facilities and personnel. Anyhow, the new International ISPS Code 2002 for Maritime Security obliges them to do so. It all starts with Proper Security Planning.

Ex-General Giuseppe Falconi, a senior security advisor at Logan’s LTD is stressing that “Time is running out for Ports and Maritime Companies to comply with recently introduced ISPS Code regulations.” According to General Falconi, all ports and maritime companies must implement security plans, designate security officers and train security personnel prior to July 2004; “all Italian ports and ship owners need to roll-up their sleeves and amplify their efforts, not solely to conform to the new regulations, but mainly to protect our waterways and mainland.”



Italian Port Authorities gradually recognize the importance of having effective security measures for their Port Facilities in order to deter acts of crime and terror. According to Mrs. Nicole Touati, GM of Logan’s LTD, a leading Security Organization, several ports in Italy have realized the possible occurrence of terrorism related activities along the vast coastline of the country, and intend to enhance their efforts in developing and implementing effective security measures within their ports.

Threats of possible terrorist attacks against the US, UK Italy and Spain, as recently declared by Osama Bin Laden, reinforced the growing fear and acknowledgement that Italian ports today are substantially vulnerable, and present an easy venue for potential terrorists into the European continent. Consequently, many port authorities have committed substantial attention and resources in order to establish valuable port security systems.

Mrs. Touati stresses the significance of preliminary analysis and planning prior to using up any investment on security measures, equipment or technology; “... a proper plan, based on professional security analysis, will generate an effective port security system, clear security policies and procedures and optimal integration of all port security measures. More importantly however, a competent security plan ensures a minimum disturbance and disruption to the port operational and logistical activities, and a maximum security within the port’s budgetary constraints”; “As our past security projects have attested, both in Europe and in the US, professional planning maximizes protection, improve operations and saves money.”