

Askar Security Services response to Global Policy Forum report on UN use of private military & security companies

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Business & Human Rights Resource Centre invited to respond to the following items:

- [PDF] [Contracting Insecurity- Private military and security companies and the future of the United Nations](#), Lou Pinget, Global Policy Forum, Feb 2014

Askar Security Services sent us the following response.

Reference is made to your e-mail relating to the report published by Global Policy Forum in which several allegations were made against our Managing Director and Askar Security Operations in Iraq and certainly our contract with UN peace Keeping mission in DRC,we would like to respond as below;

-UN peace keeping mission in DRC(MONUSCO) hired Askar Security based on Askar Security's competency and the fact that we met their procurement requirements.With increasing global terror risk,UN was looking out for a competent and experienced global company and we exceedingly met that requirement,so it's absolutely unfair to insinuate that our success locally and internationally has to do with our Managing Director's relations with the first family,it's purely based on our principled performance and commitment to our values.

-Askar Security Services has never worked or had a working relationship with SOC-SMG, it would be prudent if Global Policy could prove to you the documented allegation of exploitation of guards under the said NON-Existing contract.

-ASKAR Security Services has never contracted any guard or Security personnel to work in Iraq,Afghanistan,Somalia or any international assignment at a rate of \$400. We are more than willing to provide proof,if only you can visit our offices and we avail all the contracts we signed with our personnel on international assignments.

-If you can provide the specifics of the interviewee mentioned by Global Policy on the allegations specifically made against our managing director,we will provide you a copy of his or her contract with ASKAR Security services.