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Country evacuations can take place due to political unrest or environmental threats. There are some important steps that can be taken to manage such a situation beforehand. Start planning as the 'alert state' moves upwards.

ALERT STATES

ALERT STATE 1	ALERT STATE 2	ALERT STATE 3	ALERT STATE 4
Crop failure	Serious famine	Mass starvation	
Epidemic in neighbouring state	Epidemic in country	Major epidemic	
Economic problems			
Labour unrest Student demonstrations Political agitation	National strike Civil unrest/rioting Breakdown of essential services	Prolonged national strike Paralysis of essential services	Anarchy
Political instability	Coup d'état	Hostile dictatorship	Wrongful detention of foreign personnel
Border disputes	Border skirmishes	Border fighting	Invasion
Isolated terrorist action	Effective terrorist action	Major terrorist campaign	Civil war
Threats against foreign nationals, businesses	Terrorist action against foreign nationals, businesses		
Cooling in diplomatic relations	Severing of diplomatic relations	Hostile diplomatic relations	Seizure of foreign businesses
Threat of Nationalisation	Nationalisation of foreign businesses		
Local armed conflict	Regional armed conflict	Spread of regional conflict	Major conflict
Policies disagreeable to the international community	Imposition of international sanctions	Serious shortage of essential commodities	

PREPARATION

Local management should:

- Continually monitor developments in the country.
- Alert the Incident Response Team if the situation deteriorates to such an extent that preparations for evacuation need to be considered.
- Ensure that all staff have current travel documents (e.g. passport/visa) readily available.
- Maintain a list of all consulate/embassy locations and contact details relevant to staff nationalities.
- Maintain details of transport services and agencies.
- Keep adequate backups of all data and records.

EVACUATION

- Invoke the incident Response Team.
- Discuss travel plans with 'security advisor'.
- Notify and agree plans with staff.
- Make arrangements to lock down the premises.
- If time, shred any confidential documents.
- If possible use 'appointed' travel agents.
- Seek further advice from consulate/embassy.

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