



AKE Pioneering Media Safety since the 1990's

Based on his analyses of the risks and dangers to which journalists in the Balkan wars of the nineties were exposed, Andrew Kain, founder of AKE and former instructor of the British SAS, developed special security procedures for media organisations operating in crisis and war zones. These procedures have significantly helped to minimize risks, and they have now become industry standard for insurers at Lloyd's of London and for major media organisations such as CNN, Fox News, and the BBC. AKE Germany began its operations during the 2011 Arab Spring and today provides essential services for global media companies, NGOs and corporate clients worldwide.

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AKE Identifies the Team that fits to your Task

Drawing on a network of experienced, industry-leading senior consultants who have extensive training, specialist skills, and medical expertise, AKE works with clients to allow them to achieve their aims in a safe, secure and timely manner. The intelligence team provides additional information to consultants operating in volatile areas, while established relationships with local partners enable journalists to reach the places where they want to go to tell the urgent stories that need telling.

A Portfolio of comprehensive critical services

- Development and implementation of robust security policies and procedures
- Analytical risk assessments, BCM, evacuations, and crisis management
- Tailored online or in-person safety training
- Advanced medical trauma training

- NBC and virus protection training and procedures
- Round-the-clock risk monitoring and tracking
- Recruitment of local staff while maintaining due diligence
- Trauma Risk Mitigation debriefings

SRS Security Risk Specialists

AKE's team of renowned Security Risk Specialists and Media Safety Advisors draw on their extensive experience working with media groups in disaster, crisis and war zones, as well as their considerable expertise embedding with media groups, forming close relationships to deliver a range of dynamic services to guarantee the smooth running of media operations. The services that AKE provides includes assembling operational teams, securing native-speaking drivers and fixers, organizing the use of vehicles, and preparing risk analytics to ensure optimal execution of media coverage, such as shooting footage and conducting interviews in high-risk environments. Advisors are

available for media clients on a round-the-clock basis, allowing them to respond efficiently and decisively to any short-term or longer-term developments.

Benefit from a trusted network of partners

- Translators, fixers, drivers, and paramedics
- Local security partners
- Aviation and ground logistics
- Satellite communications systems and GPS tracking
- Charter and evacuation flights
- Digital risk monitoring, alerts, and surveillance
- Insurance



First into action in Afghanistan and Ukraine

In Afghanistan, AKE supported some of the last few remaining journalists who were reporting from Kabul, guaranteeing the safe evacuation of local staff and families of media corporations. Afterwards, AKE worked with some of the first journalists returning to Afghanistan after the Taliban's takeover.



In Ukraine, February 2022, these rigorous procedures and resilient relationships allowed AKE to utilise a local network, working with partners who have direct contacts in ministerial offices in Kyiv, helping to provide solutions for border crossings, securing accreditations, navigating checkpoints and arranging frontline news gathering.

Enabling reporting from hostile regions

- since 2001, still operational in Afghanistan
- 2002–2012 Iraq, including guest house in Baghdad
- 2011 Arab Spring in Egypt, Libya, ...
- 2013–2014 Nigeria, North and South West
- since 2014 in Ukraine countrywide, frontline visits, VIP interviews
- 2014 Yemen Tracking and monitoring of a TV-team
- 2015 Turkey and borderlands to Syria and Iraq
- 2015 Vanuatu, natural disaster reporting after Cyclone
- 2016 Iraq battle for Mosul
- 2020 Nagorno-Karabakh war in Armenia/ Azerbaijan

Intelligence that mitigates risk and tells stories

- 2014–22 Ukraine risk monitoring & analysis
- 2015 France post Charly Hebdo terror attack in Paris, TV studio building
- 2015 Syria and Lebanon, route, hotel and interview location
- 2016 Iraq, Baghdad, hotel and interview location for TV team
- 2017 Post coup situation in Harare, Zimbabwe, for TV-team
- 2018 Ivory Coast, sites for training courses of local journalists
- 2018 Ethiopia capital risk assessment
- 2022 Ukraine, risk of encirclement in Kyiv
- 2022 Ukraine medevac routes/services
- 2022 Yemen, Syria, Nagorno Karabakh
- 2022 Reporting from Iran or its borders
- 2020-23 Sahel, risk assessments after military coups

Tailor made trainings to report from everywhere

- Survival Hostile Regions – HEAT-Training for media clients
- Media Safety Consultancy Training for our own staff
- 2015 Kenya, Nairobi, NBC/Pandemic for reporting from Ebola affected countries
- 2018 Russia + 2022 Qatar media safety and mobile cyber security for sports journalists
- since 2022 Ukraine, HEAT refresher trainings and online briefings

Evacuation & Crisis Management

- 2014 from combat zone at Donetsk airport
- 2015 from Burkina Faso after coup, cooperation with French Legion
- 2015 Syrian border medevac (food poisoning) from Syrian
- 2021 Foreign journalists and their local colleagues' families from Kabul 2021
- 2022 from Ukraine, air raid traumatized journalists

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„He is among the most professional security advisors that I have worked with in my decade plus covering war zones. He blends in with the team and manages to maintain calm under stressful and potentially dangerous situations, fully understands what we need to accomplish as a news crew and does everything to facilitate, and treats our local team members with respect. He is news savvy, stays across storylines. I highly recommend him not just as a security advisor but as an asset to any team.“

Correspondent about SRS in Iraq

To assure the integrity of your journalists and enable them to get stories others won't tell, do not hesitate to contact us for an initial meeting or video conference.

In an emergency just call our 24/7 OPS
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SRS giving situation briefing to a TV team at the frontline in Southern Ukraine

Enabling stories by mitigating risks for journalists

In a more interconnected world than ever, with unpredictable upheaval and conflict, reporting from crisis and war zones is a challenge and a necessity for understanding, opinion-forming and democratic decision-making.

We have successfully enabled the media to work in difficult and hostile environments for more than a decade with many foreign and war correspondents from different countries.

Thanks to calls for help from war correspondents who alerted us to people in need, we have also been able to help and evacuate civilians from war zones such as Afghanistan and Ukraine.

Therefore, we are pleased to be a partner of the **30th Bayeux Calvados-Normandy Award for War Correspondents** in 2023, which honours outstanding achievements of journalists and those who have unfortunately paid the ultimate price for their reporting from the front lines of Ukraine and other conflict zones.

To enable your story and safety, contact us here

