**Listening Exercise 120**

Interview, Security 4

1 minute 15 seconds

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Guidelines:

A. Review the questions

C. Listen to the audio twice (double click the WMA audio icon)

D. Answer the questions

F. Refer to the answers and transcript to confirm your responses and gauge understanding

G. Listen to the audio again while simultaneously reading the audio transcript.



**Questions**

1. What seeming contradiction does the interviewer point out?
   1. Terrorists attack everyday people and not the government
   2. The government arrests citizens but not terrorists
   3. Transportation means used by government workers are targets
   4. Government centers are a focus of terrorist action
2. Which is the preferred target of terrorists?
   1. Banks
   2. Government buildings
   3. Airlines
   4. Symbols
3. Which is criteria for target selection by terrorists? Choose all that apply.
   1. Maximum news coverage
   2. Very important individuals
   3. Multiply effects of fear
   4. Greates number of casualties
4. Which analogy describes the effects of terrorism on the political system?
   1. Large explosion
   2. Compromise agreement
   3. Tearing down an old building
   4. blackmail

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| Profesor Sepúlveda, al parecer ahora, y corríjame si estoy equivocada, por favor, pero pareciera ser que los radicales, los extremistas, están enfocando sus ataques contra los ciudadanos, contra la población, ataquen aeropuertos, terminales ferroviarias, o sistemas de metro, pero no así en contra de los intereses del estado, lugares donde funcione el gobierno. | Professor Sepulveda, apparently now, and correct me if I'm wrong, please, but it seems that radical extremists are focusing their attacks against citizens, against the population, attacking airports, railway terminals, or subway systems but don’t do this against state interests, where government works. |
| Sí, el terrorismo fundamentalmente golpea a símbolos. Golpea a elementos que multipliquen el carácter… meramente puntual de su actuación. No importa tanto que sea alguien muy singular, cuánto el número de víctimas. No importa tanto que abarque un área determinada, como el carácter de en… de esa área. Donde actúan, bueno, actúan donde realmente puedan encontrar un número de víctimas lo suficientemente grande como para causar una letalidad que aparezca multiplicada en los medios de comunicación y así extender el terror, el pavor, el dolor a toda la sociedad. Los terroristas fundamentalmente buscan… es chantajear a los poderes políticos a través del daño que causen en la sociedad. | Yes, terrorism strikes primarily symbols. It attacks elements that multiply effects… timing their actions precisely. It doesn’t matter much that it is someone important, but how big the number of victims. It doesn’t much matter that it involves a certain area, but the nature of the area. Where they act, well, really, they act where they can find a number of victims large enough to cause death that appears multiplied in the media and thus extend the terror, fear, pain throughout society. Primarily terrorists seek to… blackmail political powers using the damage they cause in society. |

**Vocabulary**

ferroviaria Railway

metro subway, light rail

meramente precisely, exactly

abarcar encompass

medios de comunicación news media

pavor dread

chantajear blackmail