TOP THREE DEVELOPMENTS IN 2016

- Spike in maritime kidnapping in the Gulf of Guinea
- The Abu Sayyaf Group increasingly targeted foreigners in the Sulu Sea
- The Americas overtook Asia Pacific as the world’s primary kidnap region

KIDNAPS BY REGION AND PERPETRATORS

- **Region**
  - Americas: 40%
  - Asia Pacific: 31%
  - MENA: 18%
  - Sub-Saharan Africa: 15%
  - Europe & CIS: 7%
- **Perpetrators**
  - Criminals: 6%
  - Islamist terrorists: 8%
  - Other armed groups: 26%

KIDNAP DURATION

- 81% of kidnaps lasted less than one week
- 50% of cases lasting less than one week were in the Americas
- 4% of kidnaps lasted longer than four weeks
- ~1,900 days was the longest recorded case to end in 2016

FOREIGN NATIONALS

- 5% of all victims were foreign nationals
- 86% of all foreign national victims were in Asia Pacific, Sub-Saharan Africa and MENA
- 66% of foreign victims were expatriates
- 34% of foreign victims were travellers