Domestic and International Terrorism

Although incidents of this type date from about the commencement of the industrial revolution, to a much greater extent from about the start of the twenty-first century, another dimension of the external domain that warrants concern for some projects is domestic and international terrorism. Particularly, larger enterprises engaged in production of strategic resources can be targets of extremists bent on acquiring political control in the economic sphere. Targeting and vulnerability depend to some extent on the geopolitical alignment of the host government, but no enterprise is completely immune. In the project design, assessment of vulnerability and any necessary countermeasures should be included, first and foremost an assessment of risk by a knowledgeable expert in the field if that is warranted. Part of the strategic plan would include prevention strategies to minimize or eliminate vulnerabilities. The project plan would also include policies and procedures, both to preclude and to respond to attacks. Personnel would have to be trained to identify potential hazards and respond appropriately in case of emergencies. Coordination with suppliers and clients to alert them to alternative procedures in case of interruption in normal operations would serve to ease the process of recovery.