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**Kidnap for Ransom of ADF personnel
- a vulnerability for the ADF and the Australian
government?**

For more than 40 years, experienced and reputable K&R/E response consultancies, primarily operating out of the UK, have advised clients on how to negotiate the release of kidnap victims safely, in a timely manner, and for an appropriate ransom sum. Warwick will argue that government agencies, restricted by ill-considered and inflexible government policy, impenetrable layers of hierarchy, multiple decision-makers, crass politics and inexperience, ignorance and fear, are inherently unable to achieve success in this area.

Where various governments have failed in various ways with regard to civilian hostages, the ADF will face greater challenges in the event an Australian soldier, sailor or airman is kidnapped, or otherwise held hostage by terrorist groups or other asymmetric actors.

This lecture will give a compelling insight into proper and appropriate response to kidnap for ransom.



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**Thursday
17 May 2018**

SESSION ONE

Time: 1230 - 1330

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SESSION TWO

Time: 1730 - 1900

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