

**Assessment of the role private security companies in crime prevention in Tanzania**

**A case of Kinondoni District**

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Services of private security companies became increasingly available in the 1990s during the world economic change accompanied by the end of the Cold War. The collapse of the Soviet Union left out military experts and availability of Weapons stimulating ex-soldiers to establish PSCs as means of survival .This trend gained momentum from 1990, eventually came to be practiced in other part of the world, including Tanzania. The PSCs came into assistances of police in crime preventing in Tanzania especially for the propertied clientele who could afford the associated costs of security services. Specifically this study focused on the strategies applied by PSCs in crime prevention in Kinondoni, district the effectiveness of the strategies employed by PSCs in crime prevention and the challenges which the PSCs face in crime prevention. The data were collected from primary and secondary sources. Primary data were obtained by interviewing security guards clients of PSCs, official of PSCs and police officers .The secondary data was obtained by interviewing security guards clients of PSCs, officials of PSCs and police officers. The secondary data was obtained by reviewing. Written reports and other materials such as books, dissertations, journals and articles relevant to the study. Strategies applied by PSCs are a product of advanced technology including secret alarm button installed in each guarded station which basically when clicked sent information to main command room Which will direct a quick responder vehicle to the area . The police will be informed immediately for legal action as well. The study also found that mutual cooperation between the police Force and PSCs was healthy and effective. Among the challenges is low level of motivation to guards. Guards are relatively poorly paid without health insurance food, incentives and promotion. The study recommends for government to monitor the entire operation of PSCs in the country especially to make sure they operate according to laws of country.