



# Fact Sheet



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## Fighting crime off-shore through AFP's International Network

### Background

The AFP's international network spans 32 cities in 26 countries and forms the backbone of the organisation's offshore crime-prevention strategy.

Representing Australian law enforcement interests, the AFP's international liaison officers establish vital relationships with law enforcement agencies overseas. These partnerships have proven to be vital in fighting transnational crime trends.

### Role

The first international undertaking for Australian law enforcement began 31 years ago, when a Federal Bureau of Narcotics liaison officer was posted to Malaysia. This post became part of the AFP when it was established in 1979. Mirroring the growth in transactional crime, the international network has expanded rapidly since then, with an initial focus on Asia broadening to major centres around the world.

Over the past 25 years, the role of AFP overseas liaison officers has also broadened from drug trafficking investigations to include other transnational crimes such as money laundering, fraud, child sex tourism, identity crime and terrorism.

Liaison officers promote greater information and intelligence sharing with their overseas colleagues, and report on crime trends and developments in law enforcement including research, training, operations and policing methodology.

### Locations

Bali (opened 2003)	Kuala Lumpur (opened—1973)
Bangkok (opened 1977)	London (opened—1986)
Beijing (opened 1999)	Los Angeles (1982)
Beirut (opened 2001)	Lyon (opened—1991)
Belgrade (opened 2002)	Manila (opened—1984)
Bogota (opened 2000)	New York (opened—2003)
Brasilia (opened 2002)	Nicosia (1992—2001)
Buenos Aires (1989—2002)	Phnom Penh (opened—2001)
Chiang Mail (1990—1996, reopened 2002)	Port Moresby (opened—1994)
Dili (opened 2002)	Port Vila (opened—2000)
Dubai (opened—2002)	Rangoon (opened—2000)
Hanoi (opened—1998)	Rome (1990—2002)
Ho Chi Min City (opened—2002)	Singapore (opened—1985)
Hong Kong (opened—1984)	Suva (opened—2002)

Honiara (opened–2001)  
Honolulu (1986–1993)  
Islamabad (opened–1994)  
Jakarta (1977–1987, reopened 1992)

The Hague (opened–2000)  
Washington (opened–1983)  
Wellington (1984–1993)

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