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## International Offices

Crime and terror have a global reach. And so do we.

For more than eight decades, the FBI has stationed special agents and other personnel overseas. We help protect Americans back home by building relationships with principal law enforcement, intelligence, and security services around the globe. Now, at a time when virtually all major FBI investigations have a significant international nexus, these partnerships have never been more crucial.

Our legal attaché offices—commonly known as legats—and sub-offices are located in key cities around the globe and provide coverage for more than 180 countries, territories, and islands. About 250 special agents and support personnel are stationed in FBI legats worldwide.



# International Operations

Our legal attaché program is managed by the International Operations Division at FBI Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Through the legal attaché program and other efforts, the International Operations Division serves as a bridge to our overseas partners and a conduit for strengthening the global rule of law. It regularly works through elements of the international law enforcement community such as Interpol and Europol and numerous working groups, task forces, and training initiatives.

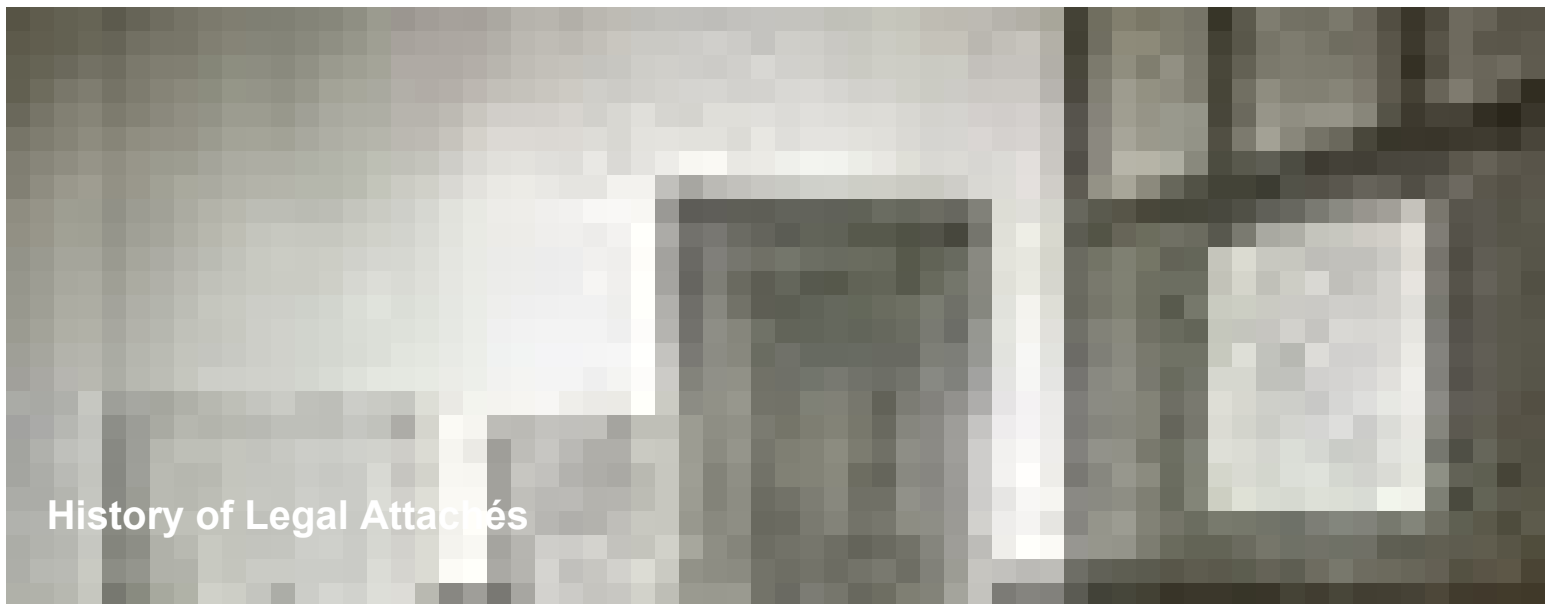
The office coordinates meetings with international leaders and keeps in close contact with other federal agencies, foreign police, and security officers in Washington, D.C., and national and international law enforcement associations.

## Authorities and Jurisdiction

A number of U.S. federal laws give the FBI authority to investigate extraterritorial criminal and terrorist activity. The FBI, however, conducts investigations abroad only when invited by the host country. In most cases, our international partners gather evidence and make arrests on behalf of, or in close cooperation with, the Bureau.

Each legat is established through mutual agreement with the host country and is located in that nation's U.S. embassy or consulate. FBI personnel abroad serve under the authority of the Department of State, chief of mission at U.S. embassies, at the pleasure of ambassadors and host country governments.

International liaison and information sharing are conducted in accordance with executive orders, laws, treaties, attorney general guidelines, FBI policies, and interagency agreements.



## The Role of the Legal Attaché Agent

The FBI agent who heads an international office is also called a legal attaché or legat. They serve as the FBI Director's personal representative in the country where they have regional responsibilities.

Legal attachés are experienced, highly trained investigators who work directly and openly with their international colleagues. They do not conduct foreign intelligence gathering or counterintelligence investigations. Most legal attachés are supported by a deputy or assistant legal attaché and other staff.

Typical duties of a legal attaché include:

- coordinating requests for FBI or host country assistance overseas
- conducting investigations in coordination with the host government
- sharing investigative leads and information
- coordinating FBI training classes for police in their geographic areas
- briefing embassy counterparts from other agencies, including law enforcement agencies and ambassadors
- managing country clearances
- providing situation reports concerning cultural protocol
- assessing political and security climates
- coordinating victim and humanitarian assistance

## How Legal Attaché Offices Help Protect Our Nation

- **Relationship Building:** Since FBI agents do not have traditional law enforcement powers overseas, they must rely on strong, mutually beneficial relationships with their foreign counterparts. Legal attachés maintain regular, often face-to-face contact with foreign officials and security agencies that enables the prompt and continuous exchange of information and reciprocal assistance in investigations. Legal attachés also provide critical and timely support in the defense of our homeland through direct coordination with the Department of Justice, the Department of State, Interpol, and other law enforcement and security entities.
- **Physical Proximity:** Legal attachés are positioned to enable agents to reach virtually anywhere in the world in a few hours, allowing the FBI to respond more quickly and effectively to terrorist attacks, cyber crime, fugitive sightings, crisis situations, natural disasters, and other global security matters.
- **Training/Rule of Law:** Through [international training facilitated by legal attachés](#), the FBI provides foreign law enforcement officers with skills in both basic and advanced investigative techniques and principles that promote cooperation and aid in the collection of evidence. These efforts help create more capable and democratic police institutions around the world, strengthening the global rule of law. Funded by the Department of State or Department of Defense, significant training programs include the International Law Enforcement Academies in Budapest, Hungary; Bangkok, Thailand; Gaborone, Botswana; and San Salvador, El Salvador, as well as bilateral training programs targeting anti-terrorism, weapons of mass destruction, and terrorist financing.
- **Detection and Prevention:** By keeping their fingers on the pulse of criminal activity, national security threats, and emerging trends in the nations and regions they serve, legal attachés function as an early warning system to help keep crime and terrorism from reaching our shores.

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## Africa

### **Abuja, Nigeria**

American Embassy: 011-234-9-461-4000

Nations covered: Benin, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Nigeria

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### **Lagos, Nigeria Suboffice**

American Consulate: 011-234-1-460-3400

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### **Accra, Ghana**

American Embassy: 011-233-30-2741-000

Nations covered: Burkina Faso, Ghana, Togo

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### **Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

American Embassy: 011-251-11-130-6000

Nations covered: Djibouti, Ethiopia, Eritrea, South Sudan, Sudan

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### **Dakar, Senegal**

American Embassy: 011-221-33-879-4000

Nations covered: Cape Verde, Cote D'Ivoire, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, The Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Senegal, Sao Tome' and Principe, Sierra Leone

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### **Nairobi, Kenya**

American Embassy: 011-254-20-363-6000

Nations covered: Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Somalia, Tanzania, Uganda

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### **Pretoria, South Africa**

American Embassy: 011-27-12-431-4000

Nations covered: Angola, Botswana, Comoros, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mayotte (French Territory), Mozambique, Namibia, Reunion (French Territory), Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, Zimbabwe

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### **Rabat, Morocco**

American Embassy: 011-212-537-762-265

Nations covered: Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Western Sahara

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### **Tunis, Tunisia**

American Embassy: 011-216-71-107-000

Nations covered: Algeria, Libya, Niger, Tunisia

### **Niamey, Niger Suboffice**

American Embassy: 011-277-20-72-26-61

## **Americas**

### **Bogota, Colombia**

American Embassy: 011-571-275-2000

Nations covered: Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela

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### **Brasilia, Brazil**

American Embassy: 011-55-61-3312-7000

011-55-61-3312-7400 (after hours)

Nation covered: Brazil

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### **Bridgetown, Barbados**

American Embassy: 1-246-436-4950

Nations covered: Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Dominica, French Guiana, French West Indies, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Guyana, Martinique, Montserrat, Nassau (Islands of St. Barthelemy and French St. Martin), Netherland Antilles (islands of Bonaire and Curacao, Saba, St. Eustatius, and Dutch St. Maarten), St. Christopher, St. Kitts/Nevis (British West Indies), St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos

### **Nassau, Bahamas Suboffice**

American Consulate: 1-242-322-1181

### **Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago**

American Embassy: 1-868-622-6371

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## **Buenos Aires, Argentina**

American Embassy: 011-5411-5777-4300

Nations covered: Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay

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## **Mexico City, Mexico**

American Embassy: 011-52-55-5080-2000

Nation covered: Mexico

## **Hermosillo Suboffice**

American Consulate: 011-52-662-289-3500

## **Guadalajara Suboffice**

American Consulate: 011-52-33-3268-2100

## **Juarez Suboffice**

American Consulate: 011-52-656-227-3000

## **Monterrey Suboffice**

American Consulate: 011-52-81-8047-3100

## **Tijuana Suboffice**

American Consulate: 011-52-664-977-2000

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## **Ottawa, Canada**

American Embassy: 1-613-238-5335

Nation covered: Canada

## **Toronto Suboffice**

American Consulate: 1-416-640-8650

## **Vancouver Suboffice**

American Consulate: 1-604-685-4311

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## **Panama City, Panama**

American Embassy: 011-507-317-5000

Nations covered: Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua

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## **San Salvador, El Salvador**

American Embassy: 011-503-2501-2999

Nations covered: Belize, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras

### **Guatamala City, Guatamala Suboffice**

American Embassy: 011-502-2326-4000

### **Tegucigalpa, Honduras Suboffice**

American Embassy: 011-504-2236-9320

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### **Santiago, Chile**

American Embassy: 011-56-22-330-3000

Nations covered: Bolivia, Chile, Peru

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### **Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic**

American Embassy: 1-809-221-2171 or 1-809-567-7775

Nations covered: Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica

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## **Asia**

### **Bangkok, Thailand**

American Embassy: 011-66-2-205-4000

Nations covered: Laos, Myanmar, Thailand

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### **Beijing, China**

American Embassy: 011-8610-6532-3831

Nations covered: Mongolia, People's Republic of China

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### **Canberra, Australia**

American Embassy: 011-61-2-6214-5600

Nations covered: Australia, Christmas Island, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia (includes Austral Islands, Bora Bora, Marquesas Islands, Moorea, Society Islands, Tahiti), Kiribati (includes Canton, Caroline, Flint, Gilbert Islands, Malden, Phoenix, Starbuck, Vosttok), Nauru, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, New Zealand, Niue, Pitcairn Island, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Wallis and Futuna Islands (French), Samoa

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### **Sydney Suboffice**

American Consulate: 011-612-9373-9200

### **Wellington, New Zealand, Suboffice**

American Embassy: 011-64-4-462-6000



## **Dhaka, Bangladesh**

American Embassy: 011-65-476-9100

Nations covered: Bangladesh, Nepal

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## **Hong Kong, China**

American Consulate: 011-852-2523-9011

Nations covered: Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan

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## **Taipei, Taiwan Suboffice**

American Institute: 011-2-2162-2000

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## **Jakarta, Indonesia**

American Embassy 011-62-21-3435-9000

Nations covered: Indonesia, Timor-Leste

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## **Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**

American Embassy: 011-603-2168-5000

Nations covered: Brunei, Diego Garcia, Malaysia, Singapore

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## **Singapore Suboffice**

American Embassy: 011-65-6476-910

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## **Manila, Philippines**

American Embassy: 011-63-2-301-2000

Nation covered: Philippines

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## **New Delhi, India**

American Embassy: 011-91-1-98-2419-8000

Nations covered: Bhutan, India, Maldives, Sri Lanka

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## **Phnom Penh, Cambodia**

American Embassy: 011-85-23-728-000

Nations covered: Cambodia, Vietnam

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### **Seoul, South Korea**

American Embassy: 011-82-2-397-4114

Nation covered: South Korea

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### **Tokyo, Japan**

American Embassy: 011-81-3-3224-5000

Nation covered: Japan

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## **Eastern Europe and Eurasia**

### **Ankara, Turkey**

American Embassy: 011-90-312-455-5555

Nation covered: Turkey

### **Istanbul Suboffice**

American Consulate: 011-90-212-335-9000

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### **Athens, Greece**

American Embassy: 011-30-210-720-2490

Nations covered: Cyprus, Greece

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### **Belgrade, Serbia**

American Embassy: 381-11-7064000

Nations covered: Bosnia-Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia

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### **Bucharest, Romania**

American Embassy: 011-40-21-200-3300

Nations covered: Moldova, Romania

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### **Budapest, Hungary**

American Embassy: 011-36-1-475-4400

Nation covered: Hungary

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## **Kyiv, Ukraine**

American Embassy: 011-380-44-521-5000

Nations covered: Belarus, Ukraine

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## **Moscow, Russia**

American Embassy: 011-7-495-728-5000

Nation covered: Russia

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## **Nur Sultan, Kazakhstan**

American Embassy: 011-7-3172-70-2100

Nations covered: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan

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## **Riga, Latvia**

American Embassy: 011-371-6710-7000

Nations covered: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania

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## **Tallinn, Estonia Suboffice**

American Embassy: 011-372-668-8100

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## **Sofia, Bulgaria**

American Embassy: 011-3592-937-5100

Nations covered: Albania, Bulgaria, Kosovo, Macedonia

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## **Tbilisi, Georgia**

American Embassy: 011-995-32-27-7000

Nations covered: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia

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## **Warsaw, Poland**

American Embassy: 011-4822-628-3041

Nation covered: Poland

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## **Europe**

## **Berlin, Germany**

American Embassy: 011-49-30-238-5174

Nation covered: Germany

### **Frankfurt Suboffice**

American Consulate: 011-49-69-7535-0

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### **Bern, Switzerland**

American Embassy: 011-41-31-357-7011

Nations covered: Liechtenstein, Switzerland

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### **Brussels, Belgium**

American Embassy: 011-32-2-512-5519

Nations covered: Belgium, Luxembourg, U.S. Mission to NATO and the EU

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### **Copenhagen, Denmark**

American Embassy: 011-45-3341-7100

Nations covered: Denmark, Faroe Island, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden

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### **Stockholm, Sweden Suboffice**

American Embassy: 011-46-8-783-5488

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### **London, England**

American Embassy: 0-11-44-207-894-0007

Nations covered: United Kingdom (England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales), Republic of Ireland, Channel Islands (Guernsey, Jersey)

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### **Madrid, Spain**

American Embassy: 011-34-91-587-2200

Nations covered: Andorra, Gibraltar, Portugal, Spain

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### **Paris, France**

American Embassy: 011-33-1-4312-2222

Nations covered: France, Monaco

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### **Lyon Suboffice (INTERPOL)**

## **Prague, Czech Republic**

American Embassy: 011-420-2-5702-2000

Nations covered: Czech Republic and Slovakia

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## **Rome, Italy**

American Embassy: 011-39-06-4674-2710

Nations covered: Italy, Malta, San Marino, Vatican City

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## **The Hague, Netherlands**

American Embassy: 011-31-70-310-2264

Nations covered: Netherlands, U.S. Mission to Europol

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## **Vienna, Austria**

American Consulate: 011-43-1-313-39-2155

Nations covered: Austria, Croatia, Slovenia

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## **Middle East**

### **Abu Dhabi, UAE**

American Embassy: 011-971-2-414-2200

Nation covered: United Arab Emirates

### **Dubai, UAE Suboffice**

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### **Amman, Jordan**

American Embassy: 011-962-6-590-6000

Nations covered: Jordan, Lebanon, Syria

### **Beirut, Lebanon Suboffice**

American Embassy: 011-961-4-542-600

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### **Baghdad, Iraq**

American Embassy: 1-240-553-0590

Nation covered: Iraq

### **Erbil, Iraq Suboffice**

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### **Cairo, Egypt**

American Embassy: 011-202-2797-3300

Nation covered: Egypt

### **Doha, Qatar**

American Embassy: 011-974-4496-6000

Nations covered: Kuwait, Qatar

### **Kuwait City, Kuwait Suboffice**

American Embassy: 011-965-2259-1001

### **Islamabad, Pakistan**

American Embassy: 011-92-51-208-0000

Nation covered: Pakistan

### **Karachi, Pakistan Suboffice**

American Consulate: 011-92-21-3527-5000

### **Kabul, Afghanistan**

American Embassy: 301-490-1042

Nation covered: Afghanistan

### **Muscat, Oman**

American Embassy: 968-2464-3400

Nation covered: Oman

### **Riyadh, Saudi Arabia**

American Embassy: 011-966-1-488-3800

Nations covered: Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Yemen

## Tel Aviv, Israel

American Embassy: 011-972-3-519-7575

Nations covered: Israel, Palestinian National Authority

## Jerusalem, Israel Suboffice

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