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***“ Keeping You Safe,
One Alert at a Time!”***

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SECURITY IS A CHOICE – MAKE IT DAILY

September carried the warmth of spring, but crime cast a long shadow over the month. From highways turned into hunting grounds, to offices betrayed by insiders, and schools nearly robbed of their future, the incidents of this month serve as powerful reminders: vigilance is not seasonal. At Blackshark, we believe that every day you choose security is another day you protect your family, your staff, and your livelihood

HIGHWAY HEIST DISGUISED AS A ROADBLOCK

The night was still, the kind of silence only found on long stretches of highway after midnight. A commuter omnibus, its passengers half-asleep, slowed as men in reflective jackets signalled it to stop. The torches and uniforms looked convincing too convincing. The driver complied.

In an instant, the air shifted. Gun barrels glinted in the torchlight. Passengers were ordered out, trembling as they surrendered everything phones, handbags, even wedding rings carrying memories of a lifetime. Each moment felt like an eternity, as whispers of prayer mixed with muffled sobs. When it was over, the attackers vanished into the bush, leaving behind only terror and a silence so heavy it was suffocating.

Blackshark's Insight:

Criminals are increasingly exploiting trust by disguising themselves with authority symbols reflective jackets, uniforms, and torches to lure both individuals and businesses into lowering their guard. For commuters, this highlights the importance of vigilance: verify identification where possible, avoid unnecessary night travel, and keep valuables discreet.

For businesses, the same deception tactics are being used against delivery trucks, cash-in-transit vehicles, and staff shuttles. Preventive measures such as GPS tracking, panic buttons, verification protocols, and armed escorts are not just protective layers they are critical safeguards. One step of precaution can make the difference between safe passage and catastrophe.

THE QUIET CRIMINAL – OFFICE FRAUD IN THE CBD

In a bustling Harare office, the desks were neat, the smiles polite, and the paperwork appeared routine. But beneath the surface, betrayal was brewing. Small discrepancies in petty cash US\$50 here, US\$30 there were dismissed at first as harmless mistakes. The fraudster knew this and thrived on it.

By the time management caught on, thousands had been stolen, drip by drip, hidden behind fake receipts for "supplies." The revelation struck harder than any burglary the thief was not a stranger but a trusted employee. Staff morale cracked under suspicion; the atmosphere of camaraderie was replaced by doubt.

Blackshark's Insight:

Fraud is the silent predator of business. It does not shout, it whispers. Without robust controls, it grows unnoticed until the damage is crippling. Real-time deposit tracking through GRG smart safes and recyclers ensures every cent is accounted for closing the doors fraudsters slip through.



ATTEMPTED SCHOOL BREAK-IN CHITUNGWIZA

Past midnight in Chitungwiza, a school lay in silence, its classrooms empty but its storerooms full computers, projectors, and sealed exam scripts worth far more than their paper weight. In the shadows, intruders crept along the fence, cutters in hand, eyes set on the storeroom. They whispered, confident the night was theirs.

But a vigilant patrol officer noticed the faintest shimmer of movement. Torches flicked on, alarms blared, and the intruders scattered like startled animals. They left behind their tools and unfinished cuts, a silent testimony of what could have been lost futures, compromised exams, and shattered trust.

Blackshark's Insight:

Criminals don't always chase money sometimes they target futures. Schools need layered protection: strong fences, intrusion alarms, reliable patrols, and CCTV surveillance. Prevention here isn't just about property it's about safeguarding the next generation..

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

In a quiet Gweru suburb, laughter from a nearby house turned into shouts. At first, neighbours dismissed it domestic quarrels are common, they thought. But the shouting escalated, glass shattered, and a child's cry pierced the night. One neighbour, heart pounding, chose to act.

Behind the door lay a horrifying scene: a woman, bruised and bleeding, covered on the floor while her children clung to her skirt, their eyes wide with fear. The neighbour's intervention stopped the violence, but the scars emotional and physical will outlast the night

Blackshark's Insight

Some of the most dangerous crimes are the ones tolerated in silence. Domestic violence thrives when communities turn away. Security is not only about fences and guards; it is also about protecting families. If you suspect abuse:

- Report immediately to the police or relevant hotlines.
- Intervene safely if possible, or call for help.
- Support survivors by guiding them toward protection services.

Every action matters. Choosing not to look away can mean saving a life.

CARJACKING INCIDENT – MABASA, HARARE

Rush hour was winding down when a motorist pulled over briefly in Mabasa to answer his phone. It seemed harmless until two men materialised from the shadows. A knife glinted. Within seconds, the driver was yanked from his seat, keys seized, and the car roared away. The entire ordeal lasted less than a minute. The victim stood on the roadside, shaking, staring into the distance where his vehicle disappeared, helpless and stranded.

Blackshark's Insight:

Carjackers rely on speed, surprise, and distraction. Always remain alert when stopping in public, even briefly. Keep doors locked, engines running when possible, and avoid pulling over in poorly lit areas. Vehicle trackers, immobilisers, and panic buttons give victims and businesses a fighting chance.



COPPER CABLE THEFT CRIPPLES CHEGUTU

Residents of Chegutu woke to a blanket of darkness. Overnight, thieves had dug up and stripped underground copper cables. The theft cut off electricity, stalling businesses, disrupting refrigeration for shop owners, and forcing children to study by candlelight. By morning, the loss was not only financial but deeply communal.

Investigators later found crude digging tools left behind. The operation had been simple yet devastating, proof that criminals don't always need sophistication to cause large-scale damage.

Blackshark's Insight

Infrastructure crimes ripple across entire communities. Cable theft doesn't just target a utility company it paralyzes homes, schools, factories, and small businesses. Preventing it requires a layered approach:

- **For communities:** report suspicious digging or movement near power lines, and strengthen neighbourhood watch networks.
- **For utility providers:** reinforce vulnerable sites with better lighting, patrols, and tamper-proof materials.
- **For businesses:** consider backup power solutions to reduce disruption.

Cable theft is a low-tech crime with high-impact consequences. Collective vigilance is the strongest defence.



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BLACKSHARK + GRG BANKING PARTNERSHIP

Blackshark Protection Services is proud to announce its official partnership with GRG Banking, one of the world's top three providers of ATM and cash management solutions. With over 330,000 machines installed worldwide and a presence in more than 110 countries, GRG Banking is trusted by major banks and financial institutions for its innovation, reliability, and security.

From New York to Nairobi, Beijing to Berlin, GRG Banking has been shaping the future of financial self-service for decades. Through this partnership, Zimbabwe now joins the global stage, gaining access to world-class technology that is locally supplied, locally supported, and tailored to the unique needs of our financial sector.

This collaboration positions Blackshark Protection Services as a bridge between global innovation and local solutions, ensuring businesses, banks, and retailers can secure their cash with technology trusted by the world's financial leaders.

Security meets innovation - now anchored in Zimbabwe.

What This Partnership Means for You

- **Trusted by the World's Largest Banks** – now available locally.
- **Local Technical Support & Maintenance** – immediate response, reduced downtime.
- **Cost-Effective Access** – no more costly imports or overseas servicing.
- **Future-Ready Solutions** – from ATMs to biometric kiosks, built for tomorrow

The Real Advantage:

Picture a retail manager closing shop at midnight no longer sending staff on dangerous bank runs. Imagine every deposit credited instantly, every transaction transparent, every note verified. That's not a dream that's the Blackshark + GRG advantage.

SECURITY TIPS FOR OCTOBER 2025

- Verify police authority before stopping vehicles-fake roadblocks are on the rise.
- Avoid night-time travel on highways whenever possible.
- Watch for "small" financial discrepancies-fraud hides in details.
- Reinforce school security ahead of exam periods.
- Act early when domestic violence signs appear-silence costs lives.
- Stay alert when stopping vehicles-carjackers move fast.
- Monitor and protect infrastructure-lighting and patrols deter cable theft.
- Secure cash with GRG technology for transparency and protection.
- Test alarms, CCTV, and patrol routes regularly.

WHY PARTNER WITH BLACKSHARK?

- Nationwide presence with rapid response teams
- Integrated security: manpower + technology + intelligence
- Exclusive partnership with GRG Banking for world-class cash protection
- Customised solutions for homes, SMEs, corporates, and institutions
- A trusted name dedicated to protecting both lives and assets



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A Note from Blackshark

As we step into October, we extend our best wishes to all our clients, partners, and communities. In addition to staying vigilant about security, we join the world in observing Cancer Awareness Month a reminder to care for your health, support those affected, and advocate for stronger, safer lives.

At Blackshark, protecting people goes beyond property and assets. We wish you and your loved ones an October that is safe, strong, and cancer-free. Together, let's safeguard both lives and livelihoods.

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OCTOBER BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

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