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Blackwater suspected of being in Pakistan

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(WMR) -- The mercenary private security contractor once known as Blackwater and now called Xe Services LLC is being reported in the Pakistani press as being seen with "other suspicious foreigners" in Peshawar and other parts of Pakistan.

A report last Thursday in [Pakistan's International News](#), states that foreigners have been seen in the area around University Town in Peshawar and have been renting residences in the area. One local resident stated, "What we have been hearing about the presence of Blackwater or other suspicious foreigners in Peshawar and Pakistan is alarming."

The report of Blackwater in Pakistan follows reports by Spiegel and WMR about the firm's presence in the Philippines at the former U.S. naval base at Subic Bay. A report in last Thursday's [Philippines Inquirer](#) states that the issue of Blackwater/Xe has now become a major political headache for the Philippine government. The report states: "Party list lawmakers want an investigation into reports US military contractor Blackwater (now Xe Services LLC) is training mercenaries at the Subic Bay free port in Olongapo City. In filing House Resolution 1380, Bayan Muna party list Representatives Satur Ocampo, Teodoro Casiño and Neri Colmenares asked the committee on national defense and security to lead the inquiry."

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has extended Xe's (Blackwater's) aviation services contract, through its Presidential Airways subsidiary, in Iraq.

After lurid tales of a "man camp" and women and child prostitution in Iraq were revealed by two ex-Blackwater employees in a federal court deposition in the United States, another private security firm, Armor Group North America, owned by Wackenhut, has been tainted by allegations of bizarre sexual practices among its security force assigned to guard the U.S. embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan. The practices, according to the Project on Government Oversight (POGO) in a story broken by Gawker.com, included U.S. private mercenaries urinating on one another, drinking shots of vodka poured down the ass cheeks of other men, eating potato chips from the ass cracks of other men, and engaging in simulated anal sex. The use of prostitutes was also reported at the Armor Group residential compound in Kabul. WMR previously reported that private security companies in Kabul were regularly using prostitutes from China.

On June 12, 2009, WMR reported that one security firm was involved in hiring Chinese prostitutes who doubled as unwilling Chinese intelligence agents: "The Chinese prostitute agents are only given food, a small room, clothes, and cosmetics. Women who decide to leave the employment of the restaurants often simply 'disappear' with a cover story in Kabul that they returned to China. There are suspicions among those who have tried to help the women that they are killed by the local Kabul mafia, which is made up of Afghan police and foreign civilian contractors. One young Chinese woman who worked at the Shanghai restaurant in Kabul turned up missing after she took a job at the British army base at Camp Sutra on Jalalabad Road in Kabul. The British embassy refused to get involved in tracking down the woman on behalf of her distraught family in Shanghai."

One of the attractions that has possibly lured Blackwater/Xe into the Philippines and, particularly Olongapo City, the site of the old Subic Bay naval base, is the long history that the town has in "servicing" American military personnel with prostitutes. Previous attempts to lure Taiwanese, Russians, South Koreans, and others to the port complex were met with disdain by the local population, because they were considered "too cheap" when compared to the heyday of the American military presence.

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