

The Secretary of Defense (SECDEF) is authorized through Public Law 112-81 to carry out PISA in support of whole-of-government efforts focused on individuals outside of DOD's normal authority.

DOD recommends a Chief of Mission (COM) directly request PISA support from the appropriate Geographic Combatant Commander. Alternatively, the Executive Secretary (EXECSEC) to EXECSEC process is also appropriate.



#### References:

- USC Title 10 §1056a, *Reintegration of Recovered Department of Defense Personnel; Post-Isolation Support Activities for Other Recovered Personnel*, 31 December 2011.
- DOD Instruction 3002.03, *DOD Personnel Recovery - Reintegration of Recovered Personnel*, 15 July 2013.
- *Delegation of Secretary of Defense Authorities to Carry Out Personnel Recovery Reintegration and Post-Isolation Support Activities*, 3 January 2013.
- National Security Presidential Directive - 12 (NSPD-12), *United States Citizens Taken Hostage Abroad*, 18 February 2002.
- NSPD-12, Annex 1, *United States Policy on Personnel Recovery and the Prevention of U.S. Hostage-Taking and Other Isolating Events*, 4 December 2008.

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#### JPRA VISION

Deny our adversaries the ability to hold isolated personnel against their will.

#### JPRA MISSION

##### Teach-Support-Integrate

To enable commanders, forces and individuals to prevent, prepare for, and respond to isolating events.



## DOD Post-Isolation Support Activities (PISA)

“The United States Government remains committed to the safe and rapid recovery of private Americans and United States Government personnel taken hostage or isolated overseas ...”

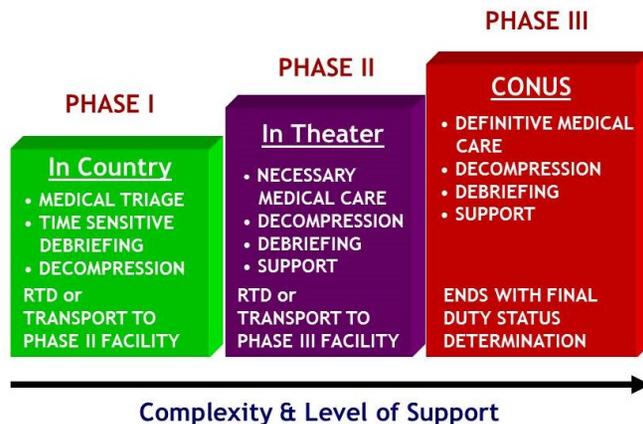
- NSPD-12, Annex 1, 4 December 2008

## Post-Isolation Support Activities

**PISA** are means by which the DOD assists other Federal Agencies supporting non-DOD individuals (to include foreign nationals) who were isolated or held captive. These efforts facilitate the return of a psychologically and physically healthy individual back to society and are meant to augment the various capabilities of our interagency partners.

Federal Agencies may request some or all of the capabilities available depending on each case's unique circumstances. PISA draws upon the time tested principles and capabilities of DOD reintegration depicted in the graphic below.

### DoD Reintegration Phases



## DOD Post-Isolation Support Capabilities

Many of DOD's core reintegration capabilities may be adapted to accomplish PISA.

Capability	Description
Transportation	Air, ground, and maritime modes are available to transport recovered personnel to a defined location.
Meals and Lodging	DOD can provide food, clothing, and essential sundries for the recovered person. Lodging needs should consider requirements for medical support, privacy for decompression, and space for debriefing.
Medical Support	Requests should include any specialized capability required, to include medical evacuation. U.S. law limits DOD to provide not more than 20 days of medical care during PISA.
Chaplain	May provide religious support, worship services, or personal consultation opportunities.
Survival, Evasion, Resistance, Escape (SERE) Psychologist	Psychologist with specialized training in isolation and captivity. Facilitates psychological decompression, provides predictability and control, monitors debriefings, and helps recovered personnel develop action plans to deal with future events. Ensures the health and welfare of the returnee remains at the forefront.
SERE Debriefer	Focused on understanding the captivity environment for purposes of lessons learned. These debriefings also aid in psychological decompression by allowing returnees to talk about their experience.
Intelligence Debriefer	Oriented towards gathering tactical, operational, and strategic information which may be important in an immediate or future situation.
Security	Depending on the circumstances, security may be necessary to shelter a recovered person from unneeded attention by outside influences.

Although expected to be filled by the appropriate Federal Agency, DOD maintains the following capabilities which, if requested, may be available for consultation support.

- **Public Affairs Support:** Assists recovered personnel and/or interagency partners in their media engagements and messages.
- **Team Chief:** Coordinates all actions and aids in the decision making process. If requested for PISA, the Team Chief must be granted authority to coordinate support requirements as necessary.
- **Family Support:** Ensures the recovered person's next of kin understand the value of the process and how both they and their loved one will participate in and benefit. DOD has learned when the family understands the process there is a smoother transition for the individual.