

## Activity 2.1: Understanding the Nature of Threats

<p><b>Political patterns:</b> what political patterns may exacerbate tension? (examples: changes in government policy, actual/perceived bias in government, gaps in land rights, discriminatory policies targeting particular groups, political repression)</p>	
<p><b>Social patterns:</b> what social patterns may exacerbate tensions? (examples: risks surrounding certain religious holidays and rituals, patterns of behavior resulting from economic inequality, increase in hate speech or incitement)</p>	
<p><b>Environmental patterns:</b> what environmental patterns may exacerbate tensions? (examples: seasonal changes that affect relationships between nomadic herding communities vs. sedentary agricultural communities)</p>	

**Triggering events:** what type of events can be triggers for atrocity crimes and where may those triggers be most salient? (examples: elections)

**Based upon your assessment – do you think there are systemic threats that could lead to mass atrocity crimes?**