

The Anti-Social Forces Search (ASF) is a three tiered solution to the problem of screening out Anti-social Forces from an organization's business transactions in Japan. The approach was originally developed as part of the enhanced due diligence requirements on high risk customer transaction accounts under the FATF 40 recommendations.

The search is conducted in three tiers:

■ ORGANIZED CRIME DATABASE

A proprietary database of public and private information relating to individuals and companies involved in criminal activities, Japanese Organized Crime, Right Wing Groups, Sokaiya and Religious Sects. The database has been developed over the last five and the information is gathered from the following information sources:

Japanese Black Media: 28 weekly and monthly business investigative and rumour magazines from 1994 onwards. Updated weekly with articles relating to Anti-Social Forces (ASF) and other criminal activities.

Government Anti-Organized Crime Association: Monthly bulletin on reported approaches by organized crime individuals and front companies to businesses in Osaka and Tokyo.

Tokyo District Court: All criminal cases heard in the Tokyo District Court including cases relating to organized crime and serious crime cases. Includes 35,000 cases going back to 2004. Updated daily.

Leaked Information: Leaked online information relating to lists of OC members and OC front companies.

OC Sites: Sweep of OC support sites.

Daily ASF news sweep: Daily press sweep of stories focusing on OC connected activities.

National Police Agency: List of senior members of the top 20 OC groups.

Police Most Wanted: Lists of Most Wanted provided by 47 prefectural police departments throughout Japan.

Religious Sects: Details of 2,500 largest religious sects including the cult leaders.

Right Wing Groups: Details of over 2,000 active right wing groups and their executives.

Other: Proprietary research relating to ASF individuals and front companies.

■ REP-SCREEN SEARCH

Research is conducted through a library resource of the Japanese limited circulation and non commercial investigative media including such publications as Weekly Gendai, Knuckles, Weekly Shincho, For-site Voice, Shukan Kinyobi and others. The library resource dates back to post WWII and contains over 5 million articles. Research is also conducted through the Japanese internet focusing on anonymous forums such as 2channel and Japanese language blogs to identify any allegations or suggestions of connections to ASF's or general criminal activities.

■ JAPANESE LANGUAGE PRESS SEARCH

A comprehensive search is conducted using Japan's largest local language press database covering over 150 newspapers and mass circulation publications to identify any allegations or stories in the press over the last 25 years relating to connections to ASF's or general criminal activities.



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