

Frank Gardner

BBC's Fulltime Security Correspondent and Author

Frank spent nine years as an investment banker in New York, London, and Bahrain before switching to journalism and joining the BBC in 1995. Frank has reported extensively on the global 'War on Terror' in Guantanamo Bay, Yemen, Afghanistan, Iraq, and elsewhere in the Middle East.

In 2004 Frank survived being shot six times at close range by Al-Qaeda terrorists in a Riyadh suburb in Saudi Arabia. He went on to write the bestselling book *Blood and Sand*, the poignant story of what can happen to your belief system when the culture you have embraced ends up trying to kill you. He was awarded an OBE in 2005 for services to journalism.

His personal story of survival combined with his extensive knowledge of Middle Eastern history and politics make for a compelling event. As a career broadcaster and a witty and gifted communicator, Frank shares his passion for the Middle East, travel, and adventure. He draws on a unique perspective and understanding of both domestic and international security.
