

## Reading comprehension: Greece Boosts Olympic Security



Greece has deployed another 35,000 troops to protect the summer Olympic Games, with the whole country finally getting mobilized for next week's opening.

There are already some 70,000 soldiers and police deployed to protect the Athens Olympic Games, in what Greek authorities are calling the biggest peacetime effort ever made by the country's armed forces.

But in a decision made only nine days before the August 13 opening ceremony, the government decided on Wednesday to draft in another 35,000 troops, mostly for patrolling duties in Greece's less populated areas away from Athens.

It seems that every street corner in the Greek capital now has its own highly armed security agent. They are only the tip of the iceberg. On Wednesday, a navy minesweeper scoured Piraeus harbour for potential explosives. The harbour, used by thousands every day to escape to the Greek islands, will be home to VIPs living on luxury cruise liners during the Games. Chief among them is former U.S. President George Bush, who is leading the American delegation to Athens.

Questions: Choose the right answer.

1. De quoi parle le texte ?

- The new gold medals of the Olympic Games.
- The new security measures for the next Olympic Games.
- The new boss of the Olympic Games.

2. Combien de policiers et de soldats grecs seront présent aux Jeux Olympiques ?

- About 35 000
- About 70 000
- About 105 000

3. Quand vont commencer les prochains Jeux Olympiques ?

- On August 13
- Next Wednesday
- Nine days before

4. Qu'est-ce qu'un "minesweeper" ?

- A vessel used to clear an area of explosives and mines.
- A champion who runs very fast.
- A new sport.

5. Qui est le leader de la délégation américaine à Athènes?

- Piraeus
- Harry de Quetteville
- Georges Bush