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The Terrorism Threat in the UK

The current threat level for the UK is 'SEVERE', meaning a terror attack is 'highly likely'. For further information see [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk).

The Threat and Profile of Terrorists has Completely Changed (Independent 9 Jan 22)

"The threat and profile of terrorists has completely changed...We are dealing with individuals that are *self-radicalised*, that are looking at extremist materials online... they're not waiting for some kind of direction or approval from above."
(Senior National Co-ordinator for Counter Terrorism Policing Dean Haydon)

Dean Haydon remarked there had been a **rise of 'extreme right-wing terrorism' and rise of 'self-initiated terrorists'**. Haydon says new terror actors are also younger, in the last ten years the number of under eighteens arrested for terrorist offences has risen from three in 2002 to 25 between September 2020 – September 2021.

He adds **terrorists** are now:

"less trained, less prepared and less networked...younger, more British and more white, the changing profile and tactics of terrorists mean stopping them is harder."

Individual appears at the Old Bailey on charges of Encouraging Terrorism (Brighton and Hove News 10 Jan 22)

Abubaker Deghayes, 53 from Brighton appeared in court at the Old Bailey on Monday on charges of **encouraging terrorism** after a speech at a Brighton Mosque in November 2020 where it is claimed he

"was reckless as to whether members of the public would be directly or indirectly encouraged to commit, prepare or instigate acts of terrorism".

Individual arrested on suspicion of far-right Terror Plot (Independent 10 Jan 22)

A 15 year-old boy was arrested in South London at the weekend on '**suspicion of engaging in conduct in preparation for terrorist acts**' which related to 'extreme right wing ideology'. The arrest comes as Britain sees a rise in right wing threats which total 13% of current counter terror cases.



Protect Duty Update

UK Government release the results of the Protect Duty Consultation (Gov.uk 10 Jan 22)

The consultation for Protect Duty, took place from February to July last year. 2,755 individuals or organisations (including Wilson James) took part addressing four main areas:

Section 1: Who (or where) should legislation apply to?

Section 2: What should the requirements be?

Section 3: How should compliance work?

Section 4: How should Government best support and work with partners?

To view the Government response [click here](#).

January's Digest Insight (in next week's issue) will focus on a summary of the findings.

When quizzed at the **MEN Inquiry** about **Protect Duty** being put into **legislation before** the fifth anniversary of the MEN attack this **April**, Shaun Hipgrave, director of 'protect and prepare' for the Office for Security and Counter Terrorism said this was **unlikely** due to concern (amongst other things) about potential 'unintended consequences on smaller venues which may entail unnecessary restrictions on smaller businesses'. Inquiry chair Sir John has suggested '**legislation concerning larger venues, such as Manchester Arena, could be introduced before secondary legislation covering smaller locations was brought forward.**' For further information on the Protect Duty focus of the Inquiry please [click here](#)

UK Home Secretary Priti Patel statement ahead of the publication (Guardian 9 Jan 22)

“Following the tragic attack at the Manchester Arena, we have worked closely with Figen Murray, victims’ groups and partners to develop proposals to improve protective security around the country...I am grateful for their tireless commitment to the duty and those who responded to the consultation; the majority of whom agreed tougher measures are needed to protect the public from harm...We will never allow terrorists to restrict our freedoms and way of life, which is why we are **committed to bringing forward legislation this year that will strike the right balance between public safety, whilst not placing excessive burden on small businesses.**”



World news/COVID19

Armed police standoff in Coventry (Express News 11 Jan 22)

A **stand-off** in the Earlsdon area of **Coventry** has entered its **fourth day** as an **armed 41 year-old man** and an **8 year-old child remain** at an address in the city. **Neighbouring residents** have been instructed to **stay indoors** and not leave without a **police escort**. **Negotiators** and a large **armed police** presence are at the scene after police responded to a welfare check request on Sunday morning. No details have been released regarding the reason for the stand-off or the condition of the people inside.

Petition against Tony Blair's Knighthood reaches 1 million (Independent News 10 Jan 22)

A **petition** to have **Tony Blair stripped** of his **Knighthood** has reached **over one million signatures** on [Change.org](https://www.change.org) as more people call for his recent honour to be rescinded. Removing the knighthood (given to ex-prime ministers for serving and continuing to serve their country) has been **rejected by** the **government**. Secretary of State for Housing, Michael Gove said in response to the petition reaching over one million signatures,

“I think we should all recognise that he served this country, he continues to serve this country, and I don't think it's possible for anyone to be in a position like that without attracting controversy and without inviting opposition.”

Labour leader Sir Keir Starmer argued Blair earned his Knighthood stating he “made Britain a better country”. Mr Blair has yet to comment publically on the outcry.

PCR Tests no longer required for Asymptomatic individuals (BBC News 11 Jan 22)

Asymptomatic people suffering from **COVID19** are **no longer required** to get **PCR tests** from Monday this week as the government puts a temporary halt on the practise to reduce the burden on PCR appointments. The UKSHA has said lateral flow tests are 80% effective in detecting people who are infectious and in 10,000 tests ‘there were likely to be fewer than three false positive results’. A similar move was introduced between January and March last year.



Industry News

Wilson James Events Team Finalist in the Outstanding Security Performance Awards 2022

Congratulations to **Wilson James Events Manager Lee Evans** and his **team** who are **shortlisted** for being an **‘Outstanding Event Security Team’**. Nominated for **Nightingale Hospital** and **Mayoral Elections Support Teams** the result will be announced on 24th Feb. Good Luck Lee and his team!!

You still have time to **vote** for [City Security Magazine's](#) **article of the year award** featuring **Wilson James' Communications Director** Cadence Woodland's article on Behavioural Detection Awareness and **Client Solutions Director** Marc Bannister's article on the impact of COVID19 on the current terrorist threat. **Closing date 11th February.**

Security Officer Attacked at Heathrow Airport (London News 9 Jan 22)

Steven Lidster, 37 years-old **admitted assault** at Uxbridge magistrates' court after **attacking** a **security officer** at **Heathrow airport** last June. The officer approached the passenger after discovering him lying on the floor and attempted to assist him before he was wrestled to the ground. The officer who suffered a lateral tear in his shoulder during the attack said

“One of the reasons I do my job is to protect the public so when I first saw the man and realised he was drunk I actually went to help him...Even after he attacked me and was threatening he would kill me with his bare hands, my thought was to check he was OK and reassure him we just wanted to help him.”

UK Government face Criticism and Accusation of Greenwashing (Independent 9 Jan 22)

The **UK Government** is facing criticism and accusations of **greenwashing** after **inviting** the **Oil and Gas industry** in the UK to **consult** on the creation of **new policies** to ensure **future oil drilling** is compatible with tackling the global climate crisis. The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) announced it gives:

“Interested parties, including oil and gas industry stakeholders, the opportunity to input on the design of the new climate compatibility checkpoint...responses from all interested parties are encouraged, although it is anticipated that the audience for this consultation will predominantly be industry stakeholders”.



Activism Update

PROTESTS

Saturday 15th January – Kill the Bill – National Day of Action

Location: Lincoln Inn fields, **London @Midday**, Outside Parliament, **London @18:00**, St Peter's Square **Manchester @13:00**, **Sheffield**, Town Hall **@14:00**, MP George Eustice's office, **Camborne @14:00**, College Green, **Bristol @13:00**

Cause: Stop the Police Crime Sentencing and Courts Bill (XR, BLM joining demonstration)

Details: <https://t.me/eXtinctionRebellion>

Saturday 15th January – Youth Climate Demonstration

Location: Bristol City Centre @Midday

Cause: Environmental activists 'intend to swarm' (block roads for seven minutes at seven-minute intervals) at various locations in the city centre.

Details: <https://www.bristolpost.co.uk/news/bristol-news/kill-bill-climate-crisis-major-6475287>

Saturday 15th January – Freedom March

Location: Kings Park Pavilion, Stirling, Scotland @13:00

Cause: No restrictions/vaccine passports

Details: <https://t.me/SCOTLANDTGR>

Saturday 15th January – Freedom Rally

Location: Castle Hill, Windsor @17:00

Cause: Silent walk against lockdowns

Details: <https://t.me/M1L2B3M7/228590>

Monday 17th January – Kill the Bill

Location: **Brighton War Memorial @11:00** and **House of Lords, London @17:00**

Cause: Stop the Police Crime Sentencing and Courts Bill.

Details: <https://t.me/eXtinctionRebellion>



Protest Guidance

GENERAL ADVICE

- It is recommended you maintain a good awareness of your surroundings if in the vicinity of a demonstration or public gathering as some protests may escalate into violence.
- Anticipate localised travel disruption in the area of the demonstration.
- Allow additional time for journeys or arrange alternate routes to minimise potential delays.
- If in the area of a spontaneous protest, it is recommended to leave the area by the quickest means possible and seek a secure location.
- Continue to monitor media sources for updates and additions to the scheduled events.
- Consider the possibility of regular protests occurring throughout the summer as they are often not isolated events, with activists returning to the same locations time and again.

KEEPING STAFF INFORMED AND PREPARED

- Inform staff that routes to work may be impacted by protest groups.
- Keep staff updated and provide guidance on how to approach the site (e.g. consider dressing down, no identification on display on approach to site, organised travel from transport hubs).
- Morning Briefs to include lockdown measures and scenario discussion to aid confidence in SOPs.
- Escalation and Incident procedures to be brief. Allocated Team Leads to be communicated.
- Named First Aiders on site to be communicated to the rest of the team daily.

ACCESS CONTROL

- Secondary access points to be used, in order to keep main access areas clear.
- Perimeter Surveillance to be proactively undertaken.
- Reinforce security on approach to site.

PATROLS

- To identify suspicious activity in the area.
- Vary patrols by changing routes and frequency.
- Check all exterior perimeter fencing.

STAFF

- Consider increasing the number of staff on duty.
- Consider patrolling in pairs if appropriate.
- Staff access to the building may be prevented. Consideration should be given to working from another location.

SOCIAL MEDIA AND CYBER SECURITY

- Monitor social media platforms for chatter regarding protests in your vicinity.
- Further guidance to staff could be given regarding their personal cyber security to ensure no cyber-attacks via home working Wi-Fi.

Counter-Terrorism Guidance

THE FOLLOWING ADVICE IS FROM THE [NATIONAL COUNTER TERRORIST SECURITY OFFICE](#)

GENERAL ADVICE ACT (Action Counters Terrorism)

On identifying suspicious activity, individual, vehicle or suspect object, move away and call 999.

Or use the confidential hotline - **0800 789 321**

- **Provide updated and regular threat briefings**
- Maintain an effective **risk assessment**.
- Maintain training and engagement with **ACT app**.
- [Easing Lockdown Vigilance Campaign Toolkit](#)

SUSPICIOUS ITEMS

CONFIRM

- Has it been deliberately hidden
- Is it obviously suspicious
- Is it typical for this location

CLEAR

- Do not touch the item, stay away from the hazard
- Be out of sight of the item or behind hard cover
- Cordon off the area in advance of police arrival.

COMMUNICATE

- Inform your control room/supervisor
- **DO NOT USE MOBILE PHONES/RADIOS** within 15m

CONTROL

- Public should be stopped from entering the area
- Try to keep eyewitnesses on scene.

MARAUDING TERRORIST ATTACK

RUN

- Escape if you can
- Is there a safe route? Run, if not Hide
- Insist others leave with you,
- Leave belongings behind.
- Do not attempt to film the incident. Run.

HIDE

- If you can see the attacker, they may be able to see you. Bullets go through glass, brick, wood and metal. You must still hide, even if you are behind a locked door.
- Be aware of your exits
- Be quiet, silence your phone
- Lock/barricade yourself in
- Move away from the door

TELL

- Call the police
- Nature of the Incident - What is happening?
- Location - Suspects –Direction –Descriptions

BOMB THREAT

- Remain calm and talk to the caller
- Note the caller's number and record the call
- Write down the exact wording and time of call
 1. Where exactly is the bomb right now?
 2. When is it going to explode?
 3. What does it look like?
 4. What does the bomb contain?
 5. How will it be detonated?
 6. Who put the device in place?
 7. What is your name?
 8. What is your address?
 9. Do you represent a group or acting alone?
 10. Why have you placed the bomb?

Note the following

The caller's

Sex / Nationality / Age

What threat language was used

Well spoken / Irrational / Incoherent

Caller's voice

Calm / Excited / Accent – note if possible

Background sounds

Street noises/House noises

Next Monthly Insight due on 19th January 2021





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