

# 16<sup>th</sup> March Weekly Digest



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# Terrorism Update

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

## Inquiry into the Manchester Arena bombing concludes (Manchester Evening News 14<sup>th</sup> March)

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 22 marks the last day of the Manchester Arena Inquiry into the 2017 bombing that left 22 dead and 100's injured. Inquiry chairman Sir John Saunders released the 'gist' of a two week-long secret session (held privately due to National security concerns) between the Inquiry and MI5 where further intelligence on Abedi was discussed. Submitting closing statements, John Cooper QC (representing some of the families) remarked on how ill-prepared MI5 was stating they "failed to keep the country safe". He also remarked that the relationship between MI5 and the Counter-terror police was "dysfunctional".

*"Those victims, killed or injured in this murderous attack, had every right to feel safe and protected. On this night our families submit that they were failed; MI5 and CTP failed its very own mission. So grave was the failing that 22 innocents paid with their lives."*

## Mother of Bataclan Suspect Sentenced for Financing Terror (EuroNews 13th March)

As France continues with its 'trial of the century' regarding the November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015, terror attacks (Bataclan, Stade de France, and Paris cafes) that killed 130 people. Fatima Hajji, the mother of Foued Mohamed Aggadone, one of the Bataclan suicide bombers, has been found guilty of financing terrorism after sending her son 13,000 Euro while in Syria and Iraq between 2014 and 2015. Hajji was given a four-year prison sentence (18 months of which she is to serve in prison) and a fine of 2,500 Euro after the judge stated she was 'perfectly aware' she was financing her son's activities. Aggad had stated to his mother he would only return to France to commit an attack.

## London Better Prepared for Terror Attack (MyLondon 11<sup>th</sup> March)

An independent report by Lord Toby Harris and commissioned by the Mayor of London Sadiq Khan has concluded London is better prepared for a terrorist attack compared to 2017 (the year of terror). The report praises coordination and cooperation between the City of London police, British Transport Police (BTP), the London Met Police, other emergency services and partners. Lord Toby Harris said:

*"I was pleased to see the huge amount of work that has been done in the last five years, not only by the police and the emergency services, but also by local councils and many other agencies, to improve our readiness to deal with terrorism. But we must not be complacent, the terrorist threat remains a real and present danger and we can never make London entirely safe."*



[Headline 1 –MEN Arena Bombing Victims \(Manchester Evening News 2022\)](#)



[Headline 2 –Image of memorial outside Bataclan \(Euronews 2022\)](#)

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# World news

## **Ukraine Update (BBC NEWS 16th March)** <sup>1.</sup> <sup>2.</sup>

Day 20 (Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>) of the war in Ukraine. As the number of refugees fleeing the country now reportedly totals over three million, negotiations continue between Russia and Ukraine. In a video address Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky announced progress in the latest rounds of negotiations but advised caution stating:

*“The positions in the negotiations already sound more realistic...time is still needed for the decisions to be in the interests of Ukraine”.*

Senior UK defence sources continue to speculate over the longevity of the Russian invasion suggesting Putin’s army can last for another two weeks at most. Ukraine’s counter-offensive increased in pace overnight with several operations taking place in key locations including Kherson Airport.

Climate activist group **The Sunrise project** has created a ‘Putin100’ list naming and shaming those companies accused of funding Putin’s war through fossil fuel. Joining the voices of ‘Extinction Rebellion’ and ‘Just Stop Oil’ (see our Industry section headline 2) the ‘Putin 100’ names predominately include lead banks and investor companies such as Black Rock and Barclays both of whom have already been targeted by climate activist groups.

## **Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe and Anousheh Ashoori Released by Iran (GB News 16th March)**

Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe (detained in Iran since 2016) and Anousheh Ashoori (detained in Iran since 2017) have both been released and are at the airport in Tehran. Her lawyer, Hojjat Kermani, announced their release after tense negotiations this morning that UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson said were ‘going right up to the wire’.

Rumours surfaced yesterday regarding Ms Zaghari-Ratcliffe’s release after her MP Tulip Siddiq confirmed on she had her passport unexpectedly returned. Ms Zaghari-Ratcliffe has been detained in Iran since 2016 on charges of ‘plotting to overthrow the government’. Mr Ashoori was convicted of Spying for Israel and sentenced to ten years imprisonment. <sup>3.</sup>

## **‘Strong Customer Authentication’ Security Layer May Result in Declined Cards (My London 14<sup>th</sup> March)**

Online shoppers will see a further security layer added to purchases from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> of March as the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) announces a ‘Strong Customer Authentication’ security layer to combat fraud. Online retailers are now required to verify a customer’s identity for purchases over a certain amount via a one-time code sent to the purchaser’s phone from their bank. Those retailers who have not prepared for the rule change will have this affect their on-line sales and customers cards may be declined. Mastercard have stated they expect this to affect one in four transactions. The rules will not affect subscription purchases. Customers are advised to ensure their contact details are up to date with their bank.



Ms Zaghari-Ratcliffe and daughter  
(Independent 2022)





# Industry News

## ENERGY

### **Shell Faces Another lawsuit as ClimateEarth Warn of Legal Action (Reuters 15<sup>th</sup> March)**

Following the Royal Dutch ruling in the Netherlands last year which ruled Shell did not go far enough in their Net Zero plans. UK Climate activist lawyers, ClimateEarth have announced they intend to also challenge Shell's plans in the courts. They also want to hold the directors personally liable for failure of duty under the UK Companies Act. The group has recently secured permission to sue the UK Government on their NetZero plans. ClimateEarth, shareholders in Shell, claim:

*"Shell's net-zero target was also not reflected in the company's operating plans or budgets."*

### **'Dont Look Up' Director Voices Support for Just Stop Oil Campaign (Independent 14<sup>th</sup> March)**

Adam McKay, director of Netflix disaster movie 'Don't look up' has thrown his support behind fringe climate activist group 'Just Stop Oil' (JSO). At a meeting he attended in London recently which was jointly hosted by Extinction Rebellion (XR) and JSO discussing the movement's awareness campaign on fossil fuel investment he stated:

*"If you say 'McKay, we need you to get arrested [for climate activism]', I am at your service. It is high time someone put the cuffs on me."*

JSO and XR have been running an outreach and recruitment drive since the beginning of the year as they formulate a strategy for their campaign of disruption beginning **9<sup>th</sup> April**. XR spokesperson Clare Farrell said the campaign would be:

*"The greatest collective act of non-violent direct-action in human history."*

The statements came as approximately 30 JSO activists stormed the Bafta red carpet at the Albert Hall on Sunday. <sup>4</sup>

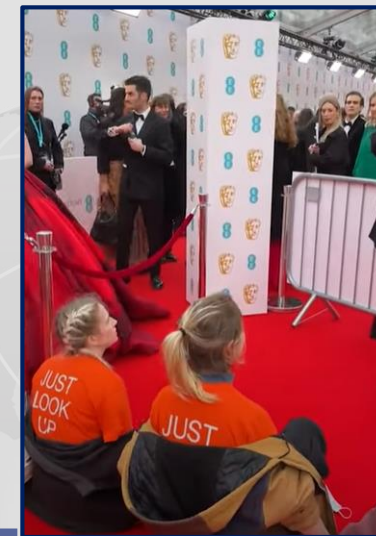
## AVIATION

### **Heathrow to Hire 12,000 Extra Staff in Preparation for Summer Travel (Guardian 11<sup>th</sup> March)**

Heathrow airport has announced it intends to boost its staff numbers by 12,000 in preparation for a summer surge in travellers as it forecasts passenger levels will hit 85% compared to pre-pandemic figures. Passenger numbers at the airport last month were reported at 50% of pre-pandemic figures with the recovery continuing to be slower than expected. Continued pandemic restrictions and the war in Ukraine are likely hindering an increase in passenger levels to take place. Additional pre-departure checks will mean the airport is particularly busy despite not being at maximum capacity, Gatwick has also predicted a 'summer surge' in numbers. To mitigate higher fuel costs and longer flight times (due to airspace closures) Heathrow announced it intends to increase its landing charges for airlines by 50% and added passengers should see less than a 2% rise in fares.



Headline 1. Climate Earth logo  
(Instagram 2022)



Headline 2 - Just Stop Oil activists  
at BAFTAs (YOU TUBE 2022)



# Activism Updates

## PROTESTS

### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March – STOP HS2

Location: Bluebell Woods Camp, Stoke-on-Trent

Cause: Celebration before eviction on 24<sup>th</sup> March .

Details: <https://twitter.com/Hs2Rebellion>

### Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March – World-Wide Freedom Rally #7

Location: Nationwide from Midday

Cause: Global Freedom March

Details: [https://t.me/uniteforfreedom\\_chat](https://t.me/uniteforfreedom_chat)

### Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Anti Racism Day

Location: Portland Place, London, Cardiff and Glasgow @11:00/Midday

Cause: Anti-racism event

Details: <https://twitter.com/AntiRacismDay>

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March – British Library Protest

Location: [Breaking News Exhibition](#),

British Library, London

Cause: Anti-media protest

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



**WWD 7**

IS your LOCAL GROUP ACTIVE ON THE 19th?

Join/register your event here:

- Edinburgh: 1pm, Holyrood Park
- Blackburn, Lancs: 1pm, Blackburn Town Hall
- Liverpool: 1pm, St John's Gardens
- Hull: 1pm, Queen Victoria Square
- Leeds: 1pm, Leeds Town Hall
- Oxford: 1pm, Bonn Square
- Birmingham: 1pm, Chamberlain Square
- Norwich: 11am, the Forum
- Chelmsford: 1pm, Chelmsford Station
- London: 12pm, Parliament Square
- Bristol: Time 12:30, Castle Park
- Totnes: 12pm, Rotherfold Square
- Truro: 12pm, Truro Cathedral

WORLD WIDE RALLY FOR FREEDOM

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2022

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<https://t.me/WWDUntiteKingdomLocations>

UK & IRELAND #WewillALLbethere

MORE TO FOLLOW...

(Telegram 2022)



**MARCH AGAINST RACISM**

UN Anti-Racism Day TUC bit.ly/antiracismday22 International Day of action

LONDON	GLASGOW	CARDIFF
<b>Saturday 19 March 2022</b>	<b>Saturday 19 March 2022</b>	<b>Sunday 20 March 2022</b>
Assemble 12PM BBC Portland Place London W1A 1AA	Assemble 11am, Kelvingrove Park, marching to George Square for rally.	Assemble 12PM City Hall, Cardiff

(Twitter 2022)



Bluebell Woods Protection camp  
(FACEBOOK 2022)



# Ukrainian Donations Information

**For those wishing to donate to the war effort in Ukraine or to support the Ukrainian refugees please see the following sites for advice and guidance on how best to do so.**

## **Cash donations:**

A cash donation means charities can help with whatever is needed, source things locally, and transport items quickly. It also means volunteers can concentrate on the response, rather than sorting and transporting donations.

[Red cross Donations](#)

[UNHCR Donations](#)

[UNICEF Donations](#)

## **Helping a Ukrainian friend or family member:**

Please contact the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office:

email [fcdo.correspondence@fcdo.gov.uk](mailto:fcdo.correspondence@fcdo.gov.uk)

calling: **020 7008 5000**

## **British nationals who need assistance:**

Consular support is available through the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office 24-hour helpline:

**+380 44 490 3660** (from Ukraine)

**+44 (0) 1908 516666** (from the UK).

# Insider Threat Guidance

## USING DEVICES AT WORK

**Managers** - Ensure that any team members' systems/information access is appropriate for their role.

- Particularly where there is a change in position or when a team member leaves the business.
- Provide staff with personal account access.  
(Not one account username with multiple users.)

**All Staff** - Only share information when it is appropriate.

- Do not borrow colleagues' logons or passwords.
- Only click on links from trusted sources.
- Be aware of the company policy surrounding data sharing for both Wilson James and the client you are working for.
- Notify the appropriate Information Security Officer if you suspect inappropriate behaviour.
  - Who is the ISO when using a client system.
  - Who is the ISO when using a WJ system.

## USING WORK DEVICES AT HOME

- Use the VPN provided by the business
- Ensure you shut down your device fully at the end of a day to enable updates to take place as required
- Do not use the same password for all devices linked to Wi-Fi
  - For example: Doorbell cameras or Virtual Assistance Devices

## Sharing Data

- Do not send work emails to your personal email accounts.
- Do not download personal data from private email accounts on a works system.
- Only click on links from trusted sources.
- If required to share personal data ensure your using a registered and approved process as directed by your Information Security Team.

## Reporting

- Notify the appropriate Information Security Officer if you suspect any phishing emails have arrived in your inbox.
- Notify the appropriate Information Security Officer if you suspect your system has become subject to a cyber attack.



# 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 suspicions 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



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