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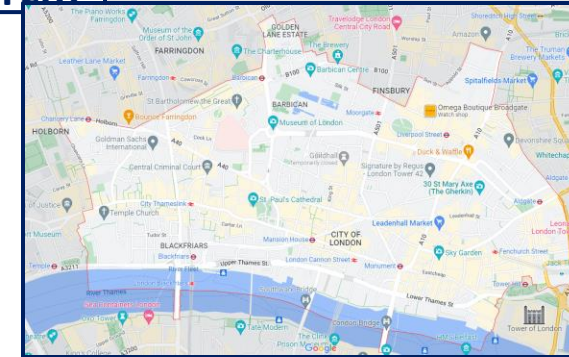
Terrorism Update

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).

City of London Police (CoLP) Aim to Make Square Mile the 'Safest City Area' (The National 16th March)

150 business leaders, counter-terrorism experts and security professionals gathered in London's Bishopsgate earlier in March to hear from both the National Counter Terrorism Security Office (NaCTSO) and Centre for the Protection of National Infrastructure (CPNI) at the City of London Police's first Counter terrorism event. Discussed at the event were issues such as Protect Duty, security training, radicalisation and staying safe online. The hosts of the event, CoLP, announced their aim was to make the Square Mile of London 'the safest city area'. Paul Betts, assistant commissioner for Operations and Security said:

"Coupled with our counter-terrorism strategy and the Project Servator policing tactic, we are all working together to make it more difficult for terrorists and other criminals to operate in the City."



CoLP Launch CT 'Notify Pad' at Inaugural Counter Terrorism Conference (CoLP 15th March)

At their first Counter Terrorism Conference (CT2022), CoLP announced the launch of a 'Notify pad' to be used in conjunction with their [SCaN](#) guidance and trialled in London over the next three months. The physical paper pad will be used by security professionals with prompts on the kind of information useful to the police when completing suspicious activity reports.

[Headline 1 – City of London, Square mile \(Google Maps 2022\)](#)

ICC Wales Issue 'Protect Duty' Report re Guidance for Welsh Venues (ICC Wales 14th March)

The International Convention Centre, Wales, has issued [guidance](#) (with the support of Figen Murray, the Martyn's Law campaigner) in advance of the Protect Duty legislation, providing an informative starting point on the subject for industry professionals. After consultation with conference organisers which revealed 77% of respondents had little to no knowledge of the impact of Protect Duty and its roots in the Martyn's Law campaign, ICC Wales CEO Ian Edwards stated:



[Headline 3 –MEN Arena Bombing Victims \(Manchester Evening News 2022\)](#)

"From the results of our survey, it is apparent that there is currently a lack of knowledge about the Protect Duty in the events industry. We wanted to develop a detailed document which would provide a starting point for education and awareness on this important matter, which venues can consult as they implement and update their security strategies in line with this proposed legislation. I would like to thank our contributors for their time and their invaluable knowledge and expertise, which has allowed us to create this report."

Advisory Services reminds its readers of our Protect Duty training programme available to clients and staff to build awareness and understanding of Protect Duty, please contact us for further information. AdvisoryServices@WilsonJames.co.uk

ACT ACTION COUNTERS TERRORISM

World news

Russian Ministry Confirms Use of Hypersonic Missiles (AlJazeera 22nd March)

Unverifiable but unsurprising reports are being received from Russia's Defence Ministry this week announcing the use of hypersonic missiles against Ukraine. Hypersonic missiles are any missile capable of travelling five times faster than the speed of sound (Mach 5). They can change direction mid-flight, are impossible to intercept and combine the speed and range of ballistic missiles and the manoeuvrability of a cruise missile. Military experts in the US however state they are unable to verify the use of such missiles and question the suitability of such a weapon on the targets claimed by Russia. The apparent escalation in Russian tactics has come as Russia's advancement into Ukraine stalls again leading some commentators, such as John Deni from US Army War College's Strategic Studies Institute to speculate the Russian invasion is waning. He blames "poor planning, poor morale, poor logistics, and the stiff resistance of Ukrainian forces" for the stalled progress since the war started a month ago.

Putin critic Navalny sentenced to further nine years (AlJazeera 22nd March)

Russian opposition leader Alexey Navalny has been sentenced to a further nine years in prison after the conclusion of his latest trial on embezzlement and contempt of court charges in Moscow on Tuesday. Navalny is expected to serve his sentence in a maximum-security prison and falls short of the maximum sentence of thirteen years requested by the prosecution. Navalny is already serving two and a half years on fraud charges handed down last year after his novichok poisoning.

MPS Vote 211 to 0 in Support of Sacked P&O Staff (Hansard.Pliament.uk 21st March) [1.](#) [2.](#) [3.](#) [4.](#) [5.](#)

The House of Commons passed a vote by 211 to Zero on Monday condemning P&O's decision to fire 800 staff, the manner with which it was done, **demanding their reinstatement**, and to **bring forward a bill outlawing 'fire and rehire' practises**. The vote included a call for the government to suspend the licences of DP World (owners of P&O) and remove them from the Government's Transport Advisory Group. Sir Roger Gale MP (North Thanet – Conservative) joined numerous MPs at the P&O vote calling for vessels to be renamed as they no longer employ British staff. Suggestions for the renaming of both 'The Pride of Kent' and 'The Pride of Britain' included 'The Shame of Dubai' and 'The Pride of Neoliberalism' respectively.

As the debate took place, hundreds of protestors gathered outside to demonstrate against the shock sacking of its British employees last week. Protestors marched from P&O's London HQ to Parliament where MPs such as Deputy Labour leader Angela Rayner and union representatives addressed the protestors. Due to concerns raised about the wages paid to replacement staff (believed to be £1.81/hour) and their ability to crew the ship, the UK Government announced P&O Ferries will not be allowed to sail from UK ports without first passing safety checks. On Tuesday it was announced the UK Government had given P&O until the end of the day to explain reasons behind the mass-firing before the government considered further action, this resulted in P&O offering GBP 36Million in compensation. Transport Secretary Grant Schapps suggested this may take the form of criminal proceedings and unlimited fines.



[Headline 3. P&O protest outside Houses of Parliament \(Evening Standard March 2022\)](#)



Industry News

ENERGY

Shell reconsidering position on Cambo oil-field (BBC 22nd March)

The BBC announced on Tuesday, energy giant Shell is reconsidering its decision to pull out of the much debated Cambo oil field project in light of recent economic developments impacting the energy market. Royal Dutch Shell first announced their decision to pull out of the deal in December last year (see our 8th December digest) with a spokesperson citing the potential for delays and poor economic reasoning for investment as the reason for their decision.

The BBC confirms whilst a Shell spokesperson said their official position had not yet changed, the economic, regulatory and political shift in the global landscape had changed so much recently their impact on Shell's Cambo decision cannot be ignored. Tessa Khan, Director of environment group 'Uplift' suggested a Shell reversal would have little impact on the energy and cost of living crisis facing the UK as:

"this isn't our oil...its Shell's...Cambo makes as little sense today as it did last year."

UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson is expected to announce the government's updated energy supply strategy next week.

Fisherman Re-fuels Boat at BP Petrol Station Due to Price Rise of Red Diesel (BBC 22nd March)

A third generation Kent fisherman has resorted to filling up his fishing boat at a BP forecourt rather than pay the high 'Red Diesel' prices after his fuel bill doubled and accuses the oil companies of 'profiteering on a large scale'. Chris Attenborough said it was cheaper for him to crane his boat out of the harbour, transport it to his nearest petrol station and fill it up at the forecourt with 'White Diesel' rather than wait on the unreliable, irregular deliveries of the now very costly 'Red' version. Mr Attenborough's boat takes 2,500 litres of diesel which at 90p a litre for white diesel (after deductions) works out at £2,250 compared to 140p a litre for red diesel (after similar deductions) costing £3,500. The Whitstable Fishermen association (of which Mr Attenborough is chair) has seen a number of similar complaints from other fishermen and warns the cost to the industry will be reflected in a rise in the price of seafood. This issue affecting the fishing industry comes as questions are now being raised as to why the price of petrol and diesel, after climbing with the price of oil per barrel, has not fallen in a trend like that of the price of crude oil.

TRANSPORT

Greenwich Joins Boroughs Opposing Silvertown Tunnel (Guardian 17th March)

Greenwich has become the fourth London borough to oppose the Silvertown tunnel development joining Newham, Lewisham and Hackney. Greenwich's decision is significant as both boroughs primarily served by the tunnel (Greenwich and Newham) now oppose its completion with many activist groups calling for the project to be paused or shelved altogether.



Headline 1. Map of Cambo Oil Field Location (BBC News 2022)



Headline 3. Silvertown Tunnel Protest (Guardian 2022)



Activism Updates

PROTESTS

Friday 25th March – Global Climate Strike

Location: Globally

Cause: Climate Change Activism

Details: <https://fridaysforfuture.org/>

Saturday 26th March – Pursuit of Justice Rally

Location: Grey's Monument, Newcastle @14:00

Cause: North East protest against vaccination

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

Saturday 26th March – Earth Hour

Location: Globally @20:30 local time

Cause: Switch off to save the planet

Details: <https://www.earthhour.org/>

Sunday 27th March – Global Protest for SSR

Location: Trafalgar Square @10:00

Cause: Justice for Sushant

Details: [Twitter - Justice for Sushant](#)

Monday 28th March – No Births Behind Bars

Location: Parliament Square @Midday

Cause: Protest against imprisonment of pregnant women

Details: https://twitter.com/we_level_up

(Fridays For Future 2022)



(Twitter 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

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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