

# 30<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).

## **Second IS Linked Terror Attack in Israel (AP News 28<sup>th</sup> March) <sup>1.</sup>**

Israel has suffered a second terror attack in as many weeks as IS claim responsibility for the most recent incident in Hadera on Sunday which killed two police officers and injured four other people. Two gunman were seen opening fire in the city 45km north of Tel Aviv before being shot dead by members of the Israeli Border Police counterterrorism unit who were nearby. The first of the two incidents in southern Israel last week was described as a lone wolf, IS inspired attack. Four people were killed in a stabbing rampage last Tuesday before the suspect was killed by a passer-by. Tensions are high in the country as the observance of Ramadan approaches for Muslims; last year tensions escalated into what amounted to an 11-day war.

## **Increasingly Authoritarian Measures in Afghanistan as Taliban Restrict Media (Reuters 27<sup>th</sup> March) <sup>2. 3.</sup>**

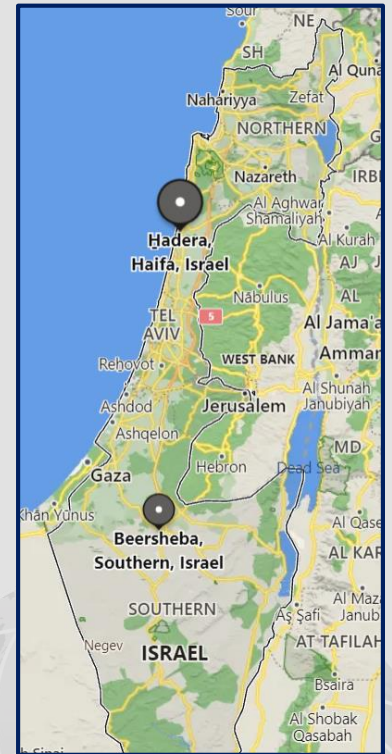
Concern is growing in the west over the increasingly restrictive measures taken up by the Taliban since their take-over of Afghanistan last August. The latest measures include instructions 'not to broadcast content from international (media) partners' (such as the BBC), a U-turn on the decision to re-open secondary schools for girls, the segregation of men and women visiting parks, male chaperones for women travelling by air domestically and internationally and the instruction for all government employees to wear beards and adhere to a strict dress code. The latest set of restrictions prompted a team of US delegates to cancel upcoming economic meetings with the Taliban in Doha.

## **Houthi Rebels Announce Ceasefire After Saudi Attack (Independent 26<sup>th</sup> March) <sup>4.</sup>**

Houthi rebels continued their attacks on Saudi Arabia (and the UAE) targeting a fuel depot close to the Formula One Grand Prix Jeddah Circuit at the weekend. Despite the attack the event continued over the weekend as scheduled and on Saturday, Houthi leader Mahdi al-Mashat announced a three-day ceasefire. Suspending missile and drone attacks the leader stated:

“...We are ready to turn this declaration into a final and permanent commitment in the event that Saudi Arabia commits to ending the siege and stopping its raids on Yemen once and for all,”

The Houthi ceasefire announcement was met with Saudi-led coalition attacks on Houthi strongholds in the Yemen capital Sanaa.



Headline 1 – Map of Israel  
(Bing Maps 2022)

# World news

## **6<sup>th</sup> Round of Peace Talks Commence in Turkey (Al Jazeera 29<sup>th</sup> March) 5. 6.**

Turkish President Erdogan hosted the 6<sup>th</sup> round of talks in peace negotiations between Russia and Ukraine on Tuesday. Russia has indicated they have rescinded their demand regarding the 'denazification' of Ukraine and Ukraine President Zelenskyy suggested to journalists that he would consider a referendum on staying out of NATO but only after Russians troops withdraw. Top of the agenda at the talks is an immediate ceasefire with the possibility of a breakthrough being 'played down'.

## **Shanghai Goes into COVID-19 Lockdown Causing Drop in Price of Oil (BBC News 28<sup>th</sup> March) 7.**

China's largest city Shanghai announced on Monday it will go into a phased lockdown in the hopes of abating their latest wave of COVID-19 as the Omicron variant takes hold in-country. Although China's Covid-19 figures fall short of global country averages they are recording caseloads in numbers not seen since the beginning of the pandemic. The eastern part of the city (financial district) will lockdown from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March until Friday and the western part of the city locks down from Friday 1<sup>st</sup> until 5<sup>th</sup> April. The 'phased' move is to mitigate concerns regarding the slowing of the global supply chain amid fears surrounding the knock-on effect of shutting Shanghai down completely. The lockdown announcement also made an impact on the particularly vulnerable oil market as the price of Brent crude oil dropped due to increased speculation on the reduction in demand from China.

## **UUP Refuses to Attend Anti-NI Protocol Rallies to Discourage Rising Tensions (BBC News 28<sup>th</sup> March) 8.**

Tensions are rising in Northern Ireland as the debate surrounding the NI Protocol and hard border options in the province continue. Shortly after the NI threat level was reduced from severe to substantial last week, a security alert prompted the evacuation from a peace event in the capital Belfast on Friday of Irish Foreign Minister and Fine Gael deputy leader, Simon Coveney. The incident prompted Ulster Unionist (UUP) MP Doug Beattie to refuse to attend further anti-protocol rallies for fear of sparking more violence and accused attending politicians from his own party, the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) and the Traditional Unionist Voice Party (TUV) of raising tensions.

*"It is now clear that anti-protocol rallies are being used to raise the temperature in Northern Ireland and adding to tensions that now see a resurgence in UVF activity... The Ulster Unionist Party will not be part of raising tensions or the temperature by bringing people onto the streets with an intent to harness anger."*

Mr Beattie's comments were rejected by the other Unionist parties and his offices were vandalised on Sunday evening.



Headline 1: Russian Occupation of Ukraine (Al-Jazeera 29th March)



Headline 3: NI Protocol protestors (BBC News 29th March)

# Industry News

## TRANSPORT

### Ferry Companies Operating from UK to Adhere to Minimum Wage (BBC News 28<sup>th</sup> March) <sup>9.</sup> <sup>10.</sup>

The UK Government is set to introduce legislation in Parliament this week forcing all ferry companies operating from the UK to adhere to the National Minimum Wage. The move comes after ferry company P&O admitted during a commons inquiry to deliberately breaking the law when it summarily dismissed its staff in a mass redundancy last week replacing them with contract workers. The UK minimum wage (outside of London) is currently £8.91 an hour compared to the reported £5.50 being paid to the replacement staff. Concerns over the training and safety standards of the new staff caused the port of Larne in Northern Ireland to detain a P&O ferry over concerns it was 'unfit to sail'. On Tuesday, a second ferry, 'The Pride of Kent' was also detained and prevented from sailing.

### Gatwick South Terminal Re-opens (Independent 27<sup>th</sup> March)

Gatwick re-opened its South Terminal on Sunday after closing in June 2020 during the height of the pandemic to reduce costs. With passenger numbers doubling, the airport was kept busy over the weekend although scheduled and un-scheduled train engineering work taking place left travellers frustrated at the lack of services to and from the airport. Gatwick is reminding passengers to check which terminal their flight leaves from as the reopening has caused a carrier location reshuffle resulting in a change to their usual departure location.

## SPORT AND LEISURE – CROWD SAFETY

### Olympic Aquatic Centre Evacuated After Gas Leak (Evening Standard 25<sup>th</sup> March) <sup>11.</sup>

The aquatic centre at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park remains closed this week after a chlorine gas leak last week left patrons struggling to breathe and resulted in 200 people being evacuated with 50 taken to hospital. The chemical incident is believed to have been triggered by a high quantity of Chlorine gas released after staff took delivery of pool chemicals forcing a mass evacuation. Patrons were treated at hospitals across the capital for breathing difficulties with two requiring an over-night for observation. The Olympic Park has reopened but with an investigation underway the aquatic centre remains shut.



Headline 1. P&O protestors (BBC News March 2022)



Headline 3 - Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park (Evening Standard March 2022)



# Activism Updates

## COST OF LIVING CRISIS

WE CAN'T PAY - FURTHER ACTION - 2ND APRIL

Public outrage over the Cost of Living Crisis is growing fast and our response is gaining momentum. Right now is the time for us all to come together in unity and build our collective resistance. Now is the time to get out onto the streets to send a clear message to the government that we refuse to pay for their crisis.

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**DOWNLOAD AND PRINT YOUR LOCALS GROUPS FLYER**

[DOWNLOAD FLYERS](#)

**FIND A PROTEST NEAR YOU**

<p><b>Birmingham</b> Saturday 2 April - 12pm Birmingham City Centre, Waterstones, Bullring</p>	<p><b>Bournemouth</b> Saturday 2 April - 1pm Bournemouth Square, Bournemouth</p>	<p><b>Bristol</b> Saturday 2 April - 1pm Broadmead (the circle where Broadmead intersects Merchant Street)</p>
<p><b>Cardiff</b> Saturday 2 April - 12:30pm Anson's Row Statue, Queen Street CF10 2BW</p>	<p><b>Cambridge</b> Saturday 2 April - 11:30am Great St Mary's, The University Church, Cambridge</p>	<p><b>Coventry</b> Saturday 2 April - 1pm Broadgate, Coventry, CV1 1</p>
<p><b>Derby</b> Saturday 2 April - 12pm 12 midday at The Spot (outside shopping centre Derby)</p>	<p><b>Doncaster</b> Saturday 2 April - 12pm Manston House, High Street Doncaster, DN1 1BN</p>	<p><b>Glasgow</b> Saturday 2 April - 1pm George Square</p>
<p><b>Hanley</b> Saturday 2 April - 1pm Posterns shopping centre</p>	<p><b>Hull</b> Saturday 2 April - 11:30am Queen Victoria Square, Hull</p>	<p><b>Ipswich</b> Saturday 2 April - 1pm Assemble at Christchurch Mansions, march to town hall for the rally, the Cornhill</p>
<p><b>Lancaster</b> Saturday 2 April - 1pm Market Square</p>	<p><b>Leicester</b> Saturday 2 April - 2pm Near Barclays Bank 1-3, Haymarket Towers, Leicester LE1 1WA</p>	<p><b>Liverpool</b> Saturday 2 April - 12pm Pier Head Landing Stage, Liverpool, L3 1</p>
<p><b>London</b> Saturday 2 April - 2pm Downing street</p>	<p><b>Manchester</b> Saturday 2 April - 1pm Piccadilly Gardens</p>	<p><b>Milton Keynes</b> Saturday 2 April - 1pm Outside Mark and Spencer's, Central Milton Keynes Shopping Centre.</p>
<p><b>Newcastle</b> Saturday 2 April - 11:30am meet at Newcastle Civic Centre for March to rally at Grey's Monument at 12:00.</p>	<p><b>Peterborough</b> Saturday 2 April - 1pm Cathedral Square, 1 Church street</p>	<p><b>Portsmouth</b> Saturday 2 April - 12pm Guildhall Square PO1 9ST</p>
<p><b>Preston</b> Saturday 2 April - 11:30pm The Flag Market, Preston.</p>	<p><b>Redcar</b> Saturday 2 April - 2pm Meet at the Blue Town Clock</p>	<p><b>Sheffield</b> Saturday 2 April - 11am Outside the Moor Market, Sheffield</p>
<p><b>Southampton</b> Saturday 2 April - 2pm Guildhall Square</p>		



[Telegram 2022](#)

[\(Peoples Assembly 2022\)](#)

[\(Insulate Britain 2022\)](#)



## PROTESTS

### Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March for extended period – Just Stop Oil

Location: UNKNOWN (TBC)

Cause: Stop Fossil Fuel Finance. Police reports indicate campaign will begin Nationwide on Thursday.

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

### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Protect Our Children

Location: Parliament Square, London @14:00, Vigil @18:00

Cause: No vaccine for children

Details: #ForOurChildren

### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Cost of Living Crisis

Location: Nationwide from midday

Cause: cities across UK protesting against cost of living crisis

Details: <https://thepeoplesassembly.org.uk/>

### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Free Julian Assange

Location: Piccadilly Circus @16:00

Cause: Weekly protest in support of Julian Assange

Details: #CandlesForAssange

### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> April Week of Art Action

Location: Global

Cause: Defund Climate Chaos, Art installations across the globe

Details: <https://twitter.com/search?q=%23DefundClimateChaos>

### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Stayin Alive on the M25

Location: M25 @ 12:00-04:00

Cause: Cost of Living Crisis, Rave on the M25 by Insulate Britain

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

# 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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