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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).



[Headline 1 – Jonathan Hall](#)
([The National 2022](#))



[Headline 2 – Jeremy Fleming](#)
([Reuters 2022](#))



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TERRORISM

UK Terrorism Watchdog Pledges to Focus on Child Terrorists (The National 1st April)

Independent terrorism reviewer, Jonathan Hall has announced further details regarding the terrorism watchdog's focus in 2022. Following his announcement last month, that this year's focus would be surrounding online terrorism, he went further on Friday revealing three core areas of study: "avoiding criminalising children while protecting the public", "terrorism content on-line" and "investigating terrorism". Speaking of the rise in extremist activity by children Hall said:

"There has been a significant increase in the number of terrorism-related arrests of children...much of this is related to internet activity, and many of these children are neuro-divergent and/or suffer from poor mental health."

In his most recent annual report, focussing on extremism and radicalisation in prisons, Hall made recommendations including the introduction of 'separation centres' in prisons to keep terrorists apart and the use of lie detectors on extremists as he says deradicalisation does not seem to work.

GCHQ Chief Tells of Mutinous Russian Soldiers Sabotaging Equipment (Reuters 31st March)

GCHQ boss Jeremy Fleming has told an audience at the National Security College (Australian National University) that their analysis is showing Putin's troops are suffering from low morale and resorting to sabotage and mutiny. Putin meanwhile was described by Fleming as having 'massively misjudged the situation' which was in part, he claims, due to being misled by his fearful advisers. Russia's defence ministry responded to the revelations suggesting they were Western lies spread in an attempt to bring down Russia and that their troops are professional and successful in Ukraine.

Four Guilty of Right-wing Terror Offences (CT Police 29th March)

Three men and one woman were found guilty of a total of 18 terror offences at a Sheffield court last week after an undercover officer infiltrated their Telegram channel and gained their trust. The group used the channel to 'share extreme right-wing views and propaganda, influence and indoctrinate others and endorse the use of violence to further their cause'. Following their arrest last year, a partially printed 3-D firearm was discovered at one of their addresses together with right-wing propaganda, chemicals and 'how to' explosive making guides. Head of Counter Terrorism Policing North East, Detective Chief Superintendent Martin Snowden said of the four:

"The vitriolic hatred expressed by these defendants went far beyond an intolerance of others. They are terrorists, with a deeply entrenched extreme right-wing mindset and a desire to act on those beliefs."

World news

Withdrawal of Russian Troops Reveals Atrocities in North Ukraine (Reuters 5th April)

The war in Ukraine enters its 41st day (5th April). As Russian troops withdraw from Kyiv and the North of the country to concentrate their efforts on the regions to the South and East, the world was left aghast at the reported atrocities inflicted on civilians in areas finally recaptured by Ukrainian troops. 300 dead citizens in Bucha alone, mass graves, people bound and shot at close range lining the streets and reports of rapes by Russian forces has prompted US President Joe Biden to declare Russian President Vladimir Putin a war criminal and called for Russia to be suspended from the Human Rights Council. Putin's allies have called the reports 'fakes' and assured the UN National Security Council it would provide 'empirical evidence' when the council convenes today (Tuesday 5th) that Russian troops were not responsible.

Trumps Social Media Platform Launches Amidst Technical Problems (BBC News 4th April)

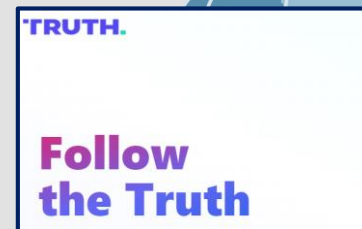
As rumours continue surrounding the possibility of Donald Trump running for US President in 2024, the Trump campaign have launched a new social media platform supposedly similar to Twitter, after he was banned for life from the platform early last year. 'Truth Social', advertised as 'standing up to the tyranny of big tech', was launched on 21st February (US, President's Day) this year but has been plagued with glitches ever since. Truth Social was the most downloaded app on 21st February but dropped off in popularity (by almost 95%) amidst complaints of no access to the site and a waitlist of almost 1.5million users. Trump has yet to regularly contribute to the site with some commentators speculating he is waiting for the glitches to be ironed out and is reportedly furious with the delays.

Pakistan PM Khan Escapes Vote of No Confidence (Al Jazeera 4th April) ¹

Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan has avoided a vote of no confidence after what some Pakistani politicians have described as an unconstitutional move whereby, he dissolved parliament, resulting in the vote being dismissed. New elections will be held in 90 days despite opposing parties questioning the move and launching an appeal in the supreme court, where deliberations continued on Tuesday. In protest, opposition parties held a sit-in at parliament together with a mock vote where 196 members voted against Khan. Had a no confidence vote gone ahead the opposition needed 172 votes to remove Khan's government.



Headline 1: Map of Ukraine highlighting Russian controlled areas (AlJazeera 2022)



Headline 2: Trump's New App (BBC News 2022)



Headline 3: Imran Khan (Reuters 2022)

Industry News

AVIATION AND AIR DEFENSE

Easy Jet and BA Cancel Flights at Numerous Airports Across the UK (Independent 4th April)

Easy Jet and British Airways have had to cancel hundreds of flights since Friday as staff numbers were too low to keep up with the Easter holiday demand. COVID19 staff sickness levels across Europe resulted in a number of carriers cancelling flights as the UK's airlines struggle to manage the influx of passengers and the reduction in staff. Easy Jet announced the cancellation of another 62 flights out of 1,645 booked for Monday with a further 60 cancelled on Tuesday as the problem shows no signs of abating, British Airways followed suit not long after. The situation has left a number of travellers stuck in foreign destinations after expecting to return home and start work on Monday.

'Horrendous Queues' Due to Staff Shortages at UK Airports (Evening Standard 3rd April) ^{2.} ^{3.} ^{4.}

Passengers are reporting 'horrendous queues' at UK airports since Friday as the aviation industry suffers more setbacks due to COVID19 related staff shortages. Heathrow's Terminal 2 was reportedly nearing capacity on Sunday as passengers were advised they would be unable to enter the terminal building until three hours before their flight. The problem at Heathrow was further compounded by technical issues regarding their e-gates and similar length queues greeted passengers at Manchester Airport who admitted they were also struggling with low staff and high passenger numbers and continue to do so as of Tuesday. EuroTunnel's Le Shuttle (experiencing their highest passenger numbers since 2019) travellers were also met with delays on Monday and Tuesday after a train broke down mid-route and ferry passengers also experienced disruption after the suspension of P&O ferries affected capacity across all operators.

ENERGY

JSO protests commence (Evening Standard 25th March)

Extinction Rebellion (XR) fringe group 'Just Stop Oil' has been out in force since Friday blocking access to a number of oil facilities across England leading to complaints of fuel shortages. Oil terminals in Southampton, Tamworth, Essex, Purfleet, Hemel Hempstead, Birmingham and Staines have all seen disruption involving blocked access to entrances, climbing of oil trucks and a tunnel system constructed under refineries in Grays, Essex. Over 200 arrests have been made and reports are coming in of fuel shortages across the Southeast of England. The campaign is expected to increase in momentum as this Saturday (9th) sees the launch of XR's Spring Action both Insulate Britain and Just Stop Oil have expressed their intent to join forces and create a month of disruption across the capital.



Headline 1. Easy Jet
(Independent 2022)



Headline 2. Heathrow Airport
(Independent 2022)



Just Stop Oil
(TWITTER 2022)

Activism Updates

PROTESTS

Thursday 31st March for extended period – Just Stop Oil

Location: to date: oil refineries across England

Cause: Stop Fossil Fuel Finance. Nationwide Campaign.

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

Friday 8th April – NatWest Day of Action

Location: Various NatWest and RBS branches across the UK

Cause: Stop investing in nuclear weapon producing companies

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

Saturday 9th April – Freedom Rally

Location: Churchill Square, Brighton @12:30

Cause: Freedom demonstration

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

Saturday 9th April – XR Spring Action

Location: Hyde Park, London @10:00

Cause: End to fossil fuel, joint protest by Insulate Britain, Just Stop Oil, Animal Rebellion, Money Rebellion, XR

Details: <https://www.facebook.com/events/480073833610992/>

Saturday 9th April – Student Strike

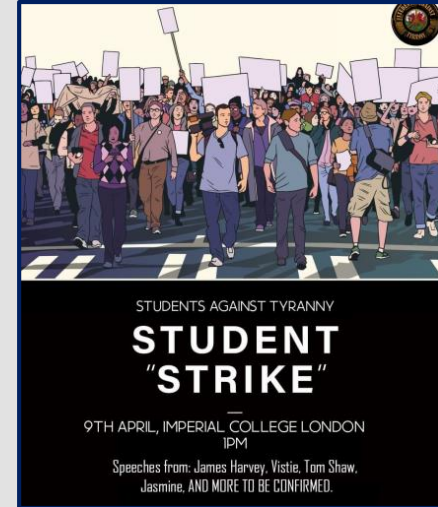
Location: Imperial College London @13:00

Cause: Students Against Tyranny

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



(ICAN 2022)



Telegram 2022

(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

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 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



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