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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).

Man Found Guilty in David Amess MP Court Case. (GB News 11th April)

Ali Harbi Ali (26 years old) was found **guilty** on Monday of the **murder** of Conservative **MP Sir David Amess** in October last year. Amess was attacked during a constituency surgery and **stabbed** over **20 times**, the jury took 18 minutes to find him guilty. Investigations found Ali had been planning the attack for a number of years and had considered **Michael Gove**, **Dominic Raab** and **Keir Starmer** as **potential targets**.

Pakistani Terror Leader Sentenced to 31 Years for Financing Terror (AlJazeera 11th April)

Hafiz Saeed, Pakistani terror group **Lashkar-e-Taiba** founder and believed to be responsible for the **Mumbai 2008 terror attacks**, has been found **guilty** of two charges of **financing terrorism** at a Pakistani court, receiving a sentence of 31 years in prison, where he is already serving a 15-year sentence for terror financing. The US reportedly put up a ten-million-dollar reward for information leading to his conviction for the Mumbai attack which killed 166 people (including Americans).

Attacks and Deaths Continue During Two Weeks of Violence in Israel (Guardian 12th April) ^{1. 2.}

Tensions rise in **Israel** as the country enters Ramadan and Palestinian attacks continue with a **stabbing** on an Israeli **police officer** on Tuesday morning. The police officer is being treated for minor injuries after shooting the attacker dead. 14 Israelis and 15 Palestinians have been killed in the ongoing terrorist action since March 22nd. Two people died and 12 were injured following a **gun attack** on a **Tel-Aviv bar** on Thursday that resulted in a six-hour manhunt which locked down the city. Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett said his security forces would have 'full freedom to act' in response. Both **Hamas** and **Islamic Jihad** welcomed the attack and called it a '**heroic operation**' but Palestinian president Abbas condemned the attack saying:

"The killing of Palestinian and Israeli civilians only leads to a further deterioration of the situation".



Headline 1 – David Amess (GB NEWS 2022)



Headline 3 – Dizengoff Street bar attack (BBC 2022)

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World news

Residents Claim Chemical Weapon Use in Mariupol (Al-Jazeera 12th April) ^{3. 4.}

On the **48th** day of the **Ukraine War** news is emerging from the besieged city of **Mariupol** regarding claims of chemical weapon use and army personnel recounting details of an **unknown noxious substance deployed** leaving them breathless and dizzy. The city's mayor stated as many as 20,000 people were killed as he describes the **city 'carpeted in corpses'**. The recent developments have prompted France to send a team of police and forensic experts to Ukraine to obtain proof of war crimes. Liz Truss, UK Foreign Secretary, and James Heappey, Minister of the Armed Forces, have both said **'all options are on the table'** if the use of chemical weapons is confirmed.

Macron and LePen Go Head to Head in French Elections (BBC News 11th April) ^{5.}

French President Emmanuel Macron has won the **first round** of the **French general election** with **27.6%** of the vote besting his closest rival, **Marie Le Pen's** National Rally party by 4.19%. Coming in third was Jean-Luc Mélenchon with just over 21% of the vote. A French opinion poll on the presidential race has Macron and Le Pen almost neck and neck with 51% and 49% of the votes respectively. Should Macron win a second term he will be the first French President to do so. A **'run-off' vote** will be held between the top two candidates on **24th April**.

Pakistan PM Khan Loses No Confidence Vote (Al Jazeera 11th April) ^{6. 7.}

Pakistan Prime Minister **Imran Khan** has **lost a vote of no confidence** ousting him as leader and becoming the country's first Prime Minister to lose his seat from such a vote. After being alienated by the military who many believe were responsible for getting him elected in 2018, Khan attempted to avoid the vote by dissolving parliament last week. Eventually **176** politicians **voted in favour** of the no confidence motion (a minimum of 172 was needed) as Khan became the 19th Prime Minister to not complete a full term in office since 1947. Opposition leader **Shehbaz Sharif** was voted in to replace Khan this week, he **will form a government** which will take over until **new elections** take place in **2023**. Khan's dismissal was met with demonstrations in a number of cities across Pakistan where tens of thousands protested his removal.

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

Headline 3: Imran Khan supporters (Aljazeera 2022)



Industry News

AVIATION AND AIR DEFENSE

Easter Chaos Expected as UK Airports Struggle Amid Staff Shortages (Independent 12th April) [8](#). [9](#). [10](#).

UK airports continue to struggle to maintain a service fit for purpose, as holiday makers face massive disruption over the forthcoming bank holiday weekend and more than 100,000 passengers have been affected in the last week. **British Airways** and **Easy Jet cancelled flights** again on Tuesday (80 in total) due to ongoing **staff shortages**. The same cannot be said for airlines such as Ryanair, Wizz Air and Jet2 who are not experiencing similar issues (due to less peak time travel and more short-haul destinations). **Heathrow, Gatwick** and **Manchester airport** users have all experienced **queues** of up to five hours with reports of flights missed, people fainting and children using plastic bags to relieve themselves in the queues. Manchester airport has warned passengers to arrive three hours early but many travellers complained they still missed their flights due to a five hour wait.

Compounding the issues surrounding the 'Great Easter Getaway' are **major road works** expected on the **M25, M6** and **A303** (Stonehenge) prompting the **R.A.C** to advise motorists to avoid the M25 and A303 over the bank holiday weekend entirely.

Train passengers are also expected to **face disruption** with replacement bus services on many journeys as **Network Rail** confirmed **planned engineering work** across the network including the **closure of Euston station** across the whole weekend.

The suspension of P&O ferries' Dover-Calais crossing in March will also disrupt holidaymaker's plans and was initially mitigated with promises of tickets honoured on alternative routes by sister ferry company DFDS. However, DFDS have since stated they do not have the capacity to honour the tickets and has 'no availability for P&O customers. Last weekend traffic was at a standstill across Kent as passengers tried to access the port.

ENERGY

Venezuela Stands to Benefit dramatically from Russian Oil Sanctions (Reuters 7th April)

Investment bank giant **Credit Suisse** has suggested that **Venezuela** (disputably home to the world's largest oil reserve) has the oil capacity to provide the **US** with an **alternative** to their partial reliance on **Russian oil**, increasing their forecasted country's economic growth from 4.5% to 20% and their GDP from 3% to 8%. The shock Credit Suisse announcement came after a high-level meeting in March between the Venezuelan government and the US where they discussed the easing of sanctions to accommodate such a move. The US currently imports 700,000 barrels of Russian oil a day and Credit Suisse suggests the South American neighbour can match that capacity. Questions remain however over Venezuela's beleaguered oil company's (Petroleos de Venezuela, PDVSA) ability to facilitate this in light of poor management and key infrastructure needing immediate replacement or upgrading.



Headline 1. Heathrow Airport Queues
(My London 2022)



Headline 2. PDVSA Venezuela Site
(Reuters 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/>

Saturday 16th April – No COVID Jabs for Kids

Location: Church Street, Liverpool @11:00

Cause: Against COVID vaccines for children

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

Saturday 16th April – XR Spring Action – Finale Special

Location: Hyde Park and Central London @10:00

Cause: Protest against climate change

Details: [XR Calendar](#)

Saturday 16th April – Shut Elbit Down

Location: Taiba events centre, Leicester @Midday

Cause: Elbit shutdown strategy meeting

Details: https://twitter.com/Pal_action

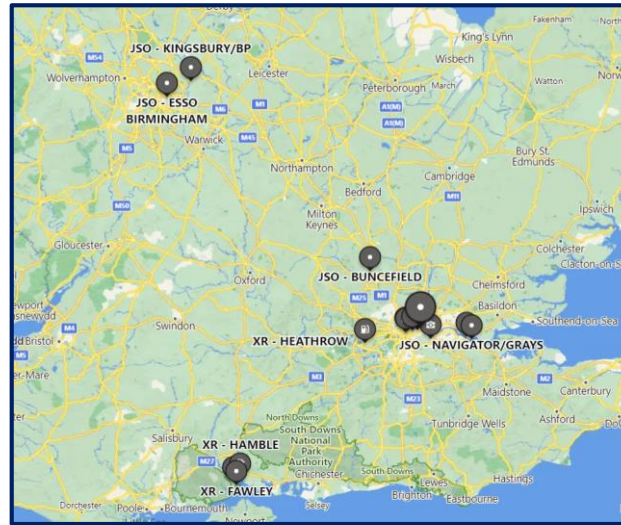
Sunday 17th April – XR Spring Action – What's Next

Location: Hyde Park and Central London @10:00;

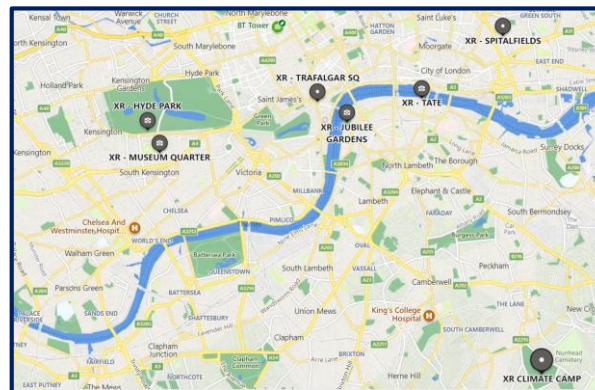
Afterparty@19:00

Cause: Protest against climate change

Details: [XR Calendar](#)



JSO and XR NATIONAL PICTURE



LONDON XR SITES



[Telegram 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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