

# Agenda



## **Terrorism Update**

The current threat level for the UK is 'SUBSTANTIAL', meaning a terror attack is 'likely'. For further information see GOV.UK.

### David Cameron Accuses PREVENT Critics of Fuelling Terrorism (Telegraph 26th April) 1

Former UK Prime Minster **David Cameron** has **spoken out** against **critics** of the Counter Terrorism **PREVENT scheme** branding them **guilty of "passive tolerance"** (by failing to interfere in minority communities for fear of appearing racist). Speaking out after Ali Harbi Ali's guilty verdict for the murder of Sir David Amess MP and Home Secretary Priti's Patel's suggestion reforms to PREVENT were necessary, Mr Cameron stated **"delegitimising counter-terrorism is, in essence, enabling terrorism"**. The Home Secretary awaits the much anticipated independent review into the programme (the results of which are due to be released this summer) before committing to specifics regarding the reform but admits "there are things that need to change". Ali had been referred to the scheme along with other high profile terror suspects including the 2017 Parson Tube bomber and the 2020 Reading Park suspect.

## Extremist's Extremist in Court After Founding 2nd Neo-Nazi Group (BBC News 21st April) 2.

National Action co-founder Alex Davies (28 years-old) appeared in court last week in a trial expected to last a month accused of being a member of proscribed organisation National Action. Following its ban in 2016 Davies went on to set up an off-shoot group NS131 which was also proscribed nine months later. Barnaby James prosecuting suggested Davies was a "particularly active recruiter" and encouraged placing the group's recruits "covertly in positions of authority", (including Ben Hannam of the Metropolitan Police and Mikko Vehvilainen, of the British Army). Jameson considered Davies' "neo-Nazi ideology...among the most extreme of anyone within National Action" he was associated with a number of far-right demonstrations in UK cities such as Liverpool, Newcastle, York, Swansea and Darlington, where 'refugees not welcome' banners were displayed and Nazi slogans chanted. Davies admits to being a member of National Action before its ban but denied being a member after that date as the group ceased to exist.

## Abu Bakr Deghayes Sentenced to Four Years for Encouraging Terrorism. (CT.Police.UK 21st April)

53 year-old **Abu Bakr Deghayes** was sentenced last week to **four years** in **prison** and a year on licence after being found **guilty** of **encouraging terrorism** in January (see our digest 12<sup>th</sup> January). Describing Deghayes' actions, Head of Counter Terrorism Policing South East (CTPSE), Detective Chief Superintendent Oliver Wright, said:

"Deghayes used a toxic rhetoric that could radicalise others, but his destructive views were rejected by the community he was preaching to...It is vitally important that people have the courage to report their concerns to the police when they witness extremism being promoted in this way. We rely "on those who see or hear this sort of messaging, to have the confidence to report it".



Headline 1 – PREVENT (CT Police 2022)



<u>Headline 2- NS131</u> (South Gloucestershire Council 2020)



## **World news**

Russian Foreign Minister Warns West of World War Three (Reuters 26th April) 3.

**Russian Foreign Minister** Sergei Lavrov alluded to the **possibility** of **World War Three** in an interview on Russia TV on Monday. The transcript of the interview suggest when asked about the situation in Ukraine he stated:

"The risks now are considerable...the danger is serious, real...we must not underestimate it...NATO, in essence, is engaged in a war with Russia through a proxy and is arming that proxy. War means war."

Lavrov's comments were met with **suggestions** of **scaremongering by Kyiv** and Ukraine's Foreign Minister tweeted after the interview, "This only means Moscow senses defeat." These sentiments were echoed by

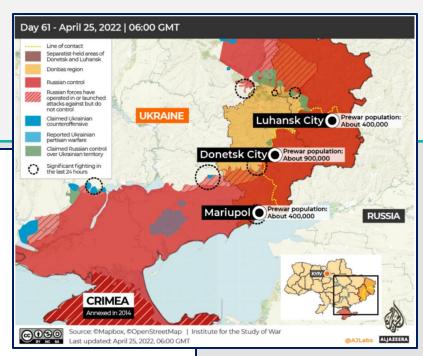
British Armed Services Minister **James Heappey**, who did not consider the threat of escalation to be valid and accused the Russia Foreign Minister of **'bravado'**. The war in Ukraine entered it's 62<sup>nd</sup> day on Tuesday and the Russian Foreign Minister's comments come as peace talks stall and Kremlin insiders suggest Putin is making a 'land grab' as he feels peace negotiations have reached a 'dead end'.

## Elon Musk to Buy Twitter for USD44 Billion (Al Jazeera 26th April) 4.5.6.

The **Twitter board of directors** has confirmed they have **accepted Elon Musk's offer** to buy the social media platform for USD44 Billion following his initial 9% share purchase earlier this month. With financial support from Morgan Stanley, Musk offered to buyout the company and was met with little to no resistance from its board members. Twitter co-founder Jack Dorsey expressed his support for Musk's bid calling him "the singular solution I trust" having previously been critical of the board claiming it "has consistently been the dysfunction of this company." **Musk**, a self-proclaimed "**free-speech absolutist**" sparked concerns the take-over could mean the return of Ex-US President Donald Trump to the platform. Trump was quick to respond when quizzed on Fox News about the development stating: "I am not going on Twitter...I hope Elon buys Twitter because he'll make improvements to it and he is a good man, but I am going to be staying on Truth (Truth Social)".

## **Macron Wins French General Election (France24 26th April)**

Newly re-elected French President **Emmanuel Macron** secured a **historic victory** at the weekend becoming the only French President to win a **second term**, securing his seat for another five years. His win was marred by a **divisive vote** (with many considering him the reluctant alternative to opposition candidate Marie Le Pen), a **winning margin** of only **17.8%** and the lowest voter turn out in France for decades. Macron acknowledged the challenges facing his new presidency in his address to the nation on Sunday evening.



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





# **Industry News**

#### **AVIATION AND AIR DEFENSE**

### Passengers Partly to Blame for Airport Delays Says Heathrow Chief of Staff (Express 22<sup>nd</sup> April)

Chief of Staff at Heathrow Airport Nigel Milton suggested last week passengers were partly responsible for the travel chaos which affected airports across the country over the Easter weekend. Delays in security screening added to the lengthy queueing time after travellers repeatedly forgot to remove liquids from carry-on luggage despite being constantly reminded inside the airport. Together with almost expired passports and incorrect COVID documentation Mr Milton suggested that passengers exacerbated the problems by coming unprepared. He also stated the lengthy queues would continue into the summer travel period as Heathrow re-opens Terminal four meaning Border Force staff will be stretched even more thin.

## US/AUS Concern Over Chinese Military Base Agreed on Solomon Islands (Independent 26th April) 2

Concerns were raised by Western leaders over the weekend after news emerged of a deal struck between China and the Pacific region Solomon Islands. Rumours surfaced suggesting China had secured rights to use the group of hundreds of islands as a military base, intending to send police and military personnel there together with using it as a stop off point for Chinese warships. US ambassador Daniel Kritenbrink expressed concerns over the lack of transparency regarding the accord and China's motivations and objectives behind securing such a location, suggesting any such move would be met with 'action' from the US. New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern also expressed her concerns stating:

"One of the reasons we've expressed this disappointment [is] ... Australia and New Zealand both have heeded the call of the Solomons for support during recent disruption".

Ardern was alluding to the violent and deadly riots that plagued the islands (with a population of 700,000) last year after their Prime Minister, Manasseh Sogavare announced the severing of 'long-standing ties' with Taiwan and citizens became concerned about the Islands' relationship with China. The latest revelation

suggesting the move is partly to help maintain social order in the archipelago (according to a draft leaked prior to the deal) is unlikely to belay those concerns. Despite this the US stated they were reassured by the Solomon government there would be no long term Chinese presence in the country nor would there be a military base.



<u>Headline 1. Heathrow Airport Queues</u>
<u>(Express 2022)</u>

Headline 2. - Solomon Islands (Google Maps 2022)



# **Activism Updates**

#### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April – 12<sup>th</sup> May – Support Sri Lanka

Location: Parliament Square, London @10:00-18:00

Cause: Solidarity with Sri Lanka Details:#GotaGoGama London

### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April – No Sex Surveys in Schools

Location: Buchannan Steps, Glasgow @13:00

Cause: 'Opposition to the increasingly corrupt and disgusting sexual content in schools'

Details: https://t.me/SCOTLANDTGR

### Saturday 30th April – Freedom Rally

Location: Kings Cross, London

Cause: Cost of Living Crisis/Freedom Rally Details: <a href="https://t.me/uniteforfreedom">https://t.me/uniteforfreedom</a> chat

### Saturday 30th April - Anti-Vaccine

Location: Merseyway Centre, 1 Stockport Hub, Stockport @11:00

Cause: Anti-vax for children

Details: <a href="https://t.me/A4Army/34">https://t.me/A4Army/34</a>

#### **UPCOMING NATIONAL DAYS OF ACTION**

TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> May – SHUT ELBIT DOWN – Palestinian Action, Elbit branch, Meridian East,

Leicester

SATUDAY 14<sup>th</sup> May – FREE PALESTINE – Palestinian Action, Portland Place, London



Telegram 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 <a href="mailto:fcdo.correspondence@fcdo.gov.uk">fcdo.correspondence@fcdo.gov.uk</a>

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 Inform staff that routes to work may be 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**

- 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 <u>NATIONAL</u> 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.
- <u>Easing Lockdown Vigilance Campaign Toolkit</u>

#### **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?

#### **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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