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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).

'Beatles' British ISIS Group Member Sentenced to Life in Prison in US (NYTimes 29th April) [1](#), [2](#), [3](#)

Alexanda Kotey (38) has been given **eight life sentences** (to run concurrently) in the US, after pleading guilty to **terrorist charges**. Kotey was part of the infamous '**Beatles**' gang of ISIS killers responsible for the **kidnap and torture of 27 hostages**, beheading a number of the victims and releasing the footage online. Other 'Beatles' member, El Shafee Elsheikh was convicted earlier in April and awaits sentencing in the US this August. The third member Mohammed Emwazi ('Jihadi John') was killed in an airstrike in 2015 and fourth 'Beatles' member, Aine Davis was sentenced to seven and a half years in prison in Turkey in 2017. The group's victims included, Manchester Taxi driver and aid worker, Alan Henning, beheaded in October 2014 and East Yorkshire aid worker David Haines also beheaded in 2014.

CT Experts Call for Ban on Funding Groups that undermine PREVENT (The National 26th April)

Following David Cameron's comments last week labelling PREVENT critics as 'enabling terrorism' (and reported in last [week's digest](#)), further counter-terror experts have suggested a **ban on funding** such **groups** who present this **false narrative** in a **report on anti-PREVENT sentiment** and its impact on the UK's Counter terrorism strategy. Led by Sir John Jenkins, the report, 'Delegitimising Counter-Terrorism - The Activist Campaign to Demonise Prevent', identifies a number of groups who 'sought to undermine PREVENT and counter extremism efforts'. It includes Cage, the Cordoba Foundation, the Federation of Student Islamic Societies, Friends of Al-Aqsa, the Islamic Human Rights Commission, Mend and the Muslim Association of Britain.

Online Safety Bill Criticised for CT Measures (Independent 21st April)

Jonathan Hall QC, **Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation**, has **criticised** counter terror measures in the **Online Safety Bill** and asked for '**greater clarity**'. The bill intends to force online companies to find and remove terrorist content and face fines if they do not comply. Hall is critical of the bill's definition of 'terrorism content' and adds:

"It risks creating legislation that is muzzled and confused...there needs to be common understanding and certainty about the new statutory duties...These depend on the definition of 'terrorist content'."



Headline1: - Elsheikh and Kotey (Dailymail 2020)



Headline1: - ISIS Beatles victims (USA Today 2020)

World news

Just Stop Oil Target Scottish Site for First Time in Campaign (Independent 03rd May)

40 Just Stop Oil activists occupied and blocked access to the Nustar Clydebank oil terminal in Glasgow from early Tuesday morning, climbing oil tankers and 'locking-on' to the entrance the group caused operations to halt at the major Scottish site. This is the group's first action in Scotland since launching their campaign in early April.

Kherson Internet Now Routed Through Russia (Reuters 02nd May) ^{4.}

Netblocks, the UK based, Internet monitoring group, confirmed that it tracked a 'near-total internet black-out' in the disputed Kherson region of Ukraine on Saturday, followed by a re-routing of its internet traffic via Russia. The black-out affected a number of Ukrainian providers who discovered their traffic going via Russia (and now subject to its restrictions) once the connection was restored. The move comes after the Russian appointed 'civil-military regional administration' of Kherson announced the use of the Russian Rouble in the region as of 1st May. The British Ministry of Defence stated the strategy was indicative of "Russian intent to exert strong political and economic influence in Kherson over the long term". The US has also alluded to the possibility of Russia annexing the area in Eastern Ukraine and although Kyiv has confirmed they have lost control of the region they affirm their troops remain committed to re-capturing the area.

8,000 British Troops to be Deployed on Exercise in Eastern Europe (Independent 29th April)

The British Ministry of Defence has confirmed the deployment of thousands of British troops on exercise across Eastern Europe this summer, joining troops from NATO and the Joint Expeditionary Force Alliance in the largest deployment of troops across the continent since the Cold War. Defence Secretary, Ben Wallace announced the long-term arrangements (enhanced by recent developments in Ukraine) and added:

"The security of Europe has never been more important. These exercises will see our troops join forces with allies and partners across Nato and the Joint Expeditionary Force in a show of solidarity and strength in one of the largest shared deployments since the Cold War"



Headline 1: [JUST STOP OIL activists, Scotland, JSO 2022](#)

Headline 2: [Map of Ukraine highlighting Russian controlled areas](#) (Al Jazeera 2022)



Industry News

ENERGY

BP Reports First Quarter Record Profits Reigniting Call for Windfall Tax (Independent 3rd May) ⁵.

Energy oil giant BP has reported first quarter profits of USD 6.2 Billion, doubling that from the year before and far exceeding their estimates of USD 4.5 Billion. The record profits come despite BP taking a USD 25.5 Million hit over their withdrawal from Russian oil which included dumping their 20% stake in Rosneft. The announcement has reignited calls for the UK government to impose a one-off windfall tax on energy companies to assist with the cost-of-living crisis, however Anne-Marie Trevelyan, UK International Trade Secretary, stated on Tuesday:

“The reality is if we strip away their profits, we will not be able to do what is the most important thing, [which] is to invest in those clean energies of the future which will also enable us to come away from our reliance on foreign energy.”

SECURITY

‘Extraordinary Breach of Security’ at Coldstream Guard’s Barracks (Independent 3rd May)

A man claiming to be a priest and friend of the battalion’s Padre Rev. Matt Coles was given food and drink and allowed to sleep in the Coldstream Guard’s barracks (near Windsor Castle) on Sunday until checks in the morning revealed him to be an imposter and not known to the battalion’s clergyman. Calling himself Father Cruise, the intruder was given food and allowed to drink in the on-site bar before being given a bed for the night. His stories of being an ejector seat test pilot and having multiple organs replaced drew suspicion amongst the guards, who were proved right in the morning after checks were made on the voracity of his story. The intruder was arrested by police following the incident and removed from the barracks. An investigation into the breach is on-going.

Prisoner Attempts Escape From HMP Five Wells by Swapping Arm Bands (Metro 1st May)

An HMP Five Wells inmate, in prison for robbery and stealing a dog worth (£3,000), managed to swap security arm bands with his brother during a visitation, almost walking out of the super prison. The brothers swapped armbands whilst in the visiting hall with the rouse only discovered when a G4S officer spotted the inmate wearing different clothes on his return to the cells, sparking an alert and the re-detention of the prisoner as he was about to make good his escape. The inmate, Elhaj Diarrassouba (24 years-old) has now been moved to a category A prison.



Headline 1. BP LOGO (Independent 2022)



Headline 2. -
Coldstream Guards
Independent 2022



Activism Updates

PROTESTS

Saturday 7th May The Rape Of Britain Demonstration

Location: Telford town Centre train station @14:00

Cause: Tommy Robinson Campaign against grooming gangs in Telford

Details: <https://www.birminghammail.co.uk/black-country/live-updates-tommy-robinson-stages-22918285>

Saturday 7th May – Stand Up For The Kids

Location: Buchanan Street Steps, Glasgow @13:00

Cause: Anti-CVOID jabs for kids

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

Saturday 7th May – Stop the War Coalition

Location: Locations Nationwide from 11:30am

Cause: Anti-Ukraine War International Day of Action

Details: <https://www.stopwar.org.uk/>

Tuesday 10th May – Shut Elbit Down

Location: Elbit Leicester, Meridian East @Midday

Cause: Pro-Palestine action against Israeli arms factory

Details: https://twitter.com/Pal_action

Available on request, advisoryservices@wilsonjames.co.uk

Advisory Services New Product –

Pro-Palestine Solidarity Campaign Social Media Analysis Update

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**STOP THE WAR IN UKRAINE - RUSSIAN TROOPS OUT
NO NATO EXPANSION - NO NUCLEAR WAR**

StopTheWar.Org



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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