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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).

## Israel Enters New Stage on the War on Terror claims Prime Minister (The Times 8<sup>th</sup> May)

Israel is intending to send 'assassination teams' to foreign countries targeting Hamas leaders, in retaliation for the killing of Israeli citizens, Prime Minister Naftali Bennett told allies at the weekend. The news came after Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar, issued a statement saying

*"Let everyone who has a rifle, ready it. And if you don't have a rifle, ready your cleaver or an axe, or a knife".*

The 'call to arms' followed a deadly stabbing incident in Elad on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May where Jewish citizens were attacked with a knife and an axe leaving three dead and eleven injured. Hamas did not claim responsibility but called the attack a 'heroic operation'.

## National Action Co-founder Continues Court Case (Independent 7<sup>th</sup> May)

Neo-Nazi terror group co-founder and holocaust denier, 27 year-old Alex Davies' court case continues as the jury hears he describes himself as a 'good person' with a 'moral compass'. Davies is in court regarding his continued membership of National Action (after its ban in 2016) and his creation of NS131 which he formed immediately after the ban and was banned itself as an affiliate in 2017. His new group, he told the court was simply an online magazine. Davies admitted he played an active part in nationalist politics since he was 16 and had a desire to create "nationalist communities" for white people in the UK. So far 18 people have been convicted of continuing to be National Action members after its ban.

## Ritz Owner Sued for Financing Terror Group Al Nusra Front (CT Business 5<sup>th</sup> May)

The current Ritz hotel owner and prominent Qatari Abdulhadi Mana Al Hajri, is being sued in the UK by Syrian refugees for secretly funding extremists in Syria facilitating their torture and religious persecution. Al Hajri is named along with the Qatar National Bank and Doha Bank who all deny the claims of funding terrorist group Al Nusra Front by sending them 'hundreds of millions of dollars'. Ben Emerson QC for the claimants advises the defendants are charged with:

*"laundering and channelling of funds by way of transfers through accounts held with [the two banks] . . . direct payments made by certain of the defendants and unlawful acts to coerce and secure the participation of individuals . . . into participating in terrorist financing".*

Al-Hajri purchased the Ritz for £800 million in 2020.



Headline2: - Alex Davies (Independent 2022)



Headline3: - Ritz Hotel (CT Business 2022)

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# World news

## **Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos' Son Bongbong Set to Win Philippine Election (BBC 10<sup>th</sup> May) [1](#), [2](#)**

Polling booths across the Philippines have closed as the country votes on their next president. Opinion polls suggest Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr, the son of infamous Philippine dictator Ferdinand Marcos, will win by a 'landslide'. Marcos Sr (and his wife Imelda) caused widespread suffering and human rights violations during his Presidency between 1965 and 1986 and stole billions (recorded by Guinness World Records as 'The largest ever theft from a government' – GBP Eight Billion). Both senior Marcos' have attempted to re-enter Philippine politics but this time Bongbong (on his second attempt) is set to win, returning the family to power after 36 years. Marcos' running mate is Sara Duerte, daughter of current president President Rodrigo Duerte. Marcos Jr's popularity appears to be boosted by the 'youth vote' who did not experience life under Marcos Sr's dictatorship and who have been targeted by an intensive social media campaign by the Marcos camp.

## **DUP to Boycott NI Executive After Sinn Fein Historic Win (Independent 09th May)**

Sinn Fein's historic victory in the Northern Irish elections last week secured their first ever majority in the province and the first time the Nationalist vote has won over Unionism. Sinn Fein took 27 seats to the DUP's (Democratic Unionist Party) 25 in a win that was more reflective of the Unionist's displeasure with NI Protocol, which split their vote. Northern Ireland has a power sharing Assembly, the First Minister and Deputy First Minister posts are shared by the largest Unionist and Nationalist parties. The Assembly has been suspended since the beginning of the year following a DUP boycott over the NI Protocol and their First Minister's resignation. The new power sharing executive will likely be stalled as DUP leader Jeffery Donaldson maintained his party will continue to boycott the Assembly until the NI Protocol is replaced. The new Assembly will meet on Friday and elect a speaker who will invite the two major parties to put forward their representatives.

## **Victory Day Speech Disappoints as Kyiv Accuses Putin of Mirroring Hitler (Al Jazeera 09th May)**

Russian President, Vladimir Putin gave his much anticipated Victory Day speech on Monday but failed to impress observers. Putin is reported to have avoided using the word Ukraine during his Red Square address instead he concentrated on the Donbas region mentioning it five times and asking his country to pray for the pro-Russian citizens in the region who died at the hands of 'neo-Nazis.'" After the address Putin was accused of mirroring the policies of Adolf Hitler and hijacking the memory of Russian Troops who died in World War II. Kyiv responded to the speech stating:

"Ukraine symbolises the end of the bravado Russia has had for the past 20 years...Ukraine will definitely prove its key mission – to 'de-Nazify' the Russian Federation."



Headline 2: Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. (BBC News 2022)

Headline 3: Map of Ukraine highlighting Russian controlled areas (Al Jazeera 2022)



# Industry News

## MUSEUMS/GALLERIES

### National Gallery Joins TATE in Removing Sackler Name from Buildings (Arts News 09<sup>th</sup> May) [3.](#) [4.](#)

The National Gallery is the latest gallery to remove the US Sackler family name from their exhibitions after their company Purdue Pharma was implicated in the US opioid crisis which resulted in almost 500,000 deaths between 1999 and 2019. Purdue Pharma pleaded guilty to charges it misled regulators, doctors and patients. The Sackler family is now banned from the industry and must dissolve Purdue before 2024 and release 30 million sealed documents. The family have agreed to pay over USD Ten Billion in compensation to US states. The National Gallery joins the TATE, the British Museum and the Serpentine Galleries in disassociating themselves from the family. The Victoria and Albert museum, Kew Gardens and the London Museum are yet to comment on their Sackler patronage.

## CONSTRUCTION

### Construction News Announces 89 Companies Went Under Since January (Arts News 09<sup>th</sup> May) [5.](#)

Using data from business intelligence experts [Creditsafe](#), Construction News has tallied the amount of construction companies who went into administration so far this year as totalling 89. Financial advisory company, [Interpath Advisory](#) director Neil Morely suggests these figures are still well below pre-pandemic levels. He remains cautious however for the future of construction companies adding:

*“If you think about what we are dealing with in the sector, in terms of the increased raw material prices and labour inflationary pressure, you would have expected to see a lot more insolvencies at the back end of 2021..and I still expect to see them.”*

His prediction is affirmed by Grant Thornton who anticipates increases due to sub-contractors’ vulnerability in fixed-term contracts,

*“Although construction largely continued through the pandemic, many investment decisions were pushed back in 2020 and early 2021. This impacted [the] pipeline for construction companies and that is being felt now; i.e., they don’t have as many live jobs now as they would have expected. This has caused lower activity at the moment, even though future investment and pipelines are strong.”*

## ACTIVISM

### New Public Order Bill to Tackle “Guerrilla Protests” (Arts News 09<sup>th</sup> May)

The Queen’s speech in Parliament on Tuesday spoke of new tactics to tackle “guerrilla protests” by the likes of Insulate Britain and Just Stop Oil. Incorporated into a new Public Order Bill Home Secretary Priti Patel stated the bill will:

*“tackle anti-social, disruptive protests carried out by a self-indulgent minority who seem to revel in causing mayhem and misery for the rest of us”.*



Headline 1: Mother of Opioid Crisis Victim (BBC News 2022)



Headline 3: Police Remove Protestors (Independent 2022)



# Activism Updates

## ACTIVISM

### **Monday 9th-14th May – 6 Days of Action for Palestine**

Location: Various locations across the UK

Cause: Pro-Palestine action including boycotts, Puma 'phone jam' and protests, culminating in a **National Day of Action on Saturday 14th April** gathering at **Portland Place, London**

Details: <https://t.co/YUXEd9ptiQ>

### **Saturday 14th May – Bans Off Our Bodies**

Location: Parliament Square to US Embassy

Cause: In solidarity with US wide pro-choice protests

Details: <http://abortionrights.org.uk>

### **Sunday 15th May – Stop The Rot**

Location: Downing Street, London @14:00

Cause: Get Boris Out

Details: <https://www.stoptherot.uk/>

## AGMS

It is likely the following list of companies and their HQ locations may see disruption due to protests from various groups, in a deliberate attempt to disrupt the AGM gathering and to influence shareholder voting.

**Puma – 11th May** – Southbank – Pro-Palestine campaign

**BP – 12th May** – Excel – Climate campaign

**Lloyds of London – 19th** - Lime Street – Climate campaign

**Shell – 24th May** – Southbank/Stand – Climate campaign

Another event of note is **The Net Zero Delivery Summit**, hosted by the **City of London** at **Mansion House 11-12th May**. Attendance by Chairman of Lloyds of London and supported in part by Lloyds and Barclays.

Available on request from  
[advisoryservices@wilsonjames.co.uk](mailto:advisoryservices@wilsonjames.co.uk)

New Product – **Pro-Palestine Solidarity Campaign Social Media Analysis Update** Published 5th May 2022



Boycott Divest and Sanction (BDS) Protest  
(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](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 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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