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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).

Ex-Irish Soldier Found Guilty of ISIS Membership (Independent 30th May) ^{1.}

A former Irish soldier was found guilty in a Dublin court on Monday of being a member of ISIS. 40 year-old Lisa Smith left the Irish military in 2011 after converting to Islam and moving to Syria. Sean Gillane SC prosecuting said Smith had travelled to Syria to "Make Hija" a term which referred to the deliberate attempt to emigrate to support ISIS calling it:

"A central act of allegiance to this proto-state... an act without which the terrorist group cannot survive"

Smith was also found not guilty of funding terrorism (in a separate charge) in relation to a Euro 800 payment sent to an alleged ISIS member. She is due to be sentenced on 11th July.

National Action Member Jailed for Three Years (CPS.Gov 27th May) ^{2.}

36 year-old David Musins was sentenced last week to three years in prison and a further year on license for being a member of proscribed terror group National Action and it's affiliated group NS131 (started after National Action ban). The Met's Counter Terrorism Commander Richard Smith said of Musins:

"This was a detailed investigation which led to an admission of guilt and the team should be highly commended...Outwardly, Musins was unremarkable but secretly he willingly joined and took part in activities run by an extreme right-wing group of individuals, united by confused and hate-filled ideologies."

Alex Davies was convicted last month on similar offences in relation to National Action and NS131 and awaits sentencing. Ex Met Police officer Ben Hannams was jailed for four years last year for NA membership.

Three Teenagers Arrested in One Week on Separate Terror Offences (Evening Standard 20th May) ^{3. 4.}

An 18 year-old boy, a 17 year-old girl and a 13 year-old boy were arrested within a week of each other in relation to extreme Islamic ideology and terror offences. The Met's Counter Terrorism Commander Richard Smith said:

"While it is still very rare for such a young person to be arrested for a terrorism offence, in recent times we have seen a worrying increase in the number of teenagers being drawn into terrorism"

During the pandemic police saw the number of arrests for terror offences drop in all age groups with the exception of under 18s. Arrests rose from 5% in the year to March 2020 to 13% in the year to March 2021.



[Headline2: National Action – \(BBC NEWS 2022\)](#)

World news

Acting Speaker Chairs NI Assembly due to DUP Stand-off (BBC News 30th May)

Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLA's) met in Stormont today to discuss the future of the devolved government in Northern Ireland amidst a continued boycott to elect a speaker by The Democratic Unionist Party (DUP). The DUP have refused to engage in the election of a speaker until the issue over the NI Protocol is resolved. Not electing a speaker to the assembly means the First and Deputy leaders cannot be installed and postpones policy action on issues such as the cost of living crisis. The speaker's role is currently being carried out by acting speaker Alan Chambers (UUP). The DUP's stand-off has been heavily criticised and described as "unconscionable" and "abhorrent" by the SDLP, the Alliance party said it "stinks of egotism". The meeting concluded with no resolution in sight.

Russian Advances on Donbas Region concentrating on Donetsk and Luhansk (AlJazeera 31st May) ^{5.} ^{6.}

Fierce fighting continues in Eastern Ukraine as the Russian Army makes advancements in the Donbas region and claim to control a third of the city of Severodonetsk, despite a slower than anticipated advancement. Reports from journalists inside Ukraine's most targeted cities allude to cluster munitions used in Sumy (North of Kharkiv), shelling in Mykolaiv and artillery attacks in Kherson and Donetsk. Russia is now concentrating military efforts in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions of the Donbas where Russia maintains there is support for their efforts despite a poll in May 2022 revealing:

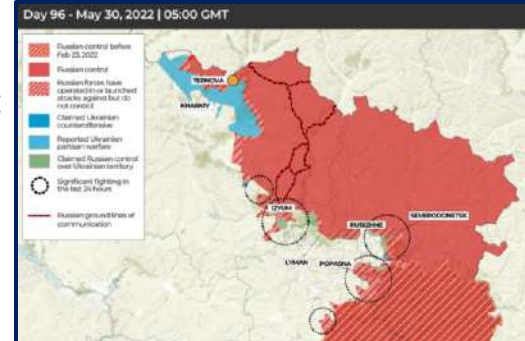
82% of Ukrainians 'who continue to live in the territory occupied after February 24, 2022, have a negative attitude towards Russia, and only 6% have a positive attitude towards it.'

Ultra-nationalist Jews March on Al-Aqsa Mosque Chanting 'Death to Arabs' (AlJazeera 29th May) ^{7.}

Thousands of pro-Israel protestors marched through Jerusalem's 'Old City' at the weekend in celebration of the yearly anniversary of the 1967 capture of East Jerusalem. Israeli Jews protested through the streets and stormed the Al-Aqsa mosque with Israeli security forces outnumbered and powerless to stop them. Palestinians responded with counter protests in the West Bank and the burning of Israeli flags leading to confrontations, arrests and injuries. Hamas had warned protestors not to storm the mosque saying it would 'use all means to confront them'. Last years tensions resulted in an eleven day war in the region.



Headline 1: Stormont, Northern Ireland
- (FT 2022)



Headline 2: Russian Controlled Territory
in Donbas Region (AlJazeera 2022)

Industry News

MUSEUMS

The Mona Lisa Attacked with Custard Pie at The Louvre (Sky News 30th May) ^{8.}

Leonardo da Vinci's La Gioconda masterpiece was attacked in the Louvre art gallery on Sunday when a man dressed as a woman in a wheelchair stood up and threw a custard pie at the protective glass surrounding the world's most famous painting. Staff were able to clean the cream of the glass as stunned visitors watched the man being led away by security officers declaring:

'Artists think about the Earth, that's why I did this. Think of the planet!'

The Mona Lisa has a protective glass surrounding it having suffered four previous attacks including acid being thrown at its lower half and another occasion a stone being thrown at the painting, which penetrated the protective screen, damaging the painting.

AVIATION

Travellers Face Cancelled Flights and Queues at Airports This Half Term (The Guardian 27th May) ^{9.}

Travellers were greeted with chaos at the weekend as many tried to jet off on half term holidays only to be met with long queues and cancelled flights at a number of major airports across the country. Bristol, Manchester, Stansted, Heathrow and Gatwick passengers faced long delays and some had flights cancelled after taxiing to the runway. Easy Jet, TUI, Jet2 and British Airways all cancelled flights over the weekend for a variety of reasons with some passengers receiving texts notifying them of the cancellation. Disruption is expected to continue as the majority of England takes half term this week and numbers travelling increase. The outlook is not positive for those intending to travel abroad this summer as Heathrow and British Airways staff threaten strike action over pay compounding the on-going nationwide issue of staff shortages. A ballot is yet to take place over the strike but should members vote in favour of action it is likely to take place over the busiest period of the summer from July 23rd to August 31st.

ENERGY

Windfall Tax a Threat to North Sea Oil Investment (Guardian 27th May) ^{10.}

Shell and BP spoke out against UK Chancellor Rishi Sunak's divisive windfall tax last week with both stating it was a threat to future investment in North Sea oil and gas. The 'tax' (essentially an extra 25% tax on energy firms) is being introduced to help raise GBP 5Billion in funds to support the cost of the living crisis and high energy costs, but is criticised for not being a one-off and will stay in place until the end of the crisis or December 2025. Despite being given 91 pence in the pound tax breaks on UK energy supplies to combat the new levy BP and Shell state its not enough adding the potential longevity is worrying and doesn't take into account renewable energy.



[Headline 1: Mona Lisa Attacked with Cream \(Planet News Post 2022\)](#)



Activism Updates

ACTIVISM

Thursday 2nd - Sunday 5th June – Queens Jubilee

Location: Buckingham Palace and locations nationwide

Cause: To celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee

Details: <https://www.royal.uk/platinum-jubilee-central-weekend>

Friday 3rd – Abolish The Monarchy, Platinum Jubilee Party

Location: St James' Park @13:00

Cause: Anti-Jubilee party

Details: <https://t.me/M1L2B3M7>

Saturday 4th June – Tribe of Leicestershire

Location: Clock Tower, Leicester City Centre @14:00

Cause: Protest against lockdown and media/government COVID conspiracy

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

DATES/EVENTS TO NOTE

It is likely some of the following list of notable dates or events will see some form of travel disruption. Please check for local disruptions.

Sunday 5th June – World Environment Day

Thursday 9th June – Appleby Horse Fair

Location: Appleby, Cumbria

Cause: Weekend long horse fair and festival celebrating Gypsy life and culture.

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

Available on request from
advisoryservices@wilsonjames.co.uk

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