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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).

Doubts Over Finland and Sweden's NATO Membership after 'Terrorism' concerns (APNews 14th June)

Turkey's growing unease at the possibility of both Finland and Sweden joining NATO were seemingly bolstered at the weekend after comments from NATO Secretary General, Jens Stoltenberg who said Turkey's concerns were 'legitimate'. Turkey has reservations about the applications and claims both Finland and Sweden support terrorism and harbour Kurdish militants. They also stated Finland and Sweden must lift restrictions on arms exports and extradite members of anti-Erdogan Kurdish organisations should they wish to join. Turkey has vetoed both applications and NATO is hosting negotiations to try to resolve the issue.

London Stock Exchange Bomb Plotter, Recalled to Prison (The National 10th June)

Shah Rahman, 39 years-old of no fixed address was recalled to prison on Friday after being found guilty at the Old Bailey of three breaches of notification requirements imposed on him. Rahman was released on parole in 2017 after serving his sentence following a guilty plea to the preparation of terrorism acts in 2012. The offence related to the attempted London Stock Exchange bomb plot with evidence later recovered suggesting further plots were in the making. Following his 2017 release, terrorism notification requirements were imposed on him. In 2021 Rahman was discovered to be in possession of an undeclared phone, an undeclared bank account and undeclared email all of which the security services were unaware of. He received 8 months per breach to run concurrently.

Extremist's Extremist Sentenced to Eight and a Half Years in Prison (Sky News 7th June)

Neo-Nazi National Action founder Alex Davies was sentenced to eight and a half years in prison last week for terrorism offences relating to his creation of the far-right group and the affiliated NS131, that he founded following the National Action ban. Judge Marc Denis said Davies:

"Played an active and prominent role in concert with his trust associates in trying to disguise the continued existence of the organisation in defiance of the ban".

National Action described themselves as a 'white Jihadist' group and were said to have 'paramilitary ambitions', advocated for ethnic cleansing and targeted female MPs who were in support of immigration. Davies had been referred to PREVENT twice (once at 15 and again at 19).



Headline1:

[Jens Stoltenberg and Finland's Niinisto Meet to Discuss NATO Membership \(AP News 2022\)](#)

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World news

Five Year Anniversary of Grenfell Fire Marked with Silent Walk (Independent 15th June) ^{1.}

Tuesday marked the five year anniversary of the Grenfell Tower Fire, the deadliest structural fire in the UK since the 1988 Piper Alpha oil platform disaster. 72 people died after being trapped in the tower block in June 2017 and more than 70 were injured after a small kitchen fire quickly escalated when it caught the exterior insulation and cladding, spreading the fire exponentially. A multi-faith memorial service was held at the base of the tower with the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge in attendance together with survivors, the bereaved, local leaders, politicians and members of the community. The service was followed by a silent walk. Prior to the anniversary, London Mayor Sadiq Khan highlighted the lack of progress in keeping London safe from another such disaster by saying:

“Action and change at a national level has been conspicuous by its absence” and “too many residents in London and across the country living in high-rise buildings that are covered in dangerous flammable cladding”.

Travel Chaos A Certainty This Summer as Trains and Planes Affected By Strikes (Sky News 14th June) ^{2. 3.}

The Rail, Maritime and Transport (RMT) Union have announced a rail strike on the following days in June coinciding on at least one date with a TFL tube strike in London. 13 train operators intend to strike on the 21st, 23rd and 25th of June including the TFL network on June 21st, a number of other unions representing train staff are yet to vote with the potential to create further disruption. The results of the Heathrow staff strike ballot are yet to be revealed and Ryanair staff in Europe have announced they intend to strike on the 24th, 25th, 26th and 30th of June and two days in July. The summer of strike action compounds the existing staffing problems at UK airports responsible for the current travel chaos and the Government has recently demanded travel operators immediately cancel flights they cannot honour this summer to save travellers further hardship.

Ex British Soldier Killed in Ukraine (BBC News 13th June) ^{4. 5.}

Ex British Soldier Jordan Gately became the second Briton to be killed in the Ukraine/Russia conflict this week as his family announced his death explaining he died protecting the besieged Eastern city of Severodonetsk. Gately left the British army in March and travelled to Ukraine to help with the war effort. In April, Scott Sibley was the first British former soldier to be killed in Ukraine and British prisoners Aiden Aslin and Shaun Pinner were recently sentenced to death by an unrecognised Russian court in Donetsk on terrorism charges after being captured by Putin’s forces.. The Ministry of Defence reminds Britons travelling to Ukraine that assisting troops may be a criminal offence and liable to prosecution.



Headline 1: Grenfell memorial (IFSEC Global 2022)



Headline 1: Grenfell Memorial (Independent 2022)

Wilson James Health and Safety team have asked all WJ colleagues to view the attached QR link to their Behavioural Safety video and to register their details on completion.



Industry News

AVIATION

First Deportation Flight to Rwanda Cancelled (Independent 15th June)

The UK government's first deportation flight to Rwanda was stopped from departing after a last minute intervention from the European Court of Human Rights. After being given final approval by a UK court on Tuesday afternoon the flight, rumoured to be leaving from Gatwick airport eventually taxied onto a runway at an MoD Base Boscombe Down. Making their decision the ECHR took into account that asylum seekers do not have access to "fair and efficient procedures for the determination of refugee status" and "no legally enforceable mechanism exists to ensure their return to the UK". UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson appeared undeterred stating it may be necessary to amend parts of the law and those options were under 'constant review'. He accused those fighting the deportations of "abetting the work of the criminal gangs" and even hinted he would be prepared to take the UK out of the European Convention of Human Rights. Appeals continue from charities such as [Care4Calais](#), [Detention Action](#) and the Commercial and Public Services Union (PCS).

ACTIVISM

Just Stop Oil Protestors Target HM Treasury Office (Just Stop Oil 13th June) ⁶.

Just Stop Oil continued their efforts to thwart the use of fossil fuels in the UK by targeting the Treasury Offices in London on Monday, spraying red paint on the building and declaring 'the Government has blood on it's hands'. JSO claim their latest action was the result of Business Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng giving the go ahead for Shell's Jackdaw North gas field project in the North Sea earlier in June and Chancellor Rishi Sunak's recently announced tax credit for oil and gas development. Sunday also saw Insurers group Lloyds of London targeted by climate activists. '[Mothers Rise Up](#)' staged a Mary Poppins themed flash mob outside their headquarters in Lime Street, London. Mothers Rise Up together with [Parents for Future UK](#) campaign for '*the right of all children to grow up in a safe climate and to breathe clean air*' and have recently held talks with Lloyds Chairman, Bruce Carnegie-Brown.

ANTIQUITIES

Slovenian Museum Cancels Exhibition After Possibility of Forgeries (Guardian 10th June)

The National Museum of Slovenia sensationally cancelled an exhibition days before it was due to open last week due to the works on display accused of being forgeries. The paintings from masters such as Van Gogh, Picasso and Matisse were part of a collection from the Slovenian Boljkovac family. However a number of experts got in touch with the Museum after viewing the catalogue and questioned the authenticity of some of the 160 works (complete with certificates) on loan from the family. The Museum has now launched a police investigation, the Boljkovac family have yet to comment.



Headline 2: Just Stop Oil Vandalise Treasury Office (Just Stop Oil 2022)



Headline 2: Mothers Rise Up Protest Outside Lloyds of London (Mothers Rise Up 2022)



Activism Updates

ACTIVISM

Saturday 18th June – TUC March

Location: Portland Place @11:00
Cause: LGBTQ+ climate change protest
Details: <https://www.tuc.org.uk/DemandBetter>

Saturday 18th June – Citizens Assembly

Location: Central London @14:00
Cause: LGBTQ+ climate change protest
Details: @TheCitizensA

Saturday 18th June – Citizens Assembly

Location: Nationwide – Vehicle Convoys Encouraged on all Major Roads if activists cannot make Event in London
Cause: Cost of Living Crisis
Details: @TheCitizensA

Saturday 18th June – Rainbow Rebellion

Location: Parliament Square @Midday
Cause: Cost of Living Crisis
Details: <https://t.me/rebellionbroadcast>

Saturday 18th June – Summer of Noise

Location: Leicester City Centre Clock tower @14:00
Cause: Anti-Government protest (Piers Corbyn guest speaker)
Details: <https://t.me/londonofficialworldwiderally>

Saturday 18th June – Freedom Rally

Location: Truro Cathedral 13:00
Cause: Anti-Government protest
Details: <https://t.me/M1L2B3M7>

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 updates.

JUNE

Pride Month

Gypsy Roma Traveller History Month

The following Pride events are taking place across the country this Saturday.

[Pride-Events.co.uk](https://pride-events.co.uk)

All Day	● Cornwall Pride
All Day	● Mablethorpe Pride
12:00pm - 12:00am	● Enfield Pride
12:00pm	● Blackburn Pride
12:00pm	● Exmouth Pride
12:00pm	● Silloth Pride
12:00pm	● Suffolk Pride
12:00pm	● York Pride



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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