22nd June 2022 **Weekly Digest** Wilson James Advisory Services Newsletter

Agenda



Terrorism Update

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

Dozens Attend Memorial for Anniversary of Finsbury Park Mosque Attack (BBC News 20th June)

Sunday 19th of June saw the fifth anniversary of the Finsbury Park Mosque attack where Makram Ali (pictured) lost his life and eleven were injured at the hands of right-wing terrorist Darren Osbourne, who drove a van into worshippers as they were leaving evening prayers. People gathered at the memorial by the site of the attack to remember those who died and were affected by the atrocity. UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson paid tribute tweeting:

"Five years on from this cowardly act of terrorism my thoughts are with the family of Makram Ali and those affected by the Finsbury Park Mosque attack...Freedom of worship and tolerance for different faiths is fundamental to our values...Terrorists will never change our way of life."

Osborne is currently serving 43 years for the offence.

Festival Goers warned to be Vigilant this Weekend at Glastonbury (Wales Online 18th June)

Avon and Somerset police have warned the more than 200,000 festival goers expected to attend Glastonbury this weekend to be extra vigilant. Whilst they stress there has been no direct terror threat to the event they have issued advice stating: "Remember, the chance of being caught in a terrorism incident is small. But if it happens – Run, Hide, Tell...as we did during the last festival in 2019, we will again be supporting Counter Terrorism Policing's #BeSafeBeSound campaign on Twitter and Instagram." Police have also warned about the risk of drink spiking, asking victims to make themselves known to police and seek medical attention immediately. The festival commences Wednesday 22nd until Sunday 26th.

Billingham GP Wins Extradition Case to India on Terror Charges (BBC News 18th June)

GP Mukul Hazarika, 75 won his fight against extradition to India to face terror charges after Westminster's Magistrate court ruled there was nothing to prove he was the chairman of banned group, The United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA) who are Assam separatists in India. Denying the extradition request, which saw the GP arrested at his surgery and threatened with seven years in an Indian jail awaiting trial the judge rejected the Indian government's claim Mr Hazarika was 'a fugitive from justice'.



<u>Headline1:</u>
<u>Finsbury Park Mosque Attack Victim</u>
<u>Makram Ali (BBC News 2022)</u>



World news

Armed Forces Day this Saturday (My London 22nd June)

UK veterans and servicemen and women will celebrate Armed Forces Day this Saturday 25th June with Scarborough nominated as the host city and 150 events taking place across Northern Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. Aberdeen will commence it's parade at Union Street from 11:00, finishing at the Castlegate. Edinburgh's parade starts from Charlotte Square at 10.15am to St Andrew Square. London and Manchester will also host multiple events. For more information on local events in your area please see the following links RAF Museum and Armed Forces Day.org. The National event will take place in Scarborough where South Bay will host military parades, numerous musical performances, aerial flypasts and more.

Rail Passengers Told not to Travel This Week (My London 21st June)

Rail passengers face disruption for the majority of this week as strikes over three separate days create knock-on effects the day after due to reduced staff and services. Network Rail has warned passengers not to travel at all this week if it can be helped as days following industrial action will see some train operators resorting to 'late-starting' Sunday services. The RMT (Rail Maritime and Transport Union) have stated negotiations on pay have stalled and to expect all the industrial action scheduled. Speaking outside Euston Station on Tuesday morning RMT boss Mick Lynch said:

"I don't think Sunday will be the end of it from what I can see. If we can negotiate a deal this week it can be, but otherwise we'll have to look at what campaigns we're going to put on going forward, and we think that other unions are going to join to this dispute on the railway and more broadly in society."

Macron loses Ensemble Majority in French National Assembly (France 24 20th June) 1.

French President Emmanuel Macron has lost his French National Assembly majority his 'Ensemble' coalition group have enjoyed for the past five years despite being the first French president to win a second consecutive term. Macron failed to garner enough votes to secure his party's dominance by 43 seats, with Marine Le Pen's National Rally party and Jean-Luc Melenchon's left wing coalition gaining surprising and significant numbers. Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire called the outcome a "democratic shock...this would block our capacity to reform and protect the French." Over half of the population abstained from the second round of voting and Macron will now have to seek out an alliance more than likely with traditional right-wing party The Republicans.



Headline 1: Armed Forces Day
Forces.net



Headline 2: Picket Line Twitter 2022



Headline 3: French Election Seat
Allocation France 24 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

SECURITY

Investigation at Gatwick Following Death of Passenger Receiving Mobility Assistance (BBC News 18th June)

Gatwick airport have announced an investigation is underway following the death of a restricted mobility passenger who departed the plane prior to receiving assistance. Three restricted mobility passengers were being disembarked by Wilson James, who provide passenger assistance at Gatwick and were decamping the passenger's wife when the individual left the plane independently. It is understood the passenger suffered a medical emergency and was treated immediately by nearby Easy Jet staff. Wilson James said the passenger was not left waiting to disembark. A spokesperson for Gatwick stated: "Staff shortages were not a factor in this incident...It is normal for one staff member to disembark three passengers who require assistance by taking them one at a time the short distance to the waiting buggy."

Fake Security Group Caught After SIA Checks at Belfast Venue (UK.Gov 16th June)

A fake Northern Irish security group, Fianna Security Consultants, was caught out after routine checks by the Security Industry Authority (SIA) in Belfast, August 2019. An officer working door security at the city's Voodoo venue said he was employed by the group for a year, when the group's owner, Mr Tomas Tolan was asked to produce documentation supporting the legitimacy of the company he was unable to do so and was subsequently prosecuted by the SIA. The SIA's investigation revealed Mr Tolan was in fact a sole trader who did not own a company. He pled guilty in court last week and received a conditional discharge for 12months and costs. SIA investigator Mark Chapman said of Tolan:

"The primary purpose of the licensing regime is to protect the public. Mr Tolan provided inaccurate information to the SIA when we questioned him about his business dealings. This is unacceptable from a licensed person who is required to follow particular standards of conduct. The defendant provided services to a high-profile Belfast venue at the height of the holiday season and his actions, about which he was evasive in his response to questions, had potentially put the public at risk."

No Further Action for #IstandWithJulius Security Officer (Talksport 15th June)

Metropolitan Police London have confirmed no further action will be taken against Security Officer Julius Francis who knocked out an aggressive customer with a single punch outside Wembley BOXPARK last week. Julius (an ex-boxer who has fought Mike Tyson) initially avoided getting physical during the confrontation even after a colleague was assaulted by the aggressive visitor, however when a direct threat of violence was made towards Julian himself, together with the levels of aggression displayed by the group as a whole during the incident the officer was left with no choice but to take action. Julius ended the melee by 'flooring' the visitor, putting a stop to the aggressive activity from the whole group in the process. Roger Wade CEO of BOXPARK heaped praise on Julius for his demeanour before and after the incident and praised his charity work with children adding he is one of the nicest people he has met. The group was being ejected for hitting, spitting and abusing staff and customers. #IStandWithJulius was trending on twitter as footage of the incident went viral.



<u>Headline 2:</u> <u>Voodoo Lounge, Belfast</u>



Headline 3: BOXRARK WEMBLEY Twitter 2022

Activism Updates

ACTIVISM

Saturday 25th June – Acht Gaeilge Anois

Location: Parliament Square 13:00

Cause: Irish language rights in Northern Ireland

Details: https://twitter.com/CnaG LDN

Sunday 26th June – Debt for Climate Tour

Location: St James' Square @10:00

Cause: More justice and greater control over climate crisis.

Details: https://t.me/rebellionbroadcast

Monday 27th June – Protest Party

Location: Parliament Square @19:00

Cause: End the Corruption of Westminster

Details: https://t.me/astandatyourmp

Tuesday 28th June – Justice for Britain Location: Parliament Square @Midday

Cause: Protest against PCSC Bill

Details: Twitter

Wednesday 29th June – Not Safe To Be Me

Location: Parliament Square 13:00

Cause: Irish language rights in Northern Ireland

Details: https://twitter.com/stonewalluk

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

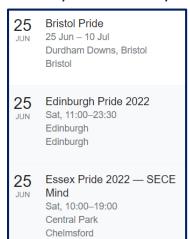
RMT Rail Strike 21st -25th June

Glastonbury 22nd - 26th June

Armed Forces Day 25th June

G7 Summit 26th – 28th June (Germany)

The following are a few of the Pride events taking place across the country this Saturday for more locations please click here.



25 Pride Glasgow Sat, 08:00–17:00 Glasgow Glasgow



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
 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?
- 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



Contact

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