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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).

'Mega Event' Commonwealth Games Could Attract 'Piggyback' Attacks (Express 25th June)

Terror expert and senior lecturer at the University of Birmingham, Dr Steve Hewitt, has warned the UK's security services to be on their top game ahead of the Commonwealth Games hosted in Birmingham this summer, suggesting it could be a target for state and non-state attacks.

"Mega-events are attractive to terrorists because of the potential audience that can be reached...The 7/7 attacks in 2005 occurred in London at the same time that the G8 meetings were going on at a very secure site in Scotland...These piggyback attacks are attractive as they're easier to carry out because they are targeting secure sites but they also gain greater attention because they occur at the same time as prominent events."

Figen Murray Receives OBE from Prince William (Manchester Evening News 24th June) ¹.

Mother of Manchester Arena bombing victim and Protect duty lobbyist and campaigner, Figen Murray received an OBE last week from Prince William for her 'work and services in the realm of counter terrorism'. Since the arena attack Figen has campaigned tirelessly for a Martyn's Law (named after her son) to see a change in how we manage security at large venues. She continues to work to support the upcoming 'Protect Duty' and has recently completed a masters degree in counter terrorism and is also on the board of the Global Terrorism Information Network (TinyG). When receiving her OBE Figen said she was determined 'to make our young people more understanding and resilient to extremist influences'.

Arena Memorial Vandal Sentenced to Two Year Community Order (BBC News 23rd June)

24 year-old Anwar Hosseni was given a two-year community order at Manchester Crown Court last week for causing £10,000 (GBP) in damage to the Manchester Arena Bombing Memorial in February of this year. Hosseni, who is believed to suffer from mental health issues, scratched lines across the marble memorial using a Buddhist statute. When arrested he claimed he wanted to give "love, unity, honour and gratitude for the souls of those who passed away". Bereaved families from the 2017 arena attack read out statements in court with one saying:

"To know that someone has caused such damage in such a callous, nasty and pointless way breaks ours hearts again."

The sitting judge accepted Hosseni's intention was not malicious and he has since apologised stating he is "sorry for the pain that he has caused." He has also been banned from visiting the site.



Figen Murray
Academic and SME for Protect UK
Member of SLT

Headline 2:
Board member Figen Murray OBE
(TinyG 2022)



Headline 3:
Manchester Arena Bombing Victims
(BBC News 2022)

World news

Three People Arrested in 'Tragedy in Texas' Horror (Reuters 28th June)

50 migrants were found dead in an abandoned truck trailer in San Antonio Texas on Monday, with a further 16 casualties transported to hospital for treatment. Officials describe discovering "stacks of bodies" in the unventilated truck with no signs of water or air conditioning. The victims were discovered after a nearby worker heard pleas for help and looked inside having discovered the trailer doors partially open. The truck was found close to a popular people smuggling route from Mexico and is not the first tragedy to hit the area. In 2003 19 migrants were saved from near death and ten migrants died along the route in 2017 all in similar circumstances. Three people have been arrested in relation to the offence, but no further details have been released regarding their connection to the horror. The victims are believed to be Guatemalan, Mexican and Honduran.

Summer of Discontent Continues as More Unions Join the Fray (iNews 27th June) [2.](#) [3.](#) [4.](#) [5.](#)

Barristers commenced **four weeks** of **strike action** across the UK over legal aid funding this week, starting with a two-day strike on Monday and Tuesday, to be followed by **three days** of action **next week and so on until July 18th when they begin a five-day walk out.** Criminal Bar Association members chose to strike over long running issues on pay and conditions joining thousands more workers striking this summer over working conditions and job security. **Hull Trains, Greater Anglia and Croydon Tramlink will strike 28th and 29th June, and 13th and 14th July. Avanti West Coast could strike as could the Greater Anglia network including the Stansted Express.** Workers on **CrossCountry, East Midlands and West Midlands trains may engage** in action that **could disrupt the Commonwealth Games in July** and 6,000 Network Rail staff have been served notice of possible strike action from 25th July. **Bus services** are expected to face disruption should members vote for strike action in **York and London** and **British Airways** ground-handling staff and check-in agents at Heathrow Terminals 3 and 5 have already voted to walk out with thousands more to be balloted to join the action. Aviation members of the **Unite** and **GMB unions** meet this week to discuss plans for strike action in July (with some suggesting it could be as soon as next Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th).

Windrush Tribute Statue Unveiled at London's Waterloo Station (Guardian 22nd June) [6.](#)

Jamaican born sculptor, Basil Watson's tribute to the Windrush generation, was unveiled by the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and Baroness Floella Benjamin at Waterloo station on National Windrush Day (Tuesday 22nd June) last week. The National monument is in thanks to the hundreds of people who travelled from the Caribbean for their 'ambition, courage and contribution to Britain' the artist said. The 3.6 metre statue, chosen from four finalists shows a man, woman and child in their 'Sunday Best' on top of suitcases. The Queen also sent her "warmest good wishes on the historic occasion" adding:

"It gives me pleasure to extend my congratulations on the creation of the National Windrush Monument...The unveiling at Waterloo Station on Windrush Day serves as a fitting thank you to the Windrush pioneers and their descendants, in recognition of the profound contribution they have made to the United Kingdom over the decades...It is my hope that the memorial will serve to inspire present and future generations."



Headline 3: Windrush Monument
(GUARDIAN 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

EVENTS

22 Dead From Unknown Source in South African City Club (Al Jazeera 27th June)

Mystery still surrounds the cause of death of the 22 youths found unresponsive in a nightclub in East London City, South Africa in the early hours of Sunday morning. Emergency services were called to the scene around 4am with one witness describing being sprayed with a substance, possibly by bouncers when the audience was asked to leave due to overcrowding. The club became too full after rumours of celebrity appearances were circulated and was notorious for allowing in underage drinkers. The witness described being sprayed by something akin to pepper spray before watching someone die and then passing out herself, waking a few hours later by staff who thought she was dead.

ENERGY

Death Toll Continues to Rise as Chlorine Leak Blamed for Explosion in Jordan (Reuters 27th June)

13 people have died and more than 150 injured in a chemical explosion at Jordan 's Aqaba port yesterday when a large cylinder filled with 25 tonnes of chlorine gas fell from a crane, at height, causing a violent explosion and spilling out a yellow toxic gas. Local residents were advised to close doors and windows as the clean-up operation commenced. Most of the Port's docks remained shut as food contamination (for grain silos) and safety checks were carried out with the port up and running again by Tuesday. It is believed a cable snapped when transporting the liquified gas.

HS2

Activists Set 'Tunnelling Record' Under HS2 Site in Swynnerton (BBC News 24th June) 2.

Climate campaigners at the Swynnerton HS2 construction site in Staffordshire claim to have set a record for the longest length of time spent underground by an activist in the UK. The activist's subterranean efforts commenced after attempts were made to evict the protestors from the camp back in May of this year. Approximately 40 protestors had been living on site (near the A51) for a year prior to the evictions and had prepared tunnels and stored food. Swampy et al were eventually removed last week after 46 days underground.



[Headline 3: Swampy and colleague underground at Swynnerton \(BBC 2022\)](#)



[Headline 2: Aqaba port explosion \(France 24 2022\)](#)



Activism Updates

ACTIVISM

Wednesday 29th June – Not Safe to be Me

Location: Parliament Square Midday

Cause: Transgender activism

Details: [TWITTER](#)

Friday 1st - Sunday 3rd July – London Pride

Location: London, See [here](#) for parade route

Cause: Freedom March

Details: <https://prideinlondon.org/>

Saturday 2nd July – Unite for Freedom

Location: Speakers Corner, Hyde Park @13:00

Cause: Freedom March

Details: https://t.me/uniteforfreedom_chat

Saturday 2nd July – Orange Day Parade

Location: Georges' Square – Glasgow Green, Glasgow

Cause: Orange Day Parade for road closures see [here](#)

Details: [Glasgow.Gov](#)

Monday 4th July – Fuel Price Protest

Location: Motorways Nationwide 07:00-19:00 – Including M1; M60; M6; M62; Severn bridge x2; A12; M54; M4 (jct 11-4); M25; M40

Cause: Cost of Living Crisis

Details: https://t.me/standup_to_fuelprices_uk_wide

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.

JULY

London Pride 1st -3rd July click [here](#) for more events this weekend

Plastic Free July

Farnborough Air Show (18th – 22nd July)

Orange Day (12th July)



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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