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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).

British Teenage Chess Champion Allowed to Return to UK after Bomb Hoax (The Metro 12th July)

An ex-chess champion travelling to Menorca, Spain with friends to celebrate finishing school, sparked a bomb scare on board the EasyJet flight they were travelling on. 18 year-old Aditya Verma sent a text on Snapchat to friends he was travelling with exclaiming.. "I'm going to blow this plane up, I'm Taliban". The message was picked up by intelligence services in the UK and France who alerted authorities in Spain. Spain responded by deploying two fighter jets to escort the plane down and brought in sniffer dogs to extensively search the plane when it landed. Passengers on board were detained for four hours and flights were delayed returning to the UK due to the disruption. Verma has now apologised for what he called a joke and has been allowed to return to the UK after initially being detained in Spain. He is expected to face a substantial fine as a result of his actions, close to £100,000. On his return to the UK Verma was interviewed by both foreign and domestic UK security services.

Swedish Police Declare Stabbing 'Terror Related' Murder (Euronews 11th July)

A woman in her 60s was fatally stabbed whilst attending a political event on an island in Sweden last week. The attack (in broad daylight) has now been classed by SAPO (Sweden's domestic security agency) as terror related due to 'information emerging' after further investigation of the suspect. The woman was attending a yearly political event on the island of Gotland, where the attack happened, was approached by the suspect (who is believed to have acted alone) and stabbed, later dying from her injuries after being taken to hospital. The suspect, a 32 year-old man was detained at the scene and has admitted the offence, he has been charged with 'terrorist crimes through murder', some Swedish news channels are linking him to far-right extremism.

Former Top Counter Terror Officer Named New Commissioner of London MET (The National 08th July)

Sir Mark Rowley has been formerly appointed (by the Queen) as the new Commissioner for the Metropolitan Police London, replacing former Commissioner Cressida Dick, who resigned her position last year in the wake of scandals plaguing the police. Sir Mark was the National Police Chiefs' Council Lead for Counter-Terrorism from 2014 to 2018 and was awarded his Knighthood in 2018 for his "exceptional contribution to national security and national leadership at a time of unprecedented threat." Home Secretary Priti Patel said of his appointment:

"Sir Mark is a distinguished and exceptionally experienced police officer, having served the people of the West Midlands and Surrey before guiding the capital through some of its most challenging moments in the wake of the 2017 terror attacks, as the Met's then head of counter-terrorism,"



Headline 1:

[Spanish Fighter Jet Escorting EasyJet Plane](#)
(The Metro 2022)



Headline 3:

[MET Commissioner Mark Rowley](#)
(The National 2022)

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World news

Japan in Mourning as Private Funeral Held for Assassinated ex-PM (Reuters 12th July) ¹

Thousands lined the streets near the Zojoji Temple in Japan's capital Tokyo on Tuesday, to pay their respects to their former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. Abe (Japan's longest serving Prime Minister) was shot from behind by a lone gunman last week whilst giving an open-air campaign speech in the city of Nara, 30Km East of Osaka. The suspect was arrested at the scene with a homemade weapon (Japan has strict gun laws) in his possession and is believed to be 41 year-old Tetsuya Yamagami (formerly of the Japanese Navy). When arrested he admitted to plotting to kill the ex-PM due to his apparent association with an organisation, not identified by police, but believed to be The Unification Church which the suspect's mother had made a substantial donation to. The suspect was able to discharge the weapon twice before being tackled by security who were described as severely lacking. Tomoaki Onizuka, head of the Nara prefectural police stated:

"I believe it is undeniable that there were problems with the guarding and safety measures for former prime minister Abe".

Derek Chauvin Sentenced to 21 Years for Violating George Floyd's Rights (BBC News 8th July) ²

Former Minneapolis police officer, Derek Chauvin was sentenced last week to a further 21 years in prison, after pleading guilty to separate charges of violating George Floyd's civil rights. Chauvin is currently serving 22 years for murdering George Floyd by kneeling on his neck for nine minutes and restricting his breathing during an arrest in May 2020. His sentences will run concurrently. Chauvin has been unable to comment publicly regarding the incident due to on-going legal issues but offered his condolences to the Floyd family, wishing Floyd's children 'all the best in their life,' hoping they would have 'excellent guidance in becoming good adults.' Chauvin also alluded to 'information of interest' to the family, to be divulged at a later date saying: "I hope things will give you some peace of mind". Chauvin will be eligible for parole in 15 years.

London Mayor Pays Tribute to 7/7 Victims at Memorial in Hyde Park (BBC News 7th July)

Last Thursday marked the 17th anniversary of the London July 7th bombings when 52 people died and more than 700 were injured in terror attacks on three tube trains and a London bus in the summer of 2005. Speaking at the memorial in Hyde Park London Mayor Sadiq Khan said

"...It's important to also pay tribute to the heroes who came to London's aid that day. From emergency service workers and staff on our transport network, to the extraordinary members of the public who ran towards danger without hesitation to save lives and help those in need. Our city is in their debt...London will always stand united against the evils of hatred and terrorism and our values of freedom and mutual respect will always prevail over those who seek to divide us."



Headline 1: Japanese Former Prime Minister, Shinzo Abe (Reuters 2022)



Headline 2: George Floyd (Dailymail 2022)



Headline 3: Sadiq Khan at 7/7 Memorial (BBC NEWS 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

DEFENSE

MoD Criticises BBC for SAS Death Squad Documentary (Guardian 12th July)

The MoD has expressed concerns at the airing on Tuesday 12th July of a Panorama documentary describing one SAS squadron as a death squad engaging in multiple unlawful killings and accusing senior officers of a cover-up. The documentary claims a four-year investigation led to the discovery of 54 people killed in suspicious circumstances. Prior to the airing the MoD said:

“Neither investigation found sufficient evidence to prosecute. Insinuating otherwise is irresponsible, incorrect and puts our brave armed forces personnel at risk, both in the field and reputationally”.

The MoD was referring to Operation Northmore, an investigation into the allegations that resulted in ‘no case to answer’ however the BBC challenged this suggesting it has spoken to investigators in Operation Northmore who disputed the conclusion of the findings.

SECURITY

Robber Dressed as G4S Officer Walks out of Santander Branch with £150,000 (MyLondonNews 11th July) ³.

A man posing as a G4S security officer, managed to walk out of a Santander branch in Brixton last week with six cash boxes each containing £25,000, leaving staff to discover the fraud when he didn't return to sign paperwork. The suspect was able to convince staff of his authenticity despite no collection being scheduled for that day. Wearing a helmet and visor, he produced a fake ID and wore a uniform not recognised by G4S. The ‘officer’ also breached protocol by carrying boxes out two at a time and was still not challenged. When staff discovered the ruse they went outside to find no trace of the him or the cash. When approached for comment, a spokesperson for Santander said:

“We can confirm there was an incident at our Brixton branch on Tuesday 5th July and we are working closely with the police to support them with their investigations.”

Knights Group Security Officers Arrested for Brawling on Duty at Wimbledon (Guardian 7th July) ⁴.

Three security officers at the Wimbledon tennis Tournament, were arrested last week, whilst on duty, for fighting with each other over an extended lunch break. Police were called and all three (two officers and their supervisor) were arrested for affray after a fight ensued in front of spectators outside court no.2 . A Company insider is reported to have told a Dailymail Sports reporter

“To have a fight in front of fans is not a good look. It has damaged the company’s reputation. I can’t believe they did that.”

Knights Security and Wimbledon officials have refused to comment on the incident. The three men are due to appear in court later this month.



Headline 1: [Santander Branch, Brixton](#)
([MyLondonNews 2022](#))



Activism Updates

ACTIVISM

Saturday 16th July – XR Summer Uprising Banner Drop

Location: Nationwide

Cause: Call to drop Banners stating 'End Fossil Fuel Now'

Details: [Banner Drop – Extinction Rebellion UK](#)

Sunday 17th July – Mitie Strikers

Location: St Georges Hospital

Cause: Solidarity for the Mitie strikers of St George's Hospital

Details: [Counterfire.org](#)

Saturday 16th - 17th July – #Stop Rwanda

Location: Royal Courts of Justice @ 9am, main rally 1-2pm
+Nationwide at detention centres.

Cause: Call to scrap the Nationality and Borders Act

Details: [TWITTER](#)

Monday 18th July – Oppose the Farnborough 'War' Show

Location: Farnborough Air Show, Queens Roundabout @09:00

Cause: Stop weapons being sold into conflicts around the world.

Details: [CAAT.org](#)

Wednesday 20th – 22nd July - Post Office Strikes

Location: Nationwide

Cause: Pay disputes (should not affect post workers or delivery drivers).

Details: [Royalmail.com](#)

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

Pride Events – Please click [here](#) for details

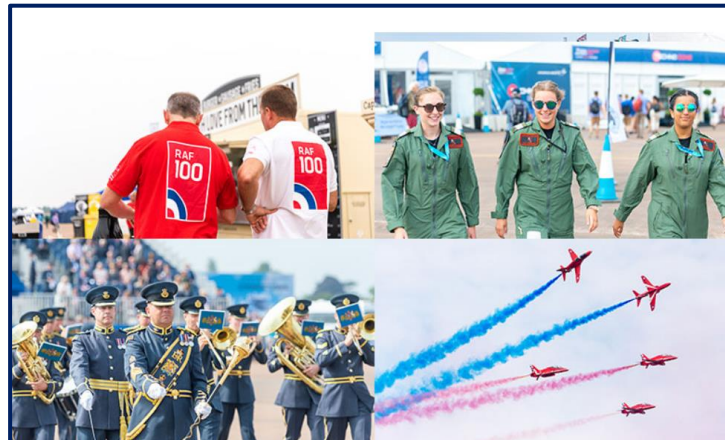
[Trans Pride Brighton](#)

[Farnborough Air Show \(18th – 22nd July\)](#)

[Royal International Air Tattoo 15-17 July, RAF Fairford](#)



[TWITTER 2022](#)



[AIR TATTOO 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 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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