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Weekly Digest



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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).

15 year-old Arrested after Plotting Attack for Isle of Wight Festival (Island Echo 18th July)

A 15 year-old boy from Cowes, Isle of Wight was arrested last week on terror charges and remains in custody after appearing at Westminster Magistrate's Court on Monday 18th of July. The juvenile – who has not been named due to his age – was accused of researching and planning an Islamic State-inspired terror attack at the Isle of Wight festival last month. The FBI alerted UK security services last week notifying them he intended to assault a 'non-believer' who had insulted Islam. The boy was 'quietly' arrested by counter-terror police who discovered a knife in his rucksack. He had written a 'martyrdom letter' to his family and had searched topics on line such as: locations to attack, weapons, vehicles and stab vests. The youth, who has been remanded into custody, has denied the charges and will appear at the Old Bailey on 19th August.

"Emir of the Shura" Goes on Trial in Sydney for Terror Offences (NorthWest Star 18th July)

Hamdi Alqudsi, leader of Australian based terror group the Shura has gone on trial this week in Sydney accused of 'intentionally directing a terrorist organisation which was preparing to carry out a terrorist act'. It is alleged Alqudsi was planning to attack a naval base, a courthouse, a Mardi Gras parade and the Israeli embassy. The Shura which means 'consultation consul' in Arabic first came to the attention of the authorities in 2013 where they pledged allegiance to ISIS and recruited people to travel to Syria and fight 'against the commonwealth'. The Shura's activities have been closely monitored by Australian authorities since 2013 via Operation Appleby involving surveillance and telephone intercepts. The trial is expected to last six weeks.

MI5 Needs More Funds to Investigate Right Wing Extremism says Committee (The National 14th July)

The UK's parliamentary Intelligence and Security Committee has declared MI5 needs more funds to effectively manage the increased threat from right-wing terror suspect's. They note that right-wing ideology attracts those fixated on weaponry who then go to join the police or military, infiltrating those groups and that vetting procedures needs to be more robust. The committee also noted that right-wing terror investigations make up a fifth of all CT investigations and extra work is 'undertaken at the expense of other MI5 work'. They state:

"MI5 must be given additional funding to enable it to conduct these cases without other areas of work suffering as a consequence."



Headline 2:
[Self-proclaimed Emir of the Shura](#)
[Hamdi Alqudsi](#)
([NorthWest Star 2022](#))



World news

Leadership Contest Down to Three as Sunak Comes Out Ahead (Independent 20th July)

PM hopefuls Tom Tugendhat and Kemi Badenoch have lost their places in the leadership contest on Monday and Tuesday, following the third and fourth round of voting saw them finish last. In the latest vote on Tuesday Rishi Sunak came out ahead with 118 votes. The remaining other two candidates – both women - Liz Truss, received 86 votes and Penny Mordant, currently in 2nd place received 92 votes. The next vote takes place on Wednesday 20th when the final two, for the ballot in September will be decided. The vote is at 1pm and the results expected at 4pm.

UK Government Wins No Confidence Vote Avoiding General Election (Independent 18th July) ^{1.}

Outgoing PM Boris Johnson survived a no confidence vote against his government on Monday evening and avoided triggering a general election had the motion been carried. The Conservative government won the vote by over 100 ballots (349 against 238) which did nothing to reassure Labour, the Liberal Democrats and the SNP who continued their call for the PM to step down immediately. Of Johnson's continued residency at No.10 Sir Keir said:

“This is not the summer for Downing Street to be occupied by a vengeful squatter, mired in scandal.”

In response the PM accused the labour leader of being involved in a deep state plot to reverse Brexit. Tory MP Tobias Ellwood was stripped of the party Whip on Tuesday following his absence at Monday night's vote.

Sri Lanka Renews State of Emergency (AP News 18th July) ^{2. 3.}

Acting Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe refreshed the government's state of emergency at the weekend after the departure of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa who fled (to Singapore) amidst rising tensions over the economic crisis impacting the country. The caretaker President ratified the existing state of emergency arming the police and military ahead of this week's election. Sri Lanka declared itself bankrupt after running out of money in April for the import of many goods from medicines to food and fuel leading to civil unrest and protests including a 100 day occupation of the presidents office and the storming of the official residence. Sri Lankans take to the polls on Wednesday 20th July to elect a new President.



Headline 1: Leadership Contenders
(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

ENERGY

Extinction Rebellion Breach Injunction and Target Plymouth Refinery (Radioexe 18th July) [4](#). [5](#). [6](#). [7](#).

120 Extinction Rebellion activists targeted an oil refinery over greenwashing in Plymouth at the weekend breaching an existing court injunction. The Valero fuel depot in Cattedown was the final destination of a protest commencing in the city centre on Sunday despite an injunction preventing protests around all Valero properties. XR's activity continued with vandalism at the JP Morgan offices in Canary Wharf where 'Doctors for XR' cracked glass and posted signs declaring: *"in case of medical climate emergency break glass"*. Six activists were arrested by police following the action. On Tuesday 19th XR activists attacked the offices of Rupert Murdoch's News UK where they broke glass and sprayed paint and XR Nottingham are calling for a boycott of selected petrol stations across the county this week. On Tuesday Just Stop Oil issued warnings against travelling on the M25 this week, police were already responding to an incident involving a protest at 08:30 on Wednesday morning causing them to close two lanes between Jct10 and 11.

MUSEUMS

Over 400 Teachers Sign Letter Boycotting Science Museum (Guardian 15th July) [8](#).

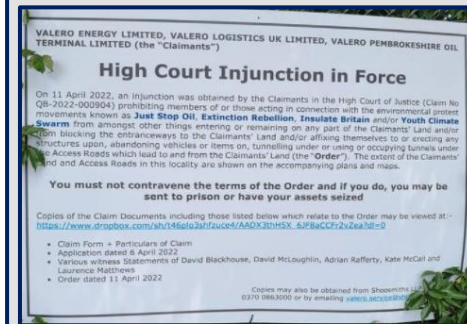
An open letter signed by 417 teachers and educators, has called for the Science Museum, London to drop its fossil fuel sponsors or face a boycott by visiting students. The Letter accuses the museum of allowing energy companies such as Adani (Adani Green Energy will sponsor the Energy Revolution gallery at the museum next year) to greenwash *'their reputation at the expense of the museum's reputation'*. In response to the letter the Museum's director, Ian Blatchford said:

"We agree that climate change is the most urgent challenge facing humanity but we don't agree with the argument from some who say we should sever ties with all energy companies with an association, direct or indirect, with fossil fuels"

National Galleries of Scotland discover New Van Gogh on Back of Painting (Independent 14th July)

A never seen before self-portrait by Vincent Van Gogh has been discovered on the back of another piece of work by the artist glued to a cardboard backing. The unknown painting thought to be one of his earliest self-portraits was discovered (using X-ray) whilst preparing the picture for an exhibit by the National Galleries of Scotland. The newly discovered painting on the back of 'Head of a peasant woman' by Van Gogh can now be viewed through a special light box at the 'A Taste for Impressionism' exhibition at the Royal Scottish Academy (opening 30th July – 13th November 2022), Edinburgh. Senior curator Frances Fowle said:

"Moments like this are incredibly rare...we have discovered an unknown work by Vincent Van Gogh, one of the most important and popular artists in the world...What an incredible gift for Scotland, and one that will forever be in the care of the National Galleries"



Headline 1: Refinery Injunction
(BBC NEWS 2022)



Headline 3:
Front and Back of
Van Gogh Painting
(Independent 2022)

Activism Updates

ACTIVISM

Wed/Thurs 20/21st July – British Armenian Humanitarian Group

Location: Outside House of Commons @11:00

Cause: Silent Protest, demanding the release of Armenian hostages in Azerbaijan

Details: https://twitter.com/arm_brit/status

Friday 22nd July – Nationwide Fuel Protests

Location: Nationwide, Birmingham, Bristol, Bridgewater, Cardiff, London, Manchester, Scotland and Wales.

Cause: Protest against cost of fuel, go slow convoys and forecourt occupations expected.

Details: https://t.me/standup_to_fuelprices_uk_wide

Sunday 23rd July – One Crisis Protest

Location: Meeting outside Euston, Paddington and Victoria London stations @ 13:00

Cause: Cost of Living/Climate Crisis – JSO & XR

Details: [XR Events](#)

Saturday 23rd July – Worldwide Freedom Day

Location: London, Outside Buckingham Palace, Glasgow Green @13:00

Cause: Freedom Rally, Covid Vaccine Victim March

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

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

24/7 Samaritans Awareness Day – [The Big Listen](#)

Farnborough Air Show (18th – 22nd 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 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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