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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).

'ISIS Beatles' Member Returns to the UK (Guardian 11th August)

4th ISIS Beatle cell member Aine Davis has returned to the UK after being released from a Turkish prison, where he served seven years for ISIS membership. Rumours surfaced in early July (Reported in our [6th July Digest](#)) he would be returned to the UK despite being part of the Beatles group responsible for the kidnapping and beheading of US and British hostages (amongst others). Davis was immediately arrested upon arrival at Luton airport on Wednesday on charges of terrorism under sections 15, 17 and 57 of the Terrorism Act 2000.

New PREVENT Measures Stray into 'Thought Crimes' Says Ex Counter Terror Chief (Guardian 10th August)

Sir Peter Fahy, ex-counter terror and Greater Manchester ex-police chief has raised concerns about the comments made by Conservative leader and PM hopeful Rishi Sunak at the latest hustings debate in Darlington on Tuesday. Sunak announced new measures to strengthen the PREVENT campaign and a widening of it's scope to include those who 'vilify' Britain that is, "those with an extreme hatred of our country that leads them to pose a risk to national security". Fahy questioned the lack of clarity around the definition of 'vilify' suggesting the former chancellor was 'straying into thought crimes' and raised concerns over further pressure on the public sector who are obliged to report concerns to PREVENT, he stated:

"The widening of Prevent could damage its credibility and reputation. It makes it more about people's thoughts and opinions. It is straying into thought crimes and political opinions," and "The danger is the perception it creates that teachers and health workers are involved in state surveillance."

Liverpool MP Terror Threat Foiled by Community Security Trust Analysts (The Jewish Chronicle 3rd August)

An anonymous UK-based extremist, after posting a threat online, was identified by an expert open source 'Community Security Trust' (CST) analyst and as a result, a potential terror attack against Labour MP Ian Byrne was stopped. Ian Byrne shared a statement on Wednesday, he referenced that far-right extremists had posted threats on-line and declared 'Sir David Amess would not be the last MP to be murdered' (Southend MP Sir David Amess was stabbed to death at his constituency surgery last Oct 21). Of the threat (first identified in June 2021) against himself Ian Byrne posted;

"This is a sobering reminder of the dangers faced by all who work in the public eye for a society free from division and hate."

The [CST](#) focus is predominately centred on conducting analysis to locate and identify people who have intent to attack British Jews, however as a by product of this work they do on occasion identify threats to others.



Headline 1:
[ISIS Beatles Member Aine Davis](#)
([Guardian 2022](#))

World News

Australia Wins 2026 Commonwealth Games (INEWS 9th August)

Birmingham held the closing ceremony for the 2022 Commonwealth Games on Monday which saw 11 days of games involving over 5,000 athletes from over 70 nations competing in 19 sports. Australia came first with a total of 178 medals, and England came second winning 176 medals. The full list of results can be found [here](#). The next Commonwealth games will take place in 2026 in Victoria, Australia from 17th to 29th March.

Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant Attacked Again (Sky News 8th August)

Europe's largest nuclear power plant in Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine was attacked by Russia again last week (first attack was early March 2022) with Rafael Grossi (Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) describing the attack at the plant as "out of control". Experts have raised concerns about the plant's bombardment by Russia suggesting further attacks could result in a nuclear accident similar to Fukushima, Japan in 2011 when a tsunami triggered by an earthquake caused the most severe nuclear disaster since Chernobyl. Tony Roulstone, lecturer in nuclear energy at Cambridge University

"There are in-depth defences at any nuclear power plant,"

"But when you have collateral damage, you remove one or more of those defences and therefore increase the risk."

Ukraine State Emergency Service removed one of the nuclear reactors from service as a precaution, experts believe three reactors have been operational since the invasion began, without reactors the plant would closedown and millions would be left without electricity.

Ceasefire Holds Overnight in Gaza After Days of Violence (BBC News 8th August)

Egypt acted as intermediary in securing a truce agreement between Israel and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) at the weekend. The ceasefire which came into affect on Sunday evening follows three days of violence that saw Israel targeting the PIJ. A spokesman for the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) stated their operation codenamed 'Breaking Dawn' (hitting 170 PIJ targets) resulted in the deaths of 35 Palestinians eleven of whom were civilians. By Sunday evening, the Palestinian health ministry recorded the death toll for the weekend of violence as 44 including 15 children. Gaza's health ministry has publicly blamed "Israeli aggression" for the deaths of Palestinians and for the more than 300 casualties. US President Joe Biden praised the truce and called on all parties...

"to fully implement [it] and to ensure fuel and humanitarian supplies are flowing into Gaza".



Headline 1:
[Commonwealth Games closing Ceremony](#)
(YAHOO 2022)



Headline 3:
[A truck carrying fuel imports for the one power plant in Gaza enters the territory](#)
(ICHEFBBCI 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

FINANCE

'Smishing' Scammers Trick Bank Customers Out of €1,700 on Average (Irish Times 10th August) ¹.

Hundreds and thousands of Southern Irish customers for Ulster bank and Belgian banking and Insurance group KBC have been left vulnerable to fraud as they are currently in the process of moving their bank accounts to other service providers in the wake of the closure of both banking groups in the South of the Country. Niamh Davenport FraudSmart lead at The Banking and Payments Federation of Ireland (BPMFI) has warned customers to be aware stating: *"Fraudsters are experts at taking advantage of changing situations"*. Smishing numbers have reportedly doubled in the first six months of this year in Ireland compared to last year, with the average amount scammed from individual customers believed to be around €1,700. Smishing is when fraudsters attempt to trick customers into supplying their bank details by sending texts that appear to come from their bank. **Look-out for our August Threat in Focus later this month on Scams for further information.**

ENERGY

Liz Truss and Rishi Sunak Feel the Heat Amid Calls for Daily COBRA Sessions (Sky News 8th August)

Liz Truss and Rishi Sunak are being pressured to answer challenging questions, in the run-up to the conservative leadership vote, including how they plan to help British families with the increasing cost of living this autumn, after the recent announcement inflation is predicted to spike above 13% by October. Former Labour prime minister Gordon Brown has led two interventions in the last two days and is now calling for the COBRA emergency committee to sit in "permanent session" during this current 'crises'. Mr Brown highlighted in his commissioned report this weekend how some low-income families are assessed to be £1,600 a year worse off. Mr Brown has called Boris Johnson and his deputies to action stating *'negotiating hard to buy new oil and gas supplies from other countries'* and seeking an increase in storage capacity should be the priority.

MUSEUMS

Horniman Museum to Return 72 Benin Artefacts to Nigeria (BBC News 7th August) ².

British Museum of the Year 2022, The Horniman Museum joins other European institutions in bowing to recent mounting political pressure to return formerly looted artefacts to their country of origin as it transfers the ownership of 72 objects back to the Nigerian Government after they were looted by British Soldiers in the 19th Century. The Benin Bronzes are the latest artefacts to be returned to the country, last month, Jesus College in Cambridge returned a cockerel sculpture and last year the University of Aberdeen returned the head of an Oba (king) of Benin. Eve Salomon, chair of the museum, said:

"The evidence is very clear that these objects were acquired through force, and external consultation supported our view that it is both moral and appropriate to return their ownership to Nigeria".



Headline 2: Gordon Brown on measures for cost of living crisis
(SKY NEWS 2022)



Headline 3: The Benin plaque of Chief Uwangu and Portuguese traders, returning to Nigeria
(BBC NEWS 2022)



Activism Updates

ACTIVISM

Friday 12th August – Power to the People

Location: Scottish Power, 320 St Vincent St, Glasgow @16:00

Cause: Against Rising Energy Bills

Details: [Twitter](#)

Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th – Train and London Tube Strikes

Thursday 18th, Friday 19th & Saturday 20th August,

Cause: Industrial Action. No South-eastern services, No trains @ Charing Cross, Waterloo East and Cannon St.

Details: [TfL](#)

You are advised to check the webpage of your local railway network or for up-to-date information before you travel.



[RMT Strike Action – LBC NEWS 2022](#)

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.

AUGUST

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

Edinburgh fringe 5th – 29th August

NEW ADVISORY SERVICES CAPABILITY Open Source and Social Media Analysis

Wilson James new partnership with Network Contagion Research Institute (NCRI) enables Advisory Services to deploy data-driven analysis to forecast emerging threats and provide threat intelligence predictive analysis when it counts. Using our open source and social media analysis platform supported by NCRI, Wilson James Advisory Services reviews the multiple media feeds in particular surrounding activist groups to identify their INTENT and CAPABILITY.

**SEPTEMBER UPRISING
Extinction Rebellion (XR) Campaign
5th September – 14th October 2022**

Subscribe today to receive bespoke threat intelligence during the XR Campaign. advisoryservices@wilsonjames.co.uk



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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