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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).

Shamima Begum Smuggled into Syria by People Smuggler Spying for Canada (Independent 31st August)

A Turkish people smuggler, responsible for transporting people over the Syrian border to join ISIS, has been revealed as assisting Jihadi Bride Shamima Begum and friends to enter the country whilst at the same time reporting to the Canadian security intelligence services. The agent who was hired to provide an insight into human trafficking and recruitment to ISIS, gathered information on behalf of Canada who did not make the Turkish authorities aware they were conducting a counter espionage operation in-country. Media speculation suggests this will have an impact on Begum's request to return to Britain despite a Supreme Court Ruling in 2021 that she should not be granted leave to return to the UK to launch her appeal. The revelations were disclosed in a book entitled *The Secret History of Five Eyes*, by award winning security journalist Richard Kerbaj. Begum maintains she was groomed into joining ISIS.

Man Guilty of Disseminating Terrorist Material for Second Time in Five Years (CT Business 30th August)

Sabbir Miah from East London was found guilty at the Old Bailey on Friday for the dissemination of a terrorist publication, after being found to have posted an ISIS propaganda video on social media in November 2021. Miah had been convicted of similar offences in 2017 when he was jailed for over three years. Counter Terrorism Commander Richard Smith, said:

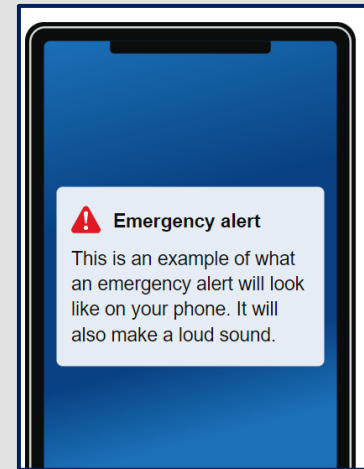
"Miah was clearly determined to seek out and share this extremist content online again, even in the knowledge that it could result in a further terrorism conviction, and being jailed for a second time...Terrorist propaganda is extremely damaging to those viewing it and to society as a whole, and we work hard with our partners to identify and arrest people like Miah, and to get this kind of harmful content removed from the internet."

UK's Emergency Alert System to Go Live October 2022 (Tech Radar 16th August)

The UK Government's national emergency alert system will be launched in October this year allowing the government to issue alerts to any mobile phone in the UK where there is a risk to life. Reasons for alerts may include flooding, fires, extreme weather, public health emergencies and terror attacks. Confirming the details of the alert system Kit Malthouse, cabinet office minister stated:

"To offer the best possible prevention and protection against threats, we are shaking up how we prepare for and respond to emergencies, strengthening the effective resilience capability we already have in place".

The project was successfully trialled last year and a publicity campaign commences this September with phones to receive a welcome message in October. Phone users will have the opportunity to opt-out and the messages will have a different sound and appearance distinguishing them from regular notifications.



Headline 3:
[Depiction of Emergency Alert \(UK.Gov 2022\)](#)

World News

Over a third of Pakistan Under Water as Floods Affect Millions (Independent 30th August) ^{1.}

The United Nations have declared an 'unprecedented climate catastrophe' in Pakistan this week as over a third of the country is submerged in water due to torrential rain and flooding. At least 1,100 people have died as a result of the monsoon flooding which has affected 15% of the population (33 million) and displaced thousands. Meteorologists have reported the area has received four times more rainfall than average with multiple dams bursting submerging entire villages.

London Welcomes Back Carnival After Two Year Hiatus (Standard 30th August) ^{2. 3.}

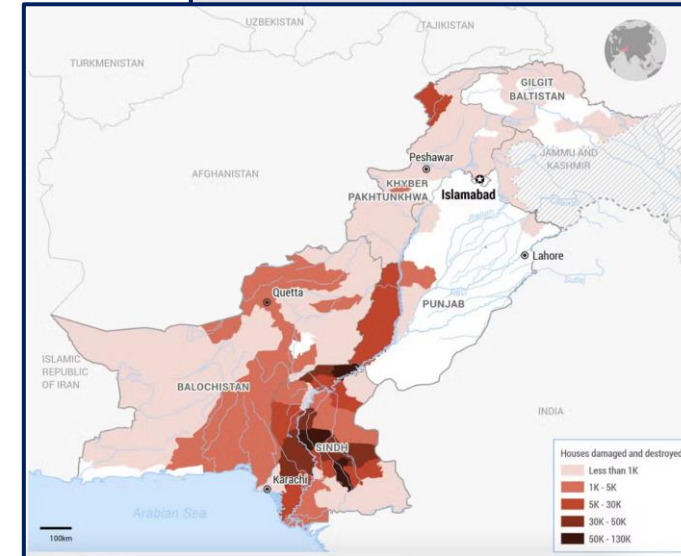
After a two-year wait (postponed due to the COVID19 pandemic), London finally welcomed back the Notting Hill carnival last weekend which expected over two million people to descend on the district to celebrate the two-day, Caribbean style, carnival event that included 13 steel bands, 72 mast bands, six Brazilian bands, 36 sound systems and 300 stalls. Incidents at the event included the fatal stabbing of Bristol drill rapper, 21-year-old Takayo Nembhard (the first death since 2004), the assault of 34 police officers and the repeated sexual assault of another, together with over 200 arrests. Calls for the event to be permanently cancelled were led by the chairman of the Metropolitan Police Federation, Ken Marsh who stated:

“Every year we argue that this event should not take place but we are not listened to...There were 11,000 officers on duty across the weekend. For lots of them, this was their first experience of policing the carnival and they have been left extremely shocked by what they have seen and been subjected to”.

During the family day event on Sunday evening paramedics were called to assist a woman in labour, both mother and baby were treated at the scene after she gave birth on the carnival route in front of festival goers, surrounded by police officers providing assistance and a human privacy screen, both were later taken to hospital.

Mikhail Gorbachev Ex-Russian Premier Dies Age 91 (AlJazeera 30th August) ^{4.}

Mikhail Gorbachev, the last leader of the Soviet Union until its collapse in 1991 and recipient of the 1990 Nobel Peace Prize for bringing the Cold War to an end, died at the age of 91 on Tuesday after a long illness. His death prompted condolences from many world leaders including US President Joe Biden who previously described him as “a man with remarkable vision”. Gorbachev will be buried at Moscow’s Novodevichy Cemetery next to his wife, there will be no state funeral.



Headline 1:
Map of Affected Area, Pakistan
(Independent 2022)



Headline 2:
Notting hill Carnival Dancers (My
London 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

Westminster Group Utilise 'MassScan' Screening to Protect 'Iconic Building' (Businessmag 29th August) ⁵.

UK Security firm, [The Westminster Group](#) announced this week they are to provide security for an as yet undisclosed 'iconic' building using their 'MassScan' screening solution. The group describes it's new MassScan solution as a

'Mass Entry Screening System (that) automatically detects contraband items such as explosives, weapons, narcotics, and quantities of currency notes on persons or in carried items, including backpacks and handbags...without the need to empty pockets or remove coats, making it highly efficient. It allows the free flow of people, ensuring there is no disruption, and improves security while at the same time improving the entire security experience. Because the system provides accurate 'standoff detection', it is a noncontact, Covid-safe screening system, safe for both guards and visitors'.

As well as being awarded the £100,000 screening services contract, Westminster Group also secured the contract for officer training to security staff at a major UK airport, potentially worth hundreds of thousands of pounds.

Security Industry Must Recruit 62,000 Officers to Meet Demand (TwinFM 22nd August)

The British Security Industry Association (BSIA) has announced the security industry needs to increase the numbers of licensed security officers by 12% to meet demand. Staff finding other employment whilst furloughed, a number of officers retiring, Brexit and long shifts have all contributed to a reduction in security workforce numbers which needs to be replenished ideally by more than 62,000 officers. The shortfall has prompted the BSIA to launch 'the industry's biggest ever recruitment drive'. Chief Executive Mike Reddington stated:

"The private security industry faces unprecedented demand for highly-trained, licensed security officers from organisations and events who recognise they need to purchase security services based on risk and professionalism rather than cost. Security is more than a high-visibility vest and buyers are more willing to invest in quality now to achieve a safer, more secure environment...As a sector we are moving quickly to attract more security officers into the industry, letting people know security can be a career of choice for team players who care about providing a professional service to protect people, property and places and who will commit to the training. Failure to achieve this could compromise public safety and some big events may not be able to happen as planned."



Headline 1:
[Westminster Group's MassScan](#)
[\(Wg-plc.com\)](#)



Activism Updates

ACTIVISM

Saturday 3rd – 11th September – Animal Rebellion

Location: Stores selling milk/distributors nationwide

Cause: Disrupting the dairy supply across the UK by cutting off the supply of milk. Between the 3rd and 11th of September activists will sit in dairy aisles with signs, or loading trolleys with cartons of milk and taking them away from the refrigerators so they cannot be used.

Details: [Animal Rebellion](#)

Sunday 4th – Monday 5th September – Hold the Line

Location: Convoy to London (4th), Parliament Square all day (5th)

Cause: Drive to Parliament Square to Welcome the new PM, anti-government protest.

Details: <https://inoneplace.com/the-awareness-foundation/>

Monday 5th September – Unite for Justice

Location: Parliament Square, London @ Midday

Cause: Call out to all oppressed nations and groups who share a common enemy, anti-government protest.

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

Monday 5th September – Stop Rwanda Flight

Location: Royal Courts of Justice @9:00-15:00

Cause: No offshore detention, scrap the borders bill

Details: <https://www.facebook.com/events/424295039569316>

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.

SEPTEMBER

Extinction Rebellion (XR) Campaign - September uprising

5th September – 14th October 2022

On-going Pal Action Activist Camp – Occupation site outside Shenstone Factory, Litchfield #ShutElbitDown

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.

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



Pal Action Outside Shenstone
(Twitter 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).

Pakistan Donations Information

**For those wishing to donate to the Pakistan Floods Appeal
please see the following sites for advice and guidance on how best to do so.**

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[Disasters Emergency Committee Donations](#)

[RED CROSS Donations](#)

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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