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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).

Suspects Who Assisted in the 2016 Bastille Day Attack Begin Trial in Paris (Independent 5th September)

The eight people believed to have assisted the Bastille Day Terrorist, responsible for driving a truck into a crowd of people in Nice on July 14th 2016, go on trial this week in a French Terror court in Paris. Terrorist Mohamed Lahouaiej Bouhlef ploughed through a crowd of spectators for two kilometres following a fireworks display, killing 86 people including children and injuring 450 others before being killed by police. The eight suspects although not directly linked to the atrocity itself have been charged with offences ranging from involvement in a terrorist conspiracy to providing Bouhlef with firearms. The trial is expected to last two and a half months.

NFTs Potentially Used to Fund Terrorism as ISIS Joins the Digital Art Market (WSJ 4th September) 1. 2. 3. 4.

An IS praising NFT (non-fungible token, see below for definition), carrying the IS emblem and created by a sympathiser (one of three created by the same user in one day) following the IS' bombing of a Kabul mosque killing at least 21 people in mid-August, has increased fears the NFT digital market will be used to fund terrorism. The Wall Street Journal reports the NFT, which is not yet for sale, evidences how easy it is to exploit the emerging fintech market for the purpose of fundraising for terrorism. Analysts believe these new NFTs are being used to test how the legitimate marketplaces respond to the content. Earlier this year the US Treasury Department highlighted the issue stating:

“The ability to transfer some NFTs via the internet without concern for geographic distance and across borders nearly instantaneously makes digital art susceptible to exploitation by those seeking to launder illicit proceeds of crime,”

One NFT marketplace 'Opensea' removed the listing with a notice citing: “a zero-tolerance policy for listings that incite hate and violence.”

Definition: NFT's (non-fungible tokens) are units of stored data which represent a unique digital asset (such as a photo, see [‘Four lads in Jeans’](#) meme – which sold for USD 1,100 last year) with a block-chain record of ownership, as opposed to fungible tokens, which store a fixed recognised value (such as casino or other tokens or certain cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin).

Terror Suspect Recalled to Prison for Breach of Notification Order (CT Police 5th September)

Anwar Said Driouich was sentenced in mid-August to 18 months imprisonment for a breach of his terrorist notification requirements imposed on him since his release from a 20 month sentence for possessing explosives and terrorist material in 2020. Driouich was reported to have breached his requirements in January of this year and October last year when he didn't inform police of an alias and some financial accounts he held and was immediately arrested and remanded in prison. He pled guilty last month at Manchester Crown Court and will have a 12 month extension to his license conditions upon his release.



Headline 1:
[Bastille Day Victims](#)
(Independent 2022)



Headline 2:
[ISIS NFT \(WSJ 2022\)](#)

World News

Liz Truss Confirmed as Prime Minister After Meeting Queen at Balmoral (Guardian 6th September) ⁵.

Liz Truss won the Tory leadership election by 81,326 votes to 60,399 on Monday, beating Rishi Sunak with only 57.4% of the vote (the lowest percentage across the last four leadership election results). On Tuesday, she met the Queen who officially confirmed her appointment and asked her to form a government. Ex-Tory leader, Iain Duncan Smith has already stated he turned down an offer to work in Truss' cabinet. Kwasi Kwarteng has been confirmed as Chancellor and James Cleverly as Foreign secretary, Suella Braveman replaces Priti Patel as Home secretary, Kit Malthouse becomes Education secretary and Therese Coffey becomes the first female Deputy Prime Minister. Jacob Rees Mogg will be the new Business Secretary and Dominic Raab, Grant Shapps, Steve Barclay, Johnny Mercer and George Eustice amongst others lost their posts. Truss is expected to announce her plans to help ease the cost of living and energy crisis which includes lowering the price cap and offering assistance to business as well as domestic customers.



Headline 1:
[Liz Truss and The Queen \(TWITTER 2022\)](#)

Manhunt Continues for Suspects in Canadian Stabbing Spree Leaving Ten Dead (Independent 6th September) ⁶.

One of the suspects in the Canadian Stabbing spree horror, Damien Sanderson, has been found dead near one of 13 crime scenes it has been reported. The cause of death remains unclear but is not believed to be from self-inflicted injuries. A search (entering its fourth day) is still ongoing for the outstanding suspect, Myles Sanderson, believed to be the brother of the deceased, well known to police and already wanted on outstanding charges. The stabbings, on the fourth of September left ten dead and at least 18 wounded occurred within the indigenous community of the James Smith Cree Nation and neighbouring village of Weldon in the Canadian province of Saskatchewan and are believed to be drug/alcohol related with some of the victims targeted specifically.



Headline 2:
[Stabbing locations and suspect sighting, Canada \(BBC 2022\)](#)

Suspects Found Guilty of Home-Side Homicide in Legal First (Independent 15th August) ⁷.

Three gang members (affiliated with the Harrow Road Boys gang) have been found guilty of the murder of one their own associates in a ruling, believed to be the first of it's kind in England and Wales, that saw them charged with a 'home-side homicide' offence even though the victim was shot in the back by gang members believed to be from a rival gang (the Thugs of Stonebridge). All three (including one who also sustained an injury), were charged on the basis they willingly engaged in a shoot-out where 'both sides agreed to shoot and be shot at'. No members of the opposing gang were identified or charged for the murder. Sentencing for the three was adjourned until a later date.

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

ACTIVISM

AR's Diary Disruption Begins with Claims of Empty Shelves Already (Animal Rebellion 6th September) 8.

'Plant based future' activists, Animal Rebellion claim to have disrupted the distribution of diary across many parts of the UK and can already 'see empty shelves across the Southwest of England' after three days of protests which included trespassing, climbing onto trucks and the sabotage of delivery vehicle tyres and equipment. Disrupted sites included the UK's largest dairy distribution centre operated by Arla who have an existing injunction against the campaign group, the centre was targeted in spite of the injunction with 23 arrests made. The group currently occupies three sites Muller Droitwich; Muller Willenhall and Freshways Acton and insist:

"We need the new Prime Minister to make the first steps towards a better world by beginning the transition into a plant-based future"

XR Glue Themselves to Commons Speaker's Chair (Independent 3rd September)

Five extinction rebellion activists including three who glued themselves to the speaker's chair protested in the House of Commons chamber on Friday to bring attention to the UK government's lack of action on climate change. The protestors holding banners with 'Let The People Decide' and 'Citizen Assembly Now' accessed the publicly available space after booking a tour whilst parliament was in recess. Another hung a banner on scaffolding surrounding Big Ben whilst another two chained themselves to railings and reports suggest up to 50 protestors demonstrated outside parliament. XR's Festival of Resistance begins on Friday with a 'paint the streets' campaign followed by a climate camp in Hyde Park. Please contact advisoryservices@wilsonjames.co.uk for further information, alerts and social media analysis on the event.

SECURITY

Free Climber Scales the Shard (BBC News 5th August) 9. 10. 11.

Free climber Adam Lockwood scaled the exterior of the Shard building in London on Sunday barefoot and without a safety harness, after a previous two year suspended sentence imposed in August 2020 expired which also saw him banned from trespassing and posting content online. Lockwood received the 2020 sentence for breaching a previous civil Injunction order from Manchester City Council and proclaimed he fully expected to go to jail following his latest stunt. Police were notified of the attempt just before 05:40 on Sunday morning with Adam posting a photo on Facebook from the top at 06:50. Lockwood was arrested for trespassing by the Metropolitan Police together with two others who were arrested for causing a public nuisance. Of his climbing Lockwood had previously said:

'I love seeing things from height, I love having my body suspended hundreds of meters in the sky, I love the challenges of infiltrating secure places to achieve these goals and it's something that has kept me alive since I started, and I don't think I can give it up.'



Headline 2:
[XR in Commons chamber \(TWITTER 2022\)](#)



Headline 3:
[Free Climber at Top of Shard \(TWITTER 2022\)](#)



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. See article in this week's Industry News.

Details: [Animal Rebellion](#)

Wednesday 7th September – Tigray Genocide Protest

Location: Parliament Square @Midday

Cause: To highlight the recent targeted attacks on a Kindergarten including the last remaining operational hospital in Tigray.

Details: [Twitter](#)

Friday 9th September – XR Paint the Streets

Location: Nationwide, all day

Cause: To bring attention to Climate Change and People's assemblies

Details: <https://twitter.com/XRebellionUK>

Saturday 10th – 13th September – XR Festival of Resistance

Location: Hyde Park from Marble Arch, London @10:00

Cause: Three-day festival highlighting climate change

Details: [TWITTER](#)

Saturday 10th September – Boycott Puma

Location: Carnaby Street, London @Midday

Cause: To demand PUMA ends complicity in Israeli Apartheid

Details: [TWITTER](#)

Sunday 11th September – Stop Russian Nuclear Terrorism

Location: St Andrew's Square, Edinburgh @11:00

Cause: Anti Russia

Details: [Facebook](#)

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 – The Occupation outside Shenstone Factory, Litchfield (#ShutElbitDown) began Sunday August 28th.

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



[Palestinian Solidarity Campaign](#)
(TWITTER 2022)



[XR Festival of Resistance](#)
(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.**

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.

[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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