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NEWS



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REMAIN VIGILANT - The current threat level for the UK is ‘SUBSTANTIAL’, meaning a terror attack is ‘likely’. This level is expected to change in the coming days as Her Majesty’s funeral approaches. For further information see [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk).

"More trust, less crime, high standards" New Met Commissioner Starts Amidst Op. London Bridge (BBC News 12th September)

Sir Mark Rowley, the new Commissioner of the London Metropolitan Police began his new post on Monday, as the capital prepares to host the funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and the force remains in ‘special measures’. Facing the ‘biggest security operation’ the UK has ever seen (see above) the 31-year police veteran brings with him a promise of “more trust, less crime, high standards” echoing the sentiment of New Tory leader and PM Liz Truss who said ‘safer streets’ were a priority for her government. Ex-colleague Richard Walton describes Sir Mark as:

“Gritty, he's resilient, he knows his mind, he is much tougher than he looks. He is not someone to sit back and wait for things to happen. He has a clear strategy on how to reduce crime in London.”

Chris Kaba Demonstration see Hundreds March to Scotland Yard (BBC News 11th September) [1.](#) [2.](#) [3.](#) [4.](#) [5.](#)

Hundreds of demonstrators gathered outside Parliament on Saturday and marched to New Scotland Yard in protest against the shooting of aspiring rapper, 24 year-old Chris Kaba by the Metropolitan police last Monday 5th September. Kaba was travelling in a vehicle flagged with ‘firearm markers’ that indicated it had been used in a firearms offence recently and refused to stop for police, making off in the vehicle. The circumstances surrounding the shooting (after a ‘hard stop’) remain unclear however the Met Police have confirmed no non-police issued firearms were found in the vehicle. The Met Police await an announcement from IOPC regarding the investigation and cannot comment publicly until then. In attendance at the demonstration was Labour MP Bell Ribeiro-Addy together with Labour MP Diane Abbott who spoke at the event and accused the police of murdering Kaba in cold blood. Also in attendance was rapper Stormzy who has been reportedly supporting the family and told the crowd: *“Chris has a mother, he has a family, he has brothers, he has friends, people who knew him in real life, who for them it's unbearable.”*

The Met Police confirmed on Tuesday the officer in question has been suspended pending the outcome of the IOPC investigation and had been removed from operational duties prior to this. In response armed police officers have threatened to disarm in protest at the decision.

Small Delegations, Commercial Flights & Buses Expected From Dignitaries re Op London Bridge (The Guardian 11th September)

The Guardian is reporting heads of state from countries attending the Queen’s funeral have been asked to attend with only their spouse or partner, keep their delegations as small as possible, use commercial flights and travel to the funeral via laid on buses. The unusual requests extended to all visiting dignitaries (with the exception of US President Joe Biden who has received permission to bring ‘The Beast,’ his armoured vehicle) is due to the logistical complications surrounding Operation London Bridge and will prevent the UK’s airports from being overwhelmed and the capital’s road from being further congested.

EDINBURGH

The Coffin of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will rest-in-state at the Palace of Holyroodhouse, having travelled up by car from Balmoral on Sunday.

EDINBURGH

OPERATION SPRING TIDE

King Charles III begins tour of the four Nations, visiting London, Edinburgh, Belfast and Cardiff. Commencing in Edinburgh @ Holyroodhouse

EDINBURGH

Procession to St Giles' Cathedral Church service and 'vigil of the Princes' (Royal Family in Attendance)

LONDON

Motion of Condolence by House of Lords and House of Commons (King may attend)

LONDON

OPERATION LION - The Coffin of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will travel by ceremonial procession from Buckingham Palace to the Palace of Westminster

LONDON

OPERATION UNICORN - The Coffin of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to be flown to London and travel by hearse to Buckingham Palace

(not a formal procession but public expected to attend). Procession will be greeted by King's Guard of Honour at the Grand Entrance

LONDON

OPERATION FEATHER-

Logistics for lying-in state- public visits

LONDON

OPERATION MARQUEE - Official Lying-in-State

At the Houses of Parliament (and will last four days).

The Queen's coffin will lie on a raised box known as a catafalque in the middle of the hall, and each corner will be guarded around the clock. This 'Vigil of the Princes' is expected to include Senior members of the Royal Household

OPERATION LONDON BRIDGE Ten Days of Mourning for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

LONDON

Military lined funeral procession to Westminster Abbey with Senior members of the Royal Family following the gun carriage carrying the coffin of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

State funeral for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II held at Westminster Abbey,

Procession from Westminster Abbey to Wellington Arch

Travel by hearse to Windsor

Committal service at St George's Chapel at Windsor Castle and a private interment later.

LONDON

Lying-in-State continues , Evening reception at Lancaster House for arriving dignitaries

LONDON

King Charles III formal meeting with PM Liz Truss

TWO MINUTE SILENCE

NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING

Monday 12th

Tuesday 13th

Wednesday 14th

Thursday 15th

Friday 16th

Saturday 17th

Sunday 18th

Monday 18th





Op LONDON BRIDGE NEWS



Terror Concerns as UK Prepares for 'Biggest Security Operation' Ever (Security Journal UK 9th September) ⁶.

Founder and director of [Risk to Resolution](#) and former UK Counter Terrorism National Coordinator, Nick Aldworth has described Operation London Bridge (the preparation for the Queen's funeral) as

“probably the biggest policing and protective operation the UK has ever mounted...It just takes one car, one person to do something abhorrent and not only have you disrupted a constitutional event, people will be injured and killed.”

His concerns are echoed by the London Met who urge visitors in London to remain vigilant whilst paying their respects to the Queen. Ex Chief Superintendent and specialist in crowd policing, Owen West also raised concerns adding:

“Large crowds, these days, represent a potential threat to hostile acts so there will be an eye on risk assessment and measures to help protect the body of a crowd against that potential.”

The London MET Police have not confirmed specific details, however security arrangements are expected to include road closures and hostile mitigation measures around crowded sites. Snipers adorning rooftops for the funeral procession with patrols on the ground and officers posted at key locations such as stations, royal parks and royal residences. The operation, described as highly visible, will last 10-14 days with over 10,000 officers drafted in from numerous forces and security agencies across the UK.

Palace Instructions for Floral Tributes at Royal Parks (Yahoo 11th September)

Instructions have been released by the [Royal Parks](#) regarding floral tributes for the Queen by members of the public, which will remain on-site for 7-14 days after the state funeral. 'Any form of floral tribute is acceptable,' they say but also ask visitors to only lay organic or compostable material (in particular to remove plastic and don't leave toys or marmalade sandwiches). Flowers can be left at the following sites across the UK: **London** – A memorial flower garden at Green Park, the main place for laying flowers near Buckingham Palace.

Windsor – Flowers can be laid on the Long Walk at Cambridge Gate close to the town centre.

Sandringham – Flowers can be laid on the estate and visitors will be directed to the correct location on arrival. **Belfast** – Flowers can be laid at Hillsborough Castle. **Edinburgh** – Flowers can be laid at the Palace of Holyroodhouse. **Balmoral** – Flowers can be laid at the Main Gate to the Castle. **Cardiff** – Flowers can be laid at the areas either side of the City Hall entrance.

Details regarding donations to any of the Queen's charities can be found [here](#).





Wednesday 14th September Op MARQUEE and Op FEATHER



Millions of People Expected Daily to View Queen's Lying-in-State (Independent 12th September) ^{7. 8.}

@14:22 Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's coffin will travel from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Hall to lie-in-state (see next slide for route map)

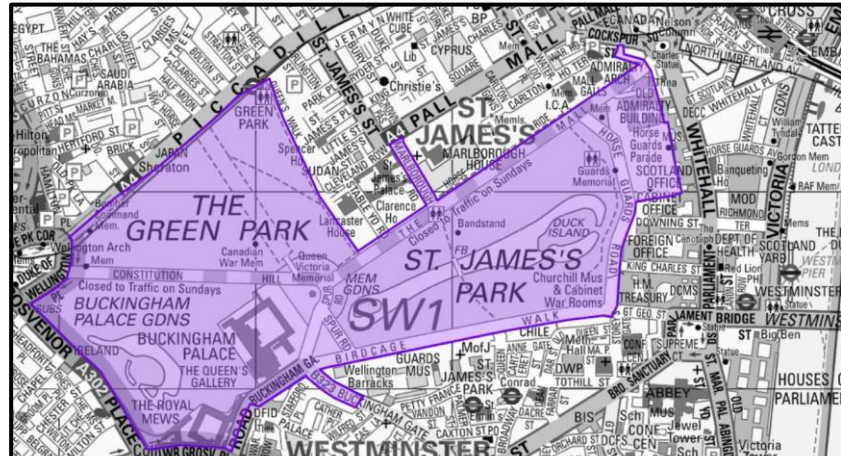
- It begins with a ceremonial procession through the capital by horsedrawn gun carriage before entering the Palace of Westminster. Gov.uk 2022
- Guns will fire in Hyde Park during the procession and Big Ben is expected to toll.
- The coffin will rest on a raised platform in the middle of Westminster Hall and have a round-the-clock military guard.
- The Vigil of the Princes is likely to take place involving senior members of the Royal Family taking turns to guard each corner of the coffin.
- Open to the public at 5pm on Wednesday 14th September, 24 hours a day, until it closes at 6.30am on Monday 19th.
 - Potters Field Park adjacent to Tower Bridge will be the starting point of the queue.
 - It will then move the length of the South Bank of the Thames, passing London Bridge, Blackfriars Bridge, the Globe Theatre, Tate Modern and the London Eye.
 - There will be 'airport style security' and only small bags permitted close to the venue. (smaller than 40cm x 30cm x 20cm, with one simple opening or zip). Flowers, large bags and flasks are prohibited (amongst others).
 - Photography or filming is not permitted in Westminster Hall and mourners should dress appropriately for the occasion, turn phones off before entering the security search area, dispose of litter using the litter bins provided, keep noise to a minimum, follow the instructions of stewards, marshals and the police at all times.
 - Mourners will receive a wristband towards the end of the queue and only those with one will be admitted.
 - Anyone with luggage will have to stop en route and leave it in a park by Lambeth Palace before rejoining the queue.
 - Visitors are being asked to bring the following: Suitable clothing for the weather conditions; Food and drink to last the queue; mobile phone charger and essential medication or equipment which you should make known to security when asked.
 - Queue times are expected to be anywhere from 12 to 30 hours as millions of visitors are expected each day.
 - Mourners should expect to stay overnight (with little opportunity to sit down – as the queue will constantly move) and are advised not to bring vulnerable people such as the elderly or very young. It is expected 50 people a minute will pass by the coffin.
 - Medics at nearby Guy's and St Thomas's hospitals are on standby in case those in the queue fall ill.





Op MARQUEE and Op FEATHER- Routes

ROAD CLOSURES AROUND WESTMINSTER



Road Closures from Monday 12th September (MET Police 2022)



Coffin leaves Buckingham Palace at 2.22pm on Wednesday September 14

Arrives Palace of Westminster at 3pm

Processional Route for Lying-in-State (INews 2022)

PROCESSIONAL LYING-IN-STATE ROUTE

ANTICIPATED QUEUE ROUTE TO VIEW HER MAJESTY LYING-IN-STATE



EXPECTED ROUTE OF LONDON QUEUE

3-mile queue will snake along the South Bank past the Palace of Westminster

Starting point is Potters Field on the opposite bank of the Thames to the Tower of London

Mourners will cross Lambeth Bridge before turning back to Westminster Hall

Anticipated Public Queue Route to view Her Majesty Lying-in-State (SUN 2022)



Monday 19th September

FUNERAL MOMENT BY MOMENT



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Funeral Moment by Moment (Standard 9th September) [9.](#) [10.](#) [11.](#) [12.](#)

- Her Majesty's Lying-in-state will cease at 06:30 Monday 19th September with a last vigil ending at 08:30.
- At 09:00 Big Ben will strike before being muffled for the remainder of the day.
- Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's funeral will begin with a short procession from Westminster Hall to Westminster Abbey @10:30. Senior members of the Royal family will follow on foot as the coffin is pulled by naval ratings using ropes instead of horses, military will line the route. The tradition of being hauled by the Royal Navy began in 1901 when Victoria's funeral horses, all white, threatened to bolt at Windsor Station and a waiting contingent of ratings stepped in to pull the coffin instead.
- ITV will provide full coverage from the day in what has been described as 'the biggest outside broadcast' in its history and could be one of the most watched live events ever.
- At 11:00 the Queen's coffin will be carried to the high altar and the funeral will begin, led by the Dean of Westminster and the Archbishop of Canterbury. A two minute silence is expected to be held at midday.
- Following the funeral the Last Post and Reveille will be played, before the Royal procession to Wellington Arch through the streets of the capital from approximately midday to 13:00 (see next slide for route).
- From Wellington Arch Her Majesty's coffin will travel by hearse to Windsor castle. Arriving at Windsor Castle at 16:00, the royal household will be waiting to greet the Her Majesty's coffin which will be taken to her final resting place at St George's Chapel via The Long Walk.
- At 16:00 a committal service will be held at St George's Chapel, led by the Dean of Windsor and will be televised.
- Before the last hymn, the Imperial State Crown, sceptre and orb will be removed from the Queen's coffin by the crown jeweller.
- A lament will then be played by a lone piper as the coffin is lowered into the Royal Vault, where Her Majesty will be laid to rest next to her husband, parents and sister.
- A private internment service will be held at 19:00 for the family.

Monday 19th September FUNERAL Route

FUNERAL PROCESSION FROM WESTMINSTER HALL TO ST GEORGE'S CHAPEL, WINDSOR



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

Contact

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