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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).

Zuckerberg's Alma Mater Letter Bomb Investigated as Hoax (Independent 16th September) ¹

Northeastern University has confirmed one member of staff suffered minor injuries when they opened a letter bomb addressed to a hall on campus (housing their virtual reality research centre) and contained a 'rambling' manifesto against past pupil Mark Zuckerberg and Facebook/Meta. A second suspicious package was discovered at the nearby Museum of Fine Arts. Neighbouring colleges MIT and Harvard (where Zuckerberg set up Facebook) have also been put on high alert and police presence increased on their campuses. However, Associated Press report the incident is now being investigated as a hoax staged by the employee as his injuries do not match his statement of events. The investigation continues.

Israel on High Terror Alert as Religious Holidays Approach (Allisrael 14th September)

Security officials in Israel are reporting they have foiled 70 terror attacks planned for the upcoming Jewish holiday period of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year (25-27th September) and Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement (4-5th October). Tensions in the country have continued to escalate between the Palestinian and Jewish communities and sees no sign of abating with the religious holidays fast approaching. Terror threat levels are expected to rise to their second highest rating and 20,000 police officers will be deployed to combat further attacks. The Israeli Security Agency (Shin Bet) director, Ronen Bar partly blames the government and Iran for the rise in terror attacks stating:

"Political instability, the growing internal division ... are an encouragement to the axis of evil, to the terror organizations and individual attackers... Iran is the origin of most of the [terror] phenomena in the region and it also has a significant part in the instability we are experiencing in the Palestinian arena."

SIA Simulate Nightclub Terror Attack in London as Part of Nationwide Programme (Gov.uk 8th September)

The SIA staged a Safety Resilience Exercise in London earlier this month recreating the circumstances involved in a nightclub style terror attack. In partnership with City of London Police, London Ambulance Service, London Fire Brigade, UK Counter Terrorism Policing and the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry the SIA carried out a number of real-time simulations with actors playing the roles of nightclub patrons. Similar events are happening across the country, carried out already in Chesterfield, Glasgow and Leicester. SIA Liaison Officer to the National Business Crime Centre Jason Dean said:

"The main aim of exercises like this is to increase public safety in the night-time economy by working with venues and security staff. It's also to showcase best practice by putting the Action Counters Terrorism (ACT) security e-learning package, which we've been recommending to all SIA-licensed operatives, into practice. We're really pleased with the commitment that all the security staff put into the exercise at the Steel Yard."



Headline 1:
[Mark Zuckerberg](#)
(Independent 2022)



World News

Operation London Bridge Facts and Figures (Guardian 6th September) [2.](#) [3.](#) [4.](#) [5.](#) [6.](#) [7.](#)

Here are some facts and figures about Op. London Bridge. **37.5 million** people in the UK watched the funeral live and a predicted **4 billion** watched worldwide. **22 miles** of barriers for crowd control were used in central London alone and **20,000** police officers from across the UK carried out duties over the course of the operation, making **67 arrests**, stopping **18 drone attempts** and receiving **800** reports of **suspicious activity**. They were assisted by thousands of security officers and volunteers including **190** operational staff from **Wilson James** on the day of the funeral. **5,949 military personnel** were drafted in - **4,416 army**, **847 navy** and **686 air force** - together with **175** personnel from **other commonwealth** nations. Of the Military personnel in attendance, **1,650** were involved in the **procession** from the Abbey to Wellington Arch (including **142 Naval Ratings** pulling the gun carriage carrying Her Majesty's Coffin) and thousands lined the streets. At **Windsor 1,170 military personnel** took part together with **2,300 police officers**. An estimated **250,000 people** queued to view Her Majesty lying-in-state, although other reports suggest this number is closer to 750,000. The **8 km long Queue** involved waits of more than **24 hours** with **1,502 people** treated by paramedics and **174 hospitalised**. **2,000 people** attended the funeral at **Westminster Abbey** and **800 guests** attended the **committal service** at **Windsor**. The Westminster clean up involved a team of **150 cleaners** and took just over **two hours**.

Op London Bridge Officers Drafted in to Assist with Leicester Riots (Guardian 20th September) [8.](#) [9.](#) [10.](#)

Violence and disorder continues in Leicester following the Asia Cup cricket match between India and Pakistan hosted in the city at the end of August. Sporadic pockets of protest and violent disorder have continued since then with some reports suggesting the recent violence has been exasperated by the 'bussing in' of threat actors from Birmingham gangs. The violence, perpetrated by mainly young Hindu or Muslim men has seen 16 police officers injured and 47 people arrested. Speaking about one particular event Claudia Webbe, Independent MP for Leicester East said:

"I have no doubt that this fake event was designed to provoke additional clashes and to cause disharmony and distrust... Facebook and... WhatsApp...designed to 'entrap' members of the local community to attend a protest, sparked by hate."

Labour MP for Leicester South, Jonathan Ashworth expressed his disappointment in the violence adding it was not reflective of the majority of the city's Hindu and Muslim communities. The violence continued this week and spread to Birmingham where there were further clashes with the police.



Headline 1:

WJ Officers Guard Queens Gate
(WilsonJames 2022)

Man Charged with Attempted Murder After Police Officers Stabbed in Leicester Square (Independent 20th September)

24 year-old Mohammed Rahman has been charged with the attempted murder of a police officer, assault, two counts of threatening a person in a public place with a bladed article, robbery and possession of a bladed article after he stabbed two police officers in Leicester Square early Friday morning, leaving one with possibly life changing injuries. Rahman was approached by officers, after they received complaints of a man carrying a knife, and was initially compliant before attacking one officer, suffering a stab wound in her arm and stabbing another officer twice in the neck and then in the chest before being subdued with a taser. Met Police confirm the incident was not thought to be terror related and both officers are recovering well.

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 Price Cap Guarantee – Explained (UK.Gov 2022) [11.](#) [12.](#)

- From **1st October 2022 until 1st October 2024** the average UK household will pay **‘up to an average of £2500/year’** (saving £1,000/yr. at current rates) in addition to the £400 energy bill discount and removed ‘green levy’.
- **Domestic electricity meter** users **paying via standard credit, payment card and direct debit** receive an **automatic deduction to their bills** over 6 months.
- **Prepayment meter** customers will receive **discount vouchers** from the **first week of each month**, issued via **SMS text, email or post**.
- **Communal/district heat networks** (do not pay direct for mains gas and electricity- therefore considered commercial users) will be covered under the newly announced **Energy Bill Relief Scheme** for an initial six months (1st October to 31st March). Customers should expect to pay less than 50% of the current costs and the adjustments will be automatic via a **‘p/kWh discount’**.
- Through the Energy Bill Relief Scheme the government will set the Supported Wholesale Price (**SWP**) of energy use, expected to be **£211 per MWh for electricity** and **£75 per MWh for gas** (less than half the expected wholesale prices (EWP) anticipated this winter) - the average price of electricity from October to December 2021 was £151 MWh, an increase of 40%.
 - **Fixed term commercial contracts** – If the contract was agreed on or after 1st April and costs more than the SWP their price per unit will be automatically reduced.
 - **Variable Tariffs** – A per-unit discount will be applied up a maximum of the difference between the **SWP** and the **EWP (£405 MWh for electricity and £115 MWh for gas)**. This may be subject to increase which has prompted the government to ensure all energy users have the option of a fixed contract and are currently liaising with suppliers to facilitate this.
 - **Flexible purchase contracts** (the largest energy consuming businesses) – Their discount will be calculated by suppliers on a **contract-by-contract basis** and subject to the maximum discount.

Other Assistance (UK.Gov 2022)

- A new **Energy Supply Taskforce** – led by Madelaine McTernan (Vaccine Taskforce) has begun negotiations with domestic and international suppliers to agree long-term contracts that reduce the price and increase the security of its supply.
 - The Taskforce and Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy will negotiate with **renewable producers** to reduce the prices they charge as well.
- The **Energy Markets Financing Scheme** will enable stability to both energy and financial markets, and the economy, and reduce the eventual cost for businesses and consumers.
- Households most in need will be eligible for further support in addition to the Energy Bill discount. This includes:
 - £650 one-off **Cost of Living Payment** for households on means tested benefits.
 - £300 one-off **Pensioner Cost of Living Payment** to pensioner households to be paid alongside the Winter Fuel Payment.
 - £150 one-off **Disability Cost of Living Payment** those who receive certain disability benefits.
 - £500 million increase and extension of the **Household Support Fund** available to councils to support vulnerable households with the cost of essentials such as food, utilities and clothing.
- **Energy Bills Support Scheme** to ensure that the £400 discount to households will also be available to the 1% of households who would not otherwise have received this support.

Activism Updates

ACTIVISM

Monday 20th September – XR National Bus Tour

Location: Nationwide, with People's Assemblies organised in some cities, such as in Manchester Saturday 24th

Cause: Climate activism

Details: [XR](#)

Friday 23rd September – Global Climate Strike

Location: Strikes located Globally

Cause: Climate activism

Details: [TWITTER](#)

Saturday 24th September – Stop the Invasion

Location: Parliament Square and Home Office, London @Midday

Cause: Protest against illegal immigration

Details: [TWITTER](#)

Saturday 24th September – AntiFascist Protest

Location: Home Office, RVP at Christchurch Gardens SW1 @11:00

Cause: Anti-fascist counter demonstration against 'Stop the Invasion' protest.

Details: [TWITTER](#)

DATES/EVENTS TO NOTE

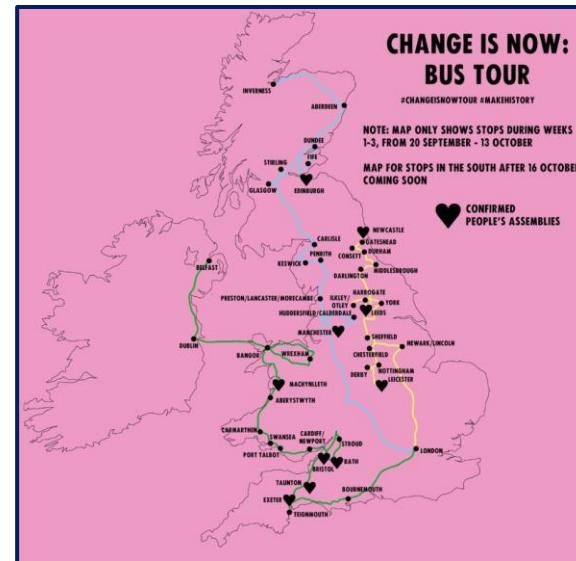
It is likely some of the following list of notable dates or events will see some form of travel disruption. Please check for local updates.

SEPTEMBER

Extinction Rebellion (XR) Campaign - September uprising 20th September – 14th October 2022.

On-going Pal Action Activist Camp – The Occupation outside Shenstone Factory, Litchfield (#ShutElbitDown) began Sunday August 28th.

[XR Bus Tour](#)
[\(TWITTER 2022\)](#)



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



PROTECT DUTY

KNOW YOUR THREAT/KNOW YOUR RESPONSE

KNOW YOUR THREAT

Know how to spot suspicious behaviour, engage regularly with [PROTECTUK](#) where you can keep up to date on the latest training and guidance.

KNOW YOUR RESPONSE

Provide updated and regular threat briefings. Maintain an effective risk assessment. Maintain training and engagement with **PROTECT UK**.

MARAUDING TERRORIST ATTACK

GUIDE

- Know your evacuation routes.
 - Ensure you familiarise yourself with alternative routes should paths become blocked.
- Be able to inform and guide people with clear instructions.

SHELTER

- Know your first aid plans and RVPs.
- Lock/barricade yourself in.
- Move away from the door.

COMMUNICATE

- Know who to tell - Ensure incident escalations are fully updated with correct contact details and shared appropriately.
- Location, Suspects, Directions, Descriptions.

SUSPICIOUS ITEMS

CONFIRM

- Has it been deliberately hidden.
- Is it typical for this location.
- Is it obviously suspicious.

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.

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

Please feel free to engage with Wilson James Advisory Services to further connect to the Protect Duty Program

Reach out to us by emailing Advisoryservices@wilsonjames.co.uk

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.

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](#)



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