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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).

## One Officer Killed in PKK Terror Attack in Southern Turkey (Daily Sabah 26<sup>th</sup> September)

Two female terrorists opened fire with assault rifles at a police station in the southern Turkey province of Mersin on Monday, injuring one Police officer and killing another. Immediately following the attack the female suspects martyred themselves by detonating explosives in their backpacks. Turkey's Interior Minister Süleyman Soylu said the two females were members of the PKK terrorist group (The Kurdistan Workers Party – Kurdish militant political organisation and armed guerrilla movement), recognised as a terror group by Turkey, US and the EU and responsible for deaths of more than 400,000 people in Turkey alone since 1984.

## UK Prevent 'Not Doing Enough to Counter Extremism' (National News 25<sup>th</sup> September)

A report originally commissioned three years ago when Priti Patel was Head of the UK's Home Office, by William Shawcross, the former chairman of the Charity Commission, is set to release a highly critical review of the UK's Prevent scheme calling for its 'urgent reform'. Shawcross' review is expected to say

*"Prevent's first objective - to tackle the causes of radicalisation and respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism – is not being sufficiently met..."* and it is *"treating people referred to the scheme as victims rather than protecting the public"*

A Government source confirmed the UK's new Home Secretary, Suella Braverman, has identified PREVENT reform as a priority and sees terrorism prevention as incredibly serious. The source further commented that the Prevent review will support Braverman's work around how 'Britain can stay one of the safest countries in the world'.

## Four Arrested as Iceland Rocked by 'First Terror Attack Plot' (EuroNews 23<sup>rd</sup> September) <sup>1</sup>

Iceland has consistently topped the Global Peace Index since 2008 (when it was first included in its rankings) and attacks are incredibly rare, however, last Thursday (22<sup>nd</sup> September) police arrested four suspects over alleged plans for a terror attack. The investigation remains ongoing and although motives are unclear, it has been reported the intended targets were 'various institutions' and 'citizens of the state', according to Karl Steinar Valsson, Iceland's National Police Commissioner. Semi automatic weapons, some 3D printed and a large quantity ammunition were seized from nine different locations. Police are currently investigating if there are links between the suspects and extremist organisations and are liaising with other foreign authorities for further information. Valasson commented that 'this is the first time such an investigation has been launched in Iceland'.



Headline 1:  
[Security Forces seen near the site in Mersin 26<sup>th</sup> September](#)



Headline 3:  
[The Special Forces in the Capital Region of Iceland](#)

# World News

## **Giorgia Meloni Awaits Confirmation as Italy's First Female Prime Minister (BBC News 27<sup>th</sup> September)**

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September Giorgia Meloni's Brothers of Italy party, claimed victory in Italy's general election, and is now likely to become the country's first female prime minister. The final decision however lies with the president, Sergio Mattarella, to nominate her and is unlikely to happen before late October. Speaking after the vote, Ms Meloni said her Brothers of Italy party would "govern for everyone" and "would not betray people's trust." The formation of the Chamber and Senate remains unclear but a YouTrend projection predicts the right-wing alliance would hold as many as '238 of the 400 seats' in the lower house and 112 of the 200 seats in the upper house.

## **Russian Conscription Offices Shot at as Resistance to Mobilise Grows (Sky News 26<sup>th</sup> September)**

Violent protests have further erupted in Russia in response to the first tranche of people ordered to report for duty at military bases as part of the President's mobilisation plan, which could see 300,000 reserves called to fight. Shots were fired at a conscription office in the town of Ust-Ilimsk (seeing one person hospitalised with critical injuries) and a Molotov cocktail thrown at a registration and conscription office in Uryupinsk, 20 other offices across the country were also set on fire. As a result of the protests hundreds of people have been arrested and individuals have fled to neighbouring countries in their 'doves'. UK Ministry of Defence commented in its latest intelligence update stating: Russia will face 'an administrative and logistical challenge to provide training to new recruits' and 'many of the drafted troops will not have any recent military experience' as a result 'they are likely to suffer a high attrition rate'. As Russia widens the scope of its conscriptions Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy urged opposition troops to surrender to his country's forces.

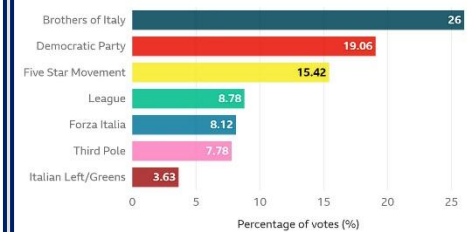
## **Violent Protests Injure Police Outside London's Iran Embassy (National News 25<sup>th</sup> September)**

Demonstrations took place in Iran and at Iranian embassies in Paris, Berlin and London over the weekend in protest against the death of Kurdish woman Mahsa Amini while in the custody of the Iran morality police. Amini was arrested 'because they did not like the way she wore her hijab' (she was arrested 13<sup>th</sup> September for wearing ripped jeans and brightly coloured clothes). In London on Sunday a large number of demonstrators gathered, several police officers were injured, some hospitalised with broken bones and 12 arrests were made in Kensington for offences including violent disorder. Scotland Yard said the 'disorder' broke out at the embassy before moving to Marble Arch and then on to Maida Vale, the Islamic Centre of England. In France, Police used tear gas and anti-riot tactics to control the protest which saw 4,000 activists in attendance. In Iran 41 people have died as a result of the demonstrations mostly protestors, according to an official toll. Iran continues to crackdown on protestors including the army telling Iranians it would 'confront the enemies' behind the unrest.

### Headline 1: Incomplete results of Italy Vote

#### Result of vote for Chamber of Deputies

Based on incomplete results



Source: Italian Interior Ministry • Turnout 63.91%

### Headline 3:

#### Women hold a picture of Mahsa Amini near the Iranian Embassy in Paris





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

### CONSTRUCTION

#### **Crystal Palace Amend Stadium Upgrade Plans After Fire Advice (Construction News 27<sup>th</sup> September)**

The upgrade plan for the Crystal Palace Stadium, agreed in 2018 will see 8,000 seats added to its Selhurst Park Stadium in south London increasing the capacity to 34,000. Expansions of this nature require security and health safety reviews to ensure the site evacuations and fire incident plans remain fit for purpose. As a result of the fire engineer consultation the following advice has been given:

- The addition of an extra evacuation lift to the stand
- More partitions planned to separate lobbies in new stand
- Some doors and stairs are also being moved

### TRAVEL

#### **London Marathon Travel Warning Issued to Rail Passengers (ITV News 27<sup>th</sup> September)**

There is a planned rail strike on the 1<sup>st</sup> October, with no service on many lines across London, services are then due to re-start later on Sunday from 7.30am, the day of the London Marathon. London Marathon runners and spectators have been warned to expect disruption. The RMT have responded to concerns raised by individuals fearing they will be unable to attend.

“@RMTunion members don't take strike action lightly, they do so to preserve a railway that is safe, secure and accessible for all passengers. We would hope that anyone planning to donate to charity would not be deterred by industrial action taking place the day prior”

### BUSINESS

#### **Real Living Wage in London Increases to £11.95 as Cost of Living Rises (ITV News 22<sup>nd</sup> September)** <sup>2</sup>

The 'Real Living Wage' (not to be confused with the 'National Living Wage') has risen to £11.95 in London (representing an 8% increase in wages for the 140,000 workers with committed employers) and a 10.1% increase elsewhere in the UK to £10.90 per hour. These new rates mean individuals on minimum wage will earn between £3k and £5k more a year depending on their employers level of commitment. It is important to note these rates are separate to the 'National Living wage' (NLW), currently £9.50 per hour. The real 'Living Wage' is the only wage rate independently calculated based on rising living costs. In London, a full-time worker on the new Real Living Wage rate could earn an additional £4,777.50 a year compared to a worker on the current NLW.



Headline 1:  
[Crystal Palace Football Club](#)



Headline 2:  
[London Marathon](#)



# Activism Updates

## ACTIVISM

### **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October – Freedom Rally**

**Location:** St George's Hall, Liverpool @13:00

**Cause:** Repeal the Coronavirus act.

**Details:** <https://t.me/londonofficialworldwiderally>

### **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October – Barclays Banking on Apartheid**

**Location:** Nationwide, Barclays branches

**Cause:** Stop Barclays investing in companies providing weapons to Israel.

**Details:** [Twitter](#)

### **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October – 'Enough is Enough' - Cost of Living Crisis**

**Location:** **Nationwide** London, Manchester, Liverpool, Birmingham, Leeds, Cardiff, Portsmouth, Glasgow, Bristol, Hull, Plymouth, Nottingham, Newcastle amongst others.

**Cause:** Protests against Cost of living crisis

**Details:** <https://wesayenough.co.uk/>

### **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> + Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – We All Want to Just Stop Oil**

**Location:** Westminster, London @11:00

**Cause:** Protests against use of fossil fuels

**Details:** <https://weallwanttojuststopoil.com/>

### **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October onwards – We All Want to Just Stop Oil**

**Location:** Downing Street, London @11:00

**Cause:** Daily protests against use of fossil fuels

**Details:** <https://weallwanttojuststopoil.com/>

## 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/OCTOBER

**Extinction Rebellion (XR) Campaign** – September uprising  
20<sup>th</sup> September – 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

### **JSO Occupy London**

1<sup>st</sup> October – 10<sup>th</sup> November.

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

### **Black History Month**

1<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Tory Party Conference**, Birmingham

2<sup>nd</sup> October.

## STRIKE ACTION:

**30<sup>th</sup> September – 1<sup>st</sup> October** – Royal Mail Strikes

**1<sup>st</sup> October** – RMT and ASLEF strike action nationwide

**5<sup>th</sup> October** - ASLEF strike action nationwide

**8<sup>th</sup> October** – RMT strike action nationwide

With disruption expected the following days.

**Subscribe today** to receive bespoke threat intelligence, activist profiles and alerts during the month of activism in October.

[advisoryservices@wilsonjames.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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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