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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).

Social Media Platforms Face Lawsuits For Allowing Terrorists Access (Washington Post 3RD October)

An immunity law in the US designed to protect social media platforms from being held liable for third party offences and posts by their users, is being challenged in the US Supreme courts this week as the family of a victim of the 2015 Paris attacks sue You Tube. They claim, You Tube and Google should be held responsible for knowingly, 'allowing its algorithms to recommend video content from the group.' Google has argued however, "the complaint does not allege that any terrorists saw such a recommendation or that such recommendations had any connection to the Paris attack." Twitter is facing a similar suit from the family of a victim of a 2017 attack in Istanbul by allowing ISIS access to their sites. Section 230, credited with helping lay the foundations of the internet, has been highly contested of late with bi-partisan calls for its amendment coming from Washington. The Paris attack suit has already been rejected by a US judge and that decision upheld by the federal appeals court. The US Supreme court will now evaluate the effectiveness of section 230 with potentially serious consequences for social media platforms. "The Twenty-six words That Created The Internet" author and professor of cybersecurity law, Jeff Kosseff stated:

"The entire scope of Section 230 could be at stake, depending on what the Supreme Court wants to do."

Remains of 42 Suspected ISIS Victims Found in Libyan City Mass Grave (Asharq Al-Awast 2nd October)

Authorities of an ex-ISIS stronghold in Libya have uncovered 42 bodies in a mass grave, near a closed school in the district. The coastal city of Sirte was under ISIS control from 2015 before being liberated in late December 2016 after intense fighting. The discovery is the third mass grave to be found in the area since ISIS left the region. In 2017 and 2018 two mass graves containing the bodies of 58 Christians (21 Coptic, 34 Ethiopian) were discovered with ISIS deemed responsible after they published a video showing the mass execution of 28 Ethiopian Christians in 2015. Forensic investigations have commenced to identify the victims.

Protestors Beaten by Taliban for Protesting Against School Suicide Bomb (Guardian 2nd October)

The Taliban have reportedly attacked a group of female protestors demonstrating against Friday's bombing of an exam hall in the Kaaj educational centre in Dasht-e-Barchi, West Kabul, Afghanistan, that left 35 (mainly young girls and women) dead and 82 injured. The suicide bomb was denotated just before the start of an exam and although no one has so far claimed responsibility it bears a striking resemblance to two previous attacks on education centres in Kabul in recent years ([2020, killing 24](#) and [2021 killing 85](#)), one of whom was claimed by a local ISIS group. The Shia Hazara people are one of the largest ethnic groups in Afghanistan but face attacks and are regular targets for the Taliban or ISIS. About 50 women took to the streets to protest against the bombing chanting "stop Hazara genocide, it's not a crime to be a Shia" as the Taliban reportedly fired weapons above their heads, beat them and used pepper spray to disperse the crowd.



Headline 2:
[Sirte, Libya](#)
([Google Maps 2022](#))



Headline 2:
[Taliban Attacking Protestors](#)
([Guardian 2022](#))

World News

Bolsonaro Surprise Gains in 1st Round of Brazil Election Prompts Further Voting (Independent 3rd October)

Brazilians will take to the polling booths again on 30th October in the second round of their general election after presidential challenger Luiz Inacio Lula Da Silva (Lula) unexpectedly failed to secure the votes needed to win in the first stage. Polls predicted Lula easily securing 50% of the votes but current president Jair Bolsonaro's supporters surprised the country by securing the president 43% to Lula's 48% (A difference of six million votes). Despite global criticism for his poor COVID management and the worst deforestation in the Amazon for 15 years, Bolsonaro appears a popular president and willing to take a leaf out of Trump's playbook, stating he would not have accepted the result had he lost. Lula lost out on running for the last election after being jailed on false corruption charges. Brazil's Supreme Court justice, Alexandre de Moraes, congratulated the Brazilian people for a "safe, calm, harmonious and peaceful" election, however speculation continues regarding an expected negative response to the second round of voting.



Climate Campaigner Defaces Sir Captain Tom Moore's Memorial with Faeces (Independent 3rd October)

A climate activist targeted the memorial of Sir Captain Tom Moore in Derbyshire on Sunday in protest against the use of private jets, by pouring a bucket of human faeces over the display. Pouring the excrement over the tribute the ex-medical student declared:

*"Every time a private jet takes off, it pours a bucket of s*** and blood on everything Captain Tom stood for."*

21 year-old Maddie Budd's actions were posted on the website of campaign group 'End Private Jets' and last year she was arrested as part of the 'Doctors for XR' group during XR's September Rebellion. Ms Budd was arrested for criminal damage following the desecration of the memorial and remanded in custody until sentencing due to take place on the 25th October.



Headline 1:

[Lula/Bolsonaro \(LeMonde 2022\)](#)

Search Enters Fifth Day as Police Hunt for Brady/Hindley Victims (Manchester Evening News 3rd October)

58 years after the abduction of 12 year-old Keith Bennett by Moors Murderers Ian Brady and Myra Hindley, the discovery of a skull on Saddleworth moors from an independent search has prompted an investigation by police and an immediate excavation of the area of interest. The discovery has yet to be confirmed as human remains and to date no further remains have been recovered as forensic archaeologists dig down more than three foot looking for a shallow grave. The search has entered its fifth day and expects to continue for some time. Soil samples from the area have been taken to establish the presence of any of human remains. Keith Bennett disappeared en route to his grandmothers house in 1964 and is the only victim of the murderers whose body has not been recovered. Keith's mother Winnie Johnson died in 2012 and never gave up on finding her son.



Headline 2

[Maddie Budd Covers Memorial in Faeces \(DailyMail 2022\)](#)

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

EVENTS

Indonesian Death Toll Revised by -50 in One of World's Worst Crowd Safety Disasters (Independent 3rd October)

The 174 death toll from the football match at the Kanjuruhan Stadium, Indonesia on Saturday has been revised this week with Indonesian officials reporting 125 now dead making it still one of the worst stadium and crowd safety disasters ever. Police dispersed tear gas (despite it being banned by the FIA) into the 42,000 strong audience (capacity for only 38,000) in attendance after approximately 3,000 Arema FC fans invaded the pitch after watching their team lose 3-2. As patrons tried to flee the tear gas they were crushed, trampled or died of asphyxiation, the majority of whom succumbed to their injuries later in hospital. Two police officers were among the dead and football players were seen helping to carry the victims and injured out of the stadium.

MUSEUMS & GALLERIES

V&A Removes Sackler Name and Drops Ties with Family (Guardian 1st October) [1.](#) [2.](#) [3.](#) [4.](#)

London's Victoria and Albert museum has removed the Sackler name from its exhibition spaces and joins institutions such as The Louvre, NY's Metropolitan Museum of Art, The National Portrait Gallery and the British Museum (amongst others), in removing references to the family empire. The Sackler family, together with their pharmaceutical company, Purdue Pharma, pled guilty to criminal charges relating to how they marketed their widely used painkiller, Oxycontin despite knowing about its highly addictive qualities and proclivity for misuse. It is believed it significantly contributed to the opioid crisis currently affecting the US and is linked to the deaths of over 500,000 people. Sackler and Purdue Pharma reached a settlement earlier this year with a number of US States agreeing to pay restitutions exceeding USD 7.5 Billion which will include USD 48,000 to each victim. Criminal charges against the family are still being considered. The Sackler family has reportedly donated GBP80 million to the UK Art's over the years and Theresa Sackler was trustee of the V&A from 2011 to 2019.

CLIMATE

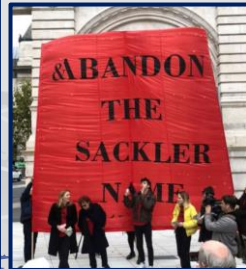
Egyptian Government Announce Coca-Cola COP27 Sponsorship (Greenpeace 30th September)

Greenpeace has heavily criticised the decision to appoint drinks giant Coca-Cola as sponsor of the COP27 conference to be held in Sharm-el-Sheikh in early November (6th – 13th). Coca-Cola Global Vice President of Public Policy and Sustainability, Michael Goltzman stated:

"COP27 gives us an opportunity to continue engaging with experts, nonprofits, industry, and governments to support actions toward sustainable change across our value chain."

In response to the announcement John Hocevar, Greenpeace USA Oceans Campaign Director said:

"It is baffling that Coca-Cola – the world's biggest plastic polluter in all global Break Free From Plastic brand audits, including Kenya and Uganda – will sponsor this year's UNFCCC Conference of Parties in Egypt."



Headline 2
Protestors Outside V&A
in 2019 (ArtNews 2019)



Activism Updates

ACTIVISM

Saturday 8th /9th October – Animal Rebellion Occupy London

Location: Central London @11:00

Cause: Plant based future protest

Details: [Facebook](#)

Saturday 8th – Free Assange

Location: Parliament @13:00

Cause: Human chain around Parliament in support of Julian Assange

Details: <https://dontextraditeassange.com/>

Saturday 8th – SNP Party Conference

Location: Event Complex, Aberdeen, Scotland @10:00

Cause: Save our rights outreach

Details: [Telegram](#)

Saturday 8th – Freedom Rally

Location: Buchanan Galleries, Glasgow, Scotland @Midday

Cause: British and Scottish Freedom Protest

Details: [Telegram](#)

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.

OCTOBER

Just Stop Oil - Westminster Occupation

1st October – 10th November

Extinction Rebellion (XR) Campaign - September uprising

20th September – 14th October 2022.

Subscribe today to receive bespoke threat intelligence and alerts during the XR Campaign and profiles on threat actors involved in October's London activism. advisoryservices@wilsonjames.co.uk

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

STRIKE ACTION:

5th October - ASLEF strike action nationwide

8th October – RMT strike action nationwide

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST:

Black History Month

1st – 30th October.



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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