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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).

## Sensitive Data Left at London Venue Originated From Home Office (CityAM 7<sup>th</sup> October)

Two Extremism Analysis Unit Home Office reports and a Counter Terrorism Policing report were handed into police after they were found by staff at a venue in London in September 2021. The loss of the sensitive material prompted the Information Commissioner's Office to issue the Home Secretary, Suella Braverman - data controller for the Home Office - with a formal reprimand. The breach was discovered by the Home office in early September last year but not reported to the IOC until April 2022 (despite a statutory time limit of 72 hours to report data breaches), after they chose to launch their own investigation first. A Home Office spokesperson said:

*"We note the decision published by the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) today, and will take its implications into consideration. We continue to ensure that robust controls and independent oversight are in place to ensure we are fully compliant with requirements on processing of personal data."*

## One of Three Anti-Terror Separation Units Closes Due to Staff Shortages (CTBusiness 7<sup>th</sup> October)

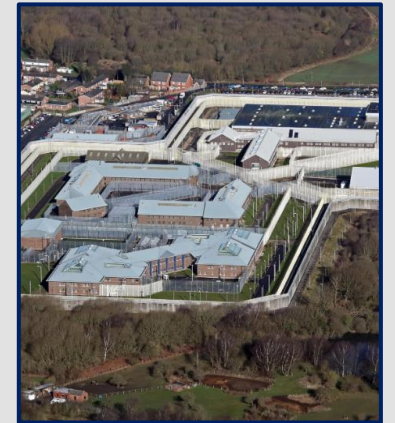
A new anti-terror separation unit had to close due to staff shortages this month seeing terror suspects like the brother of Manchester Arena Bomber, Hashem Abedi moved to another separation centre. Three separation centres were introduced in April this year to address the issue of the radicalisation of inmates in prison. The inmates were moved to HMP Full Sutton in East Yorkshire after the temporary closure at HMP Woodhill in Milton Keynes, the other separation centre is held at HMP Frankland in Durham.

## Right-Wing Extremist Couple to Face Terror Trial Next Year (Wales Online 30<sup>th</sup> September) <sup>1.</sup> <sup>2.</sup>

Two right wing extremists have been remanded in custody on terror and criminal damage charges after appearing at preliminary hearings in the Old Bailey. Trials for suspects Christine Grayson, 59 years-old from York and 59 year old Darren Reynolds from Sheffield will commence in April 2023. The pair are charged with conspiring to commit criminal damage, in relation to a 5G mast and encouraging preparations of acts of terror, with Reynolds having further charges (possessing terrorist material and three offences of disseminating a terrorist publication on Telegram) added. The couple were arrested in August this year after a pre-planned operation by Counter Terrorism Policing North-East, and the trial, commencing on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023, is expected to last four weeks.

Headline 2:

[HMP Franklin, Durham \(The Times 2022\)](#)



Headline 3:

[5G Masts \(DailyMail 2022\)](#)

# World News

## **More Than Ten Dead, Dozens Wounded in Missile Attacks Across Ukraine (Reuters 10<sup>th</sup> October) [3](#). [4](#). [5](#)**

Russian President Vladimir Putin escalated his war on Ukraine early Monday morning by launching missile strikes on numerous cities across the country in retaliation for the bombing of the Kerch bridge in Crimea. Putin blamed the bridge attack on Ukraine and called it an act of terrorism responding by launching a number of missile strikes on major Ukrainian cities. The latest attacks have prompted widespread condemnation and come days before Germany was about to deliver an air defence system to the country. UK Security minister Tom Tugendhat called Putin's attacks "war crimes". At least ten people were killed and dozens wounded in attacks that hit cities including Kyiv, Lviv, Zaporizhzhia and Dnipro. Describing the attacks, French President, Emmanuel Macron stated:

*"Deliberate strikes by Russia over the whole of Ukraine's territory and against civilians, it's a profound change in the nature of this war."*

## **Suspect Arrested After Bishopsgate Stabbing (Evening Standard 10<sup>th</sup> October)**

25 year-old, Louis Parkinson from Highbury, north London, has been charged in relation to the Bishopsgate phone robbery last week that saw three members of the public stabbed in broad daylight over the theft of a mobile phone. Parkinson has been charged with conspiracy to commit robbery, grievous bodily harm with intent, possession of an offensive weapon and possession of a Class B drug.

## **Iranian Protests Continue Across the Globe as Police Tactics Turn Lethal (Independent 9<sup>th</sup> October) [6](#). [7](#). [8](#). [9](#)**

Protests continued in Iran over the weekend, sparked by the death of 22 year-old Mahsa Amini, arrested by Iran's morality police on September 13<sup>th</sup> and who died three days later whilst in police custody. Ms Amini was taken into custody for allegedly not complying with the country's strict dress code and her death, believed to be at the hands of the police, has prompted women across the strictly religious country to remove their head scarfs and take to the streets in protest. Joined by protestors across the globe, Iranian embassies in a number of countries have seen regular protests and a social media movement of hair cutting in support of the women of Iran has been bolstered by celebrities taking part. So far 185 people including 19 children are believed to have died during the protests at the hands of the Iranian police, deploying lethal weapons to disperse the crowds. The use of lethal weapons prompted the UK government to sanction Iranian security officials and their morality police. Foreign Secretary James Cleverly stated:

*"These sanctions send a clear message to the Iranian authorities – we will hold you to account for your repression of women and girls and for the shocking violence you have inflicted on your own people."*

Protests in support of the women of Iran have also taken place across the UK with thousands attending a rally in London in early October. An event at the Hammersmith Apollo was evacuated as a precaution at the weekend after receiving a bomb threat during a performance by Iranian singer Dariush Eghbali. No devices were found.



Headline 1  
Cities Across Ukraine Reporting Air  
Strikes (BBC 2022)



Headline 3:  
Mahsa Amini (BBC 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

### SUPPLY CHAINS – Pharmaceutical

#### 66 Children Die in Gambia Due to Cough Syrup Contaminated in India (BBC News 9<sup>th</sup> October) [10](#). [11](#).

Gambian police have opened an investigation into the deaths of 66 children, after four types of cough syrup were found to be contaminated with diethylene glycol and ethylene glycol. Glycol is sometimes used as a cheaper alternative to glycerine, a thickening agent in cough syrup but is normally found in antifreeze and brake fluid and can cause kidney failure. Four cough syrups manufactured by Maiden Pharmaceuticals in India but exported for sole consumption in Gambia have been identified as testing positive for the contaminant: Promethazine Oral Solution, Kofexmalin Baby Cough Syrup, Makoff Baby Cough Syrup and Magrip N Cold Syrup have all had global alerts issued by the World Health Organisation who say Maiden Pharm has failed to provide safety guarantees. An Indian state health minister said there would be 'strict action' should tests reveal anything wrong but added that 'importing countries typically test such products before allowing their use'. Gambian authorities have suspended the license of the importer who has been called in for questioning along with senior officials from the Gambian Medicine Control Agency. Investigations continue by Gambia, India, The World Health Organisation and The Red Cross. **(Please watch for our October Monthly Threat in Focus on Supply Chains – out soon)**

### CYBER-SECURITY – Social Media

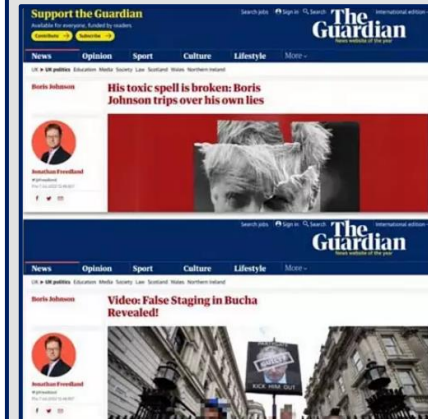
#### 400 Malicious Apps Available on Apple and iOS Stores Used to Steal User Info (The National 7<sup>th</sup> October)

Meta has identified over 400 'malicious apps' on Apple, iOS and third-party app stores capable of data theft from Facebook users, prompting them to issue an alert to over one million customers. Disguised as photo editors, games and business or VPN services the apps fool the user into logging in to Facebook to initiate it, stealing their details. Director of global threat disruption at Meta, David Agranovich stated:

*"This is a highly adversarial space and while our industry peers work to detect and remove malicious software, some of these apps evade detection and make it on to legitimate app stores."*

#### Largest Amount of Russian Fake News Removed by Meta Since War Began (Euronews 27<sup>th</sup> September)

Facebook's Meta has announced it has removed 'networks of fake accounts' originating from Russia and China that impersonated news websites and faked news stories criticising the war in Ukraine. Impersonating Der Spiegel, The Guardian, Bild, and ANSA, the anti-Ukraine articles would then be promoted across Europe on platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, Telegram, and Twitter. Meta announced the detected Russian accounts amounted to the largest collection of fake accounts removed since the war began and over USD 100,000 was spent on ads connected to the campaign. Meta confirmed the Chinese target for their fake news was US domestic politics.



Headline 3:  
Fake Guardian articles (Euronews 2022)



# Activism Updates

## ACTIVISM

### Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> – Freedom Rally

**Location:** Newcastle, Greys Monument @13:00

**Cause:** Food, Fuel, Energy Freedom

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

### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> - Festival of Resistance

**Location:** Central London

XR will host their postponed FESTIVAL OF RESISTANCE across the weekend commencing 14<sup>th</sup> October, engaging in mass demonstrations, disruption, marches and outreach.

### October 14<sup>th</sup> - We Can't Afford This Any More - Targeted Disruption - mass civil disobedience

- Midday onwards – Meet at **Trafalgar Square** and march to **Downing Street/blocking Whitehall until 18:00.**

### October 15<sup>th</sup> – Change is Now - Outreach and Mobilisation,

- 11-5pm, Tate Museum, Southbank, London. An inspiring programme of **creativity, outreach, talks, workshops, music, regenerative culture and food & drink.**
- 5pm - Cover the Capital - the movement will **cover London** with vibrant tube and **poster designs.**

### October 16<sup>th</sup> - Reclaim the Future. Youth-led March

- 11am – Meet at **Hyde Park.** from for connection and reflection.
- Midday – March to Parliament Square

## 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

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

Extinction Rebellion (XR) Campaign – September uprising  
20<sup>th</sup> September – 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:advisoryservices@wilsonjames.co.uk)

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

## 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](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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