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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).

NCSC Publish Annual Review as Security Minister Announces New Taskforce (Independent 1st November)

The National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) published its [annual review](#) on Tuesday revealing the threats, risks and vulnerabilities the UK has faced over the last 12 months and those we will face over the next 12. The NCSC announced there were 2.7 million cyber-related frauds in the 12 months to March 2022 and in the last year "18 ransomware incidents required a nationally co-ordinated response, including attacks on a supplier to NHS 111, and a water utility company, South Staffordshire Water." The report also examines State Threat actors including Russia, China, Iran and North Korea. The publication of the review coincides with Security minister Tom Tugendhat's announcement on Tuesday regarding a new task force established to 'protect British democratic institutions from foreign interference'. He stated in Parliament:

"The taskforce will look at the full range of threats facing our democratic institutions...This will include the physical threats to members of this Parliament and those elected to serve across the country, so tragically brought home by the murder of our dear friends Sir David Amess last year and Jo Cox in 2016."

Counter Terror Police Take Over Migrant Centre Bombing Investigation (BBC News 1st November) [1](#). [2](#).

Investigations continue by counter terror police, regarding the firebombing of a migrant centre in Kent at the weekend, where the suspect killed himself after injuring two people. 66-year-old Andrew Leak, from the High Wycombe area, threw two or three petrol bombs at the centre, before killing himself at a nearby petrol station shortly after. Kent MP Sir Roger Gale, MP stated to the House of Commons the suspect was believed to be suffering from "very severe mental health difficulties". Few details have been revealed regarding the suspect's cause of death but a further explosive device was discovered in his vehicle and made safe. A search of an address and social media content revealed far-right sentiment. Counter terror police are keen to impress upon the public no other people are believed to be involved and there is no on-going wider threat. Head of CTPSE Detective Chief Superintendent Olly Wright stated:

'What appears clear is that this despicable offence was targeted and likely to be driven by some form of hate filled grievance, though this may not necessarily meet the threshold of terrorism. At this point, the incident itself has not been declared a terrorist incident, but this is being kept under review as the investigation progresses.'

Woman Pleads Guilty to Spate of Bomb Hoxes in London on One Day (Kentonline 26th October) [3](#). [4](#).

A woman has been arrested following a number of hoax bomb threats made to locations across the capital on Wednesday 19th October. Cordons appeared across the city as hoaxes were called in to The Shard, Palace of Westminster, Conservative Party HQ, UCL, St Thomas' Hospital and Mansion House - prompting the closure of a number of roads around Bank Station. 51 year-old Meredith Pannett from Kent was arrested later on Wednesday afternoon and admitted making a number of malicious bomb threats. She pleaded guilty to all charges and was remanded in custody until a later date.



Headline 2:
[Petrol Bomb Attack on Centre](#)
([BBC News 2022](#))



Headline 3:
[Cordons in the City](#)
([MyLondonNews 2022](#))

World News

Lula Wins Narrow Victory in Brazil but Bolsonaro has yet to Concede (Sky News 1st November) [5.](#) [6.](#)

Brazilian Ex-president Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (Lula) has been re-elected as Brazil's new president on Sunday beating incumbent president Jair Bolsonaro with 50.8% of the votes to Bolsonaro's 49.2%. Lula's first administration lasted from 2003 to 2010, he was arrested on money laundering charges in 2017 and released from prison after serving half his sentence in 2021, when his original conviction was quashed. Bolsonaro has yet to concede the election promising only to "continue to follow the constitution" in his first public address since his defeat. His son, Flavio, claimed election fraud before the votes had been counted, quoting Donald Trump he said his father was the: "victim of the largest electoral fraud ever seen". In his first address to the nation the new president promised to unite the country and accept international cooperation to assist in the preservation of the Amazon rainforest. In the last 12 months under Bolsonaro's rule, deforestation in the Amazon increased by 64%.

'Final Piece of the Jigsaw' Charged Over Lorry Migrant Deaths (Independent.ie 31st October) [7.](#)

49 year-old Marius Mihai Draghici has been charged with the manslaughter of 39 Vietnamese migrants and conspiracy to commit unlawful immigration after the bodies were discovered inside a container lorry abandoned in Essex in October 2019. Draghici was arrested in Romania in August following a joint investigation that has so far seen the Vietnamese head of the organisation sentenced to 15 years in jail in Belgium and 17 accomplices (11 Vietnamese, six taxi drivers, taxi company boss – who continued the service after the tragedy) sentenced to between 18 months and 10 years imprisonment. The UK ring leader, Ronan Hughes was sentenced to 20 years, an Albanian ring leader to 27 years and the truck driver who abandoned the vehicle with the bodies inside received 13 years. Another trucker who delivered the vehicle to Belgium received 18 years. Draghici, described as 'the final piece of the jigsaw', is the 11th person to stand trial in the UK and was remanded in custody until 28th November 2022.

Northern Ireland Stalemate Sees Election Likely for December (Independent 31st October) [8.](#) [9.](#)

Northern Ireland Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris has stalled calling for a snap election in the province, postponing the decision until after he holds talks with the four main parties this week. The Northern Ireland Assembly has been in limbo since February of this year when the DUP (Democratic Unionist Party) boycotted the power-sharing executive in protest against the Northern Ireland Protocol. An operating Northern Ireland Executive is required for NI to continue to govern from Stormont, without one, power will transfer back to London. Following Sinn Fein's win in elections in May of this year (the first ever republican majority in the province), the assembly had 24 weeks to break the deadlock, a deadline which expired last week. Heaton-Harris must now call a snap election and hold it within 12 weeks, prompting speculation of the ousting of the DUP as the second largest party, preventing them from further boycotts and replacing them with the third most popular, the Alliance party. However, the DUP's stance on the NI protocol could attract voters from the more hard-line unionist parties who are believed to have split the unionist vote in the last election. The liberal Alliance Party gained six seats in the May elections, the Unionist DUP lost three and Republican Sinn Fein's seats remained unchanged.



Headline 1

[Lui Inacio Lula da Silva](#)
(Independent 2022)



Headline 2:

[Repatriated Vietnamese Bodies](#)
(MSN 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

ENERGY

Energy Giants Post Bumper Profits as Windfall Taxes Loom (Sky News 1st November) ¹⁰.

Energy giants Shell and BP posted huge profits so far this year as the latest quarter's figures show Shell received almost GBP26 Billion and BP GBP20 Billion between January and September. BP announced they expected to pay just over GBP2 Billion in UK taxes for 2022 and Shell, who escaped paying taxes in Quarter 3 (due to abiding with levy rules on new oil and gas projects), said they were working 'constructively' with the UK Treasury and expected government intervention due to the crisis. The news prompted government critics to call again for windfall taxes, a Friends of the Earth spokesperson said:

"The case for a bigger, bolder windfall tax is now overwhelming."



ENERGY/SUPPLY CHAINS

Green Ferries to Run on Diesel as Scotland Battles Supply Chain Issues (Herald Scotland 29th October)

Scotland's troubled Green ferries faced more problems last week as they resort to fuelling their eco-friendly vessels with diesel for at least the first nine months operation. Operators Ferguson Marine blame the delay on the supply of vacuum sensors, needed to facilitate the use of the liquified natural gas (LNG) fuel onboard. Currently there is a 36-week ETA for delivery of such items which need semiconductors to operate. However, semiconductor supply chain issues are expected to last well into 2023 and currently supply is 10% short of demand, exasperating the delivery issues. Scotland's fleet of 'Green Ferries' (Glen Sannox and Hull 802) were supposed to revolutionise ferry operating in the region but have been marred in controversy from the beginning. Currently five years and more than GBP 250 Million over budget, the ferries are still not operating and will do nothing to help reduce Scotland's carbon emissions until 2024 (at the earliest). Services are expected to commence using diesel in May 2023.

Headline 1:
Reported Energy Profits (Sky News 2022)



Headline 2:
The Glen Sannox (The Herald 2022)

AVIATION

Wilson James Client, Doncaster Sheffield Airport Voted No1. (Which? 27th October) ^{11, 12}

Doncaster Sheffield (Robin Hood) airport has been voted the UK's No1. for the fourth year in a row despite its imminent closure reports Which? consumer magazine. The airport which sees its final arriving flight on Saturday 5th November was praised on security, staff and queues achieving a customer score of 85%. A campaign to stop the closure continued last month, a petition of over 100,000 signatures was handed to parliament after an offer of GBP7 Million in funding was rejected.

| UK AIRPORTS RATED | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------|-------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | check-in desk WIP | Queues at bag drop | Queues at security | passport control | Queues at security | Baggage reclaim | Seating | Staff | Prices in shops | Range of shops | Customer score |
| Doncaster Sheffield (40) | ★★★★ | ★★★★ | ★★★★★ | ★★★★★ | ★★★★★ | ★★★★★ | ★★★★★ | ★★★★★ | ★★★ | ★★ | ★★★★★ 85% |

Headline 3: Airport Survey (Dailymail 2022)



Activism Updates

ACTIVISM

Monday 31st Oct – Friday 4th Nov – McDonalds Protest

Location: McDonald's HQ, High Road, East Finchley, London 08:00-11:00

Cause: McDonald's Greenwashing protest

Details: [XR London](#)

Saturday 5th November – Million Masks March

Location: Trafalgar Square @18:00

Cause: Freedom Rally

Details: [Telegram](#)

Saturday 5th November – Britain is Broken

Location: Embankment, London (& Nationwide) @Midday

Cause: Cost of Living Protest, Organised transportation available to numerous locations.

Details: [People's Assembly](#)

Saturday 5th November – Freedom Rally

Location: Buchanan Galleries, Glasgow, Scotland @13:00

Cause: 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.

NOVEMBER

Just Stop Oil - Westminster Occupation

1st October – 10th November

On-going Pal Action Activist Camps –

Pal Action – Activist camp outside Elbit site, Leicester.

Pal Action - Activist camp outside Shenstone Factory, Lichfield.

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

STRIKE ACTION NOVEMBER:

24th October – 7th November two weeks of action by Liverpool dockworkers

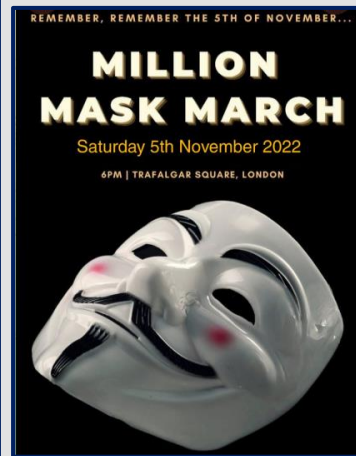
31st October– 4th November - GXO.N–Drivers

Saturday 5th, Monday 7th and Wednesday 9th - Network rail - Nationwide strikes. 75% of services expected to be running the following day.

OTHER NOTABLE EVENTS

MOVEMBER – Awareness campaign for Prostate and testicular cancer and men's mental health throughout November.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – 11th November



[Telegram 2022](#)



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:

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