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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).

Implement Protect Duty Soon to Protect SMEs Say Experts (Manchester Evening News 21st November)

Figen Murray OBE, together with senior police officers and Brendan Cox (husband of murdered MP Jo Cox) have urged Prime Minister Rishi Sunak not to delay the roll-out of Protect Duty to protect small to medium enterprises (SMEs). In a letter to the PM they state:

"Since the horrific attack in Manchester in 2017 there have been eight further attacks in the UK. These attacks have taken place in the street, in a park, outside a hospital, at a railway station and at a small private event. None has taken place at a large venue such as a stadium or concert venue (where security has generally been improving)... This threat to smaller venues who, as small-to-medium enterprises (SME) make such an enormous contribution to our economy, is a strategic challenge to our intelligence and policing services. As former and serving senior counter-terrorism practitioners, we know that with so many potential targets, security is not something that can be left to these services alone... Given the ongoing terror threat, we think this delay to implementation is dangerous to the public and it would also put the government in an invidious position if there were to be another attack where basic security measures could have made a difference. We urge you to bring the bill to parliament as quickly as possible and to ensure it applies to all but the very smallest of public venues."

Begum's Trafficking Claims Heard by Immigration Appeals Commission (Sky News 21st November) ¹. ²

UK Jihadi bride, Shamima Begum's latest appeal against the removal of her UK citizenship began on Monday with her lawyers intending to challenge the ban on her returning home on trafficking grounds. Denying involvement in any terror activities, Begum has previously stated she was just 'a housewife' for the four years she was with IS and she did nothing dangerous. The latest appeal sees her claim she was groomed, trafficked and sexually exploited whilst be radicalised and desensitised. Counter terror experts disagree however, previously describing her as 'real and current threat to national security'. Speaking at the Special Immigration Appeals Commission (SIAC) a witness giving evidence for MI5 stated: 'In my mind and that of colleagues, it is inconceivable that a 15-year-old, an A star pupil, intelligent, articulate and presumably critical thinking individual, would not know what ISIL was about'.

Anti-Government Fantasist Intended to Target 5G Masts in Nationwide Attacks (BBC News 20th November)

Fantast and conspiracy theorist, 38 year-old Oliver Lewin from Leicester, appeared in a Birmingham court this week charged with preparing acts of terror after being found carrying out reconnaissance of 5G phone masts. Denying the offence Lewin, was described as deeply anti-government, a COVID anti-vaxxer and had ambitions to carry out nationwide, coordinated attacks. Lewin's movements (which included reconnaissance of multiple 5g masts) were being monitored before his arrest after expressing intent to commit an offence in September 2021 and was found in possession of 'military style equipment and tools' and a half completed manual where he stated:

"He set out his aims to commit regular attacks on vital infrastructure, writing 'my ideal primary objective would be to topple the government and install a civilian-led alternative'."



Headline 1:
[Protect Duty](#)
(UK Govt 2022)



Headline 2:
[Shamima Begum](#)
(The Times 2022)

World News

Walmart Manager Goes on Shooting Rampage in US Store Killing Six and Himself (CNN 23rd November) ^{3. 4. 5. 6. 7.}

Virginian Walmart night manager, 31 year-old Andre Bing has been identified on social media (by witnesses) as the employee responsible for the shooting spree inside a Walmart in Chesapeake Virginia on Tuesday evening. Witness accounts suggest the manager entered a staff room and then a car park, opening fire on unsuspecting staff, killing six and injuring others, before shooting himself dead. This is the second shooting incident in eight days in the state, after disgruntled UVA student Christopher Darnell Jones opened fire on campus killing three and comes days after an LGBT+ club was shot up in Colorado on Sunday evening killing five and injuring 17 before the suspect, 22 year-old Anderson Lee Aldrich (who is believed to be non-binary) was apprehended by patrons and remains in custody on mass murder and hate crime charges. The Walmart incident is the 606th mass shooting in the US this year.



Headline 2:
[Apple Daily Newspaper](#)
[LBC \(2022\)](#)

Apple Daily Executives Plead Guilty to Collusion Charges in Hong Kong (LBC 22nd November) ^{8.}

Six executives from the now discontinued Apple Daily newspaper pled guilty in a Hong Kong court this week to charges of conspiracy to ‘commit collusion with foreign forces to endanger national security,’ under Hong Kong’s new National Security Law. The executives and journalists were arrested following charges relating to three companies associated with the now closed Apple Daily and admitted they had conspired with the newspaper’s founder Jimmy Lai to ‘call for an imposition of sanctions or blockade, or engage in other hostile activities against Hong Kong or China’. It is thought the guilty pleas from the six were part of a deal where life sentences would be avoided. Mr Lai is expected to plead not guilty, his trial commences 5th December. Industry watchdog Reporters without Borders rank Hong Kong 148th (out of 180) in their World Press Freedom Index and say the arrests of journalists in Hong Kong following the 2014 Umbrella movement riots, the 2019 protests, the introduction of the new National Security Law and the subsequent arrests of more journalists in 2021 has seen “an unprecedented setback” in freedom of the press in-country and the new law “serves as a pretext to gag independent voices”. Lai’s trial is expected to take place without a jury and he currently faces life in prison if found guilty.

Zara Aleena Murderer Stalked Other Lone Women Prior to Attack (My London News 18th November)

29 year-old Jordan McSweeney from Dagenham has pled guilty to the murder and sexual assault of law graduate Zara Aleena, 35 years-old from Ilford, who was found dead 10 minutes from home after failing to return from a night out with a friend in June this year. McSweeney was seen to have ‘stalked’ a number of lone women in the days prior to stalking Ms Aleena whom he dragged into an alleyway before kicking her and stamping on her and then sexually assaulting her. McSweeney is said to have returned later to attack Ms Aleena again before returning home where he was arrested in possession of clothing stained in the victim’s blood. Zara was discovered barely breathing by passers by and succumbed to her injuries in hospital. McSweeney had 28 convictions for 69 previous offences on his record and was released from prison nine days before her murder.



Headline 3:
[Zara Aleena](#)
[My London News](#)
[\(2022\)](#)

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

Nevada's 'White Gold' Boosts US/China Decoupling in Supply Chain Market (EuroNews 21st November) [9.](#) [10.](#) [11.](#)

The US's technology decoupling from Chinese supply chains continue with gusto after President Joe Biden announced billions in grants to increase production of batteries for electric vehicles manufactured in the US. Electric car batteries use rare minerals such as Lithium (the most prevalent), Graphite and Cobalt and China commands 60-70% of the global supply chain of Lithium. Global demand for Lithium in 2020 was 317,517 metric tonnes and is expected to increase six-fold to almost two million tonnes by 2030. Europe is expected to require 18 times more lithium than it currently uses by 2030 and 60 times more by 2060. The global phasing out of fossil fuels and inevitable increase in demand for electric vehicles makes lithium a valuable commodity despite its own significant ecological impacts (particularly in relation to water supply). The US currently has one lithium mine (Silver Peak, Nevada), operating since 1966, it produces 5,000 tonnes a year, less than 2% of the global supply. Another site, proposed at Thacker Pass, Nevada is home to the largest known deposit in the US, and is projected to produce 66,000 tonnes a year. A further 18,000+ prospecting claims have been submitted in the state which hopes to provide the lithium needed to supply the US's domestic electric vehicle demand, expected to account for 50% of all vehicles sold in the US by 2030.



Headline 1:
[Lithium Fields, Nevada](#)
(Guardian 2022)

ACTIVISM

Strike Action Commences for 200 of UK's Largest Oil Refinery Workers (BBC News 21st November)

Over 200 ExxonMobil's oil refinery workers walked out this week over pay and working conditions from the Fawley refinery in Southampton. The workers made up of GMB and Unite members resorted to strike after a last minute deal regarding pay failed to materialise. The oil refinery, the largest in the UK produces over 270,000 barrels of oil a day and ExxonMobil suggest the industrial action will not disrupt fuel supply and operations are unaffected. Workers are demanding a £2.37 an hour pay rise to counter inflation. Strike action this week will continue until Saturday and recommence again between 28th November and 3rd December.



Headline 3:
[Guess, London Store with Banksy Art Work](#)
(Evening Standard 2022)

ARTS

Guess Store Uses Banksy's Work so he Targets Them for Shoplifting (Evening Standard 19th November)

Activist artist Banksy has called on shoplifters to steal from a Guess store in London's Vyse Street after the store used his art work in their window display without seeking his permission. Banksy, who claims the store "helped themselves...without asking" posted a message to his Instagram followers declaring:

"They've helped themselves to my artwork without asking, how can it be wrong for you to do the same to their clothes?"

The store excitedly announced their Fall/Winter 2022 season was inspired by Banksy's Graffiti and in partnership with Brandalised would offer affordable graffiti collectibles to shoppers. Both companies have declined to comment on the use of Banksy's images.



Activism Updates

ACTIVISM

Saturday 26th November – The North Unites

Location: Leeds Town Hall @13:00

Cause: Freedom Rally

Details: <https://t.me/TheNorthUnites>

Saturday 26th November – Barclays, Don't Bank on Apartheid

Location: Barclays bank Branches nationwide @11:00

Cause: Pro-Palestine protest

Details: [Palestine Solidarity Campaign](#)

Wednesday 23rd November – Bill of Shame protest

Location: Parliament Square, London @13:00

Cause: Protest against Northern Ireland Legacy and reconciliation Bill

Details: [Twitter](#)



[Twitter \(2022\)](#)

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

Pal Action Activist Camps – On-going

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:

NHS Nurses – Awaiting Confirmation

London Tube Strikes – 25th November

University Lecturers – 24th, 25th and 30th November

Royal Mail - 24th, 25th and 30th November

Train Drivers – 26th November

Fawley Oil Refinery workers – 21st November – 5th December

OTHER NOTABLE EVENTS

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



[The North Unites 2022](#)

[PSC 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:

+380 44 490 3660 (from Ukraine)

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