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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).

## Use #CommunitiesDefeatTerrorism to Report Suspicious Activity This Christmas (DailyPost 26<sup>th</sup> November)

North Wales police have issued a warning to Christmas revellers, shoppers and football fans, to remain vigilant and report suspicious behaviour on twitter over the festive period. Using the hashtag #CommunitiesDefeatTerrorism people are encouraged to report behaviour that appears out of place or unusual and to not assume someone else will report it instead. A spokesperson for the force said:

*“Not only will towns and cities be busy with festive activities, but people will also be out enjoying the football. Let’s look out for each other during this busy time and stay alert in your surroundings...If you see anything that doesn’t feel right report it in confidence. Don’t assume someone else will do it, trust your instincts and make that call. Your action could save lives.”*

City centres across the nation are expected to be extra busy as Christmas approaches due to football World Cup celebrations and police will be out in force protecting vulnerable city centres. [Project Servator](#) will liaise with local police operations to provide extra support and reassurance at Christmas markets and cities such as Newcastle and York have already taken measures against Vehicle as a Weapon attacks, such as erecting anti-terror bollards. Suspicious behaviour can be reported via the ACT online reporting form on the [PROTECT UK App](#); via the Hotline on 0800 789321 or using the [ACT website](#).

## Terror Warning for World Cup Visitors to Qatar (Express 24<sup>th</sup> November) [1.](#) [2.](#)

Travelling football fans have been warned a terror attack is likely in Qatar over the World Cup tournament, with Western fans the more likely targets and UK security services have asked visitors in-country to remain vigilant. In an effort to keep fans safe, Qatar has taken extra measures to secure the events, including drafting in the cooperation and expertise of 16 nations including the UK; USA; France; Turkey; Germany Finland, Jordan, Kuwait, Pakistan, Palestine, Poland and Saudi Arabia.

## MI5 Uncover Ten Terror Plots by Iran on UK Soil (AP News 16<sup>th</sup> November) [3.](#) [4.](#) [5.](#)

MI5 director-general, Ken McCallum has warned Iran is the most prevalent state actor to threaten the UK. In a speech from Thames House (MI5's HQ) earlier this month he stated although Russia and China are equally concerning, it is Iran who “most frequently crosses into terrorism” and their security services “are prepared to take reckless action”. MI5 have uncovered ten plots this year orchestrated by Iran that were due to take place on UK soil, including threats to “kidnap or even kill British or U.K. based individuals perceived as enemies of the regime.” Iran International’s London TV Station was assigned anti-terror police guards after threats were made against their journalists for reporting on the death of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini in police custody in Iran, September this year. MI5 had disrupted 37 “late stage” attack plots since 2017 (eight of which occurred since July 2022).



Headline 1:  
[Protect UK 2022](#)



Headline 3:  
[Mahsa Amini](#)  
[\(Daily Mail 2022\)](#)

# World News

## Smuggler Believed Responsible for Channel Deaths of 27 Migrants Arrested (Independent 29<sup>th</sup> November)

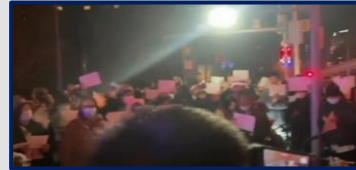
Following an extradition request from French investigators, suspected smuggler, 32 year-old Harem Ahmed Abwbaker, was arrested on Tuesday morning for significantly contributing to the deaths of 27 migrants, who died in the English Channel in November last year. 34 migrants got into difficulty making the perilous crossing to England, two survived, 27 bodies were recovered and five are still unaccounted for. An inquiry revealed some migrants had contacted French authorities for urgent assistance however they were informed they were in English waters and to call 999. The RNLI responded immediately, but failed to find the migrants whose bodies were spotted off the coast of Calais less than 24 hours later. Abwbaker will appear at Westminster Magistrates court today (Wednesday) in regards to the extradition request which is expected to be granted. He will stand trial in France on charges of manslaughter and facilitating illegal immigration.

## China's 'White Paper Revolution' Spreads to Beijing and Shanghai (Independent 29<sup>th</sup> November) <sup>6</sup>.

A4 blank paper protests (dubbed the White Paper Revolution) highlighting censorship and freedom of speech, have spread nationwide in China as COVID lockdowns continue and draconian quarantine measures are blamed for the deaths of ten people who died in a apartment complex fire last week. Chants of 'down with the communist party' accompanied widespread protests calling for the end to China's Zero Covid policy, which appears to be failing as China records its highest number of infections (40,052) for the fifth day running. The recent protests, including a demonstration in Tiananmen square - with numbers not seen since the Tiananmen Square atrocity in 1989, came amidst the arrest of a BBC Journalist, Ed Lawrence (one of two detained) for reporting on the protests. The Chinese state response to the demonstrations and disruption includes censorship and mass arrests. China have been accused of editing World Cup footage to avoid showing people without masks, doing little to stem angry responses from citizens on social media regarding lack of restrictions exhibited by the rest of the world.

## Cocaine 'Super Cartel' Brought Down with Arrests Across Europe (Independent 29<sup>th</sup> November) <sup>7</sup>.

Officers from Europe's police agency EUROPOL, have arrested 49 people internationally as part of an operation to bring down Europe's largest drug cartel, which control a third of the cocaine trade across Europe. Believed to be headed by Irish transnational organised crime group, The Kinahan Cartel (now based in Dubai), operation 'Desert Light' targeted drugpins and other high value targets. Arrests were made in France, Belgium, The Netherlands, Dubai and Spain and officers seized GBP 27.1Million worth of assets, including 30 tonnes of cocaine. Europol police confirm British nationals were arrested in the raid and have not yet been named, but are believed to include the cartel kingpin.



Headline 2:  
[White Paper Protests](#)  
[Independent \(2022\)](#)



Headline 3:  
[Location of Arrests](#)  
[Operation Desert Light](#)  
[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

### AVIATION

#### **Rolls Royce Announce ‘Guilt Free Flying’ After Green Hydrogen Test (This is Money 28<sup>th</sup> November) <sup>8</sup>.**

Rolls Royce and EasyJet have announced the first successful ground test of their hydrogen fuelled engine, marking a breakthrough in ‘green’ avionics. Rolls Royce supported by Easy Jet repurposed an old gas turbine engine with the aim of showing “it is possible to run and control a jet engine using hydrogen fuel, rather than conventional aviation fuels.” Their results showed an engine using hydrogen can start up and run at very low speed but the process could be lengthy requiring decades to transition.



Headline 1:  
[Hydrogen Engine](#)  
(Rolls Royce 2022)

### ARTS

#### **Nigeria sees the Return of More Benin Bronzes from Another UK Museum (BBC News 28<sup>th</sup> November) <sup>9</sup>.**

Nigeria welcomed the return of two Benin Bronze Plaques in a handing over ceremony this week, marking the return of 72 of the looted items taken from the city by British troops in 1897. [The Horniman Museum](#) in south-east London is returning the items in a move described by a spokesperson as ‘moral and appropriate’ after receiving a request from Nigeria's National Commission for Museums and Monuments (NCMM). The Museum operates as a charity allowing it to by-pass legislation imposed on other institutions, returning them promptly. The Museum will return six items with the others remaining on loan at the museum. The Nigerian government is building a museum dedicated to the returned bronzes opening in 2026. Prince Aghatise Erediauwa, said at the ceremony the 1897 attack was



“still a point of pain to us in Benin. Our children grow up and are taught the history of what happened...objects that were stolen should be returned”.

[Returned Benin Bronze Plaque Horniman Museum \(2022\)](#)



Headline 2:  
[Manchester United](#)  
(Independent 2022)

### ENERGY

#### **INEOS CEO Will Bid for Manchester United After Glaziers Announce Departure (Independent 24<sup>th</sup> November)**

Jim Ratcliffe CEO for INEOS will bid for Manchester United FC after news current owners, the Glazier family, intend to sell the club. After rejecting the option to buy Liverpool FC, Ratcliffe has turned his attention to Manchester United, describing the opportunity to purchase his favourite childhood club “too tempting and unique” to miss out on. Ratcliffe is hoping to significantly reduce the rumoured GBP Six Billion valuation the Glaziers have put on the club, to the GBP Five Billion valuation Ratcliffe is rumoured to have assessed. He currently owns Nice football club in France.



# Activism Updates

## ACTIVISM

### Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November – UCU National Strike

**Location:** Kings Cross Station @13:00

**Cause:** UCU Strike Action

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

### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December – The North Unites

**Location:** Spine Building, Liverpool @16:00

**Cause:** Freedom protest at Chris Whitty Lecture

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

### Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>, Monday 12<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> – JSO London Disruption

**Location:** London, also encouraging similar protests across major UK cities.

**Cause:** Just Stop Oil protests: Swarming Marching and Blocking roundabouts anticipated

**Details:** [Just Stop Oil](#)

### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Solidarity with Yemen

**Location:** Target sites nationwide

**Cause:** Stop providing arms to Saudi

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

## 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](mailto:advisoryservices@wilsonjames.co.uk)

### STRIKE ACTION NOVEMBER/DECEMBER:

**NHS** – 15<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> December

**University Lecturers** – 30<sup>th</sup> November

**Royal Mail** – 30<sup>th</sup> November

**Train Union** – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

**Civil Servants** (including driving examiners) – Rolling strikes from 13<sup>th</sup> December – 16<sup>th</sup> January.

**Fawley Oil Refinery workers** – 21<sup>st</sup> November – 5<sup>th</sup> December

**Bus Strikes**, London - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> to Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December (Abellio and Metroline); Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December (Abellio only); Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December (Abellio and Metroline); Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December (Metroline only); Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December (Abellio only); Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December (Abellio and Metroline); Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December (Metroline only)



[The North Unites 2022](#)

[UCU 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](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).



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