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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).

Trial Begins for 2016 Brussels Bombing Suspects (Euronews 5th December)

Belgium's largest ever criminal trial commences this week over the 2016 Brussels terror attacks that saw 32 people killed and over 340 injured in bombings at the city's airport and Maelbeek metro station. The bombings took place days after the arrest in Brussels of Paris terror suspect Salah Abdeslam, whose arrest may have hastened the attacks. Ten men are on trial for the coordinated terror attack on the Belgium capital claimed by ISIS in March 2016. Of the ten men facing trial two are survivors from the attack, Mohamed Abrini and Osama Krayem. Krayem is currently serving 30 years in prison in France for his role in the November 2015 Paris terror attacks.

Doomsday Prepper Arrested after Found in Possession of IEDs (BBC News 5th December)

The trail of Simon Pilgrim a 41 year-old man from Derby continues at the Old Bailey this week where he is appearing on charges of possession of a document for terrorist purposes and possession of an explosive substance in relation to black powder and pyrotechnic fuses. Pilgrim, who considers himself a prepper (survivalists who prepare for a major disaster) has pled not-guilty and claimed he was starting a pyrotechnic firm to explain away the devices found in his possession. 13 'viable' IEDs were found in his home (another 40 'spent' devices were recovered from his garden) together with cut pipes and end caps; resin kits; moulds for knife blades; knuckle dusters; IED casing, a notebook of explosives recipes; 307g of homemade explosives and precursors to make more. The trial continues.

Flight En-route to UK Diverted due to 'Suspect Bomb' Discovery (Independent 4th December)

A flight en-route from Poland to the UK made an emergency landing in Prague on Sunday after claims were made of a possible bomb on-board. Few details have emerged regarding the source of the threat or the components of the discovered 'device'. It has since been confirmed no explosives were found after a thorough search reports Czech police. The Krakow-Bristol Easy-jet flight was re-routed to the Czech Republic late on Sunday evening. Passengers were expected to continue their journey to the UK on Monday.

Extreme Right-wing Family Arrested by Counter Terror Police (BBC News 3rd December)

53 year-old, father of two, Robert Talland, together with his son, Stephen (33) and daughter, Rosie (31) appeared at The Old Bailey last week charged with conspiracy to incite racial hatred between 1 January 2019 and 10 October 2020. Talland senior was also charged with dissemination of a terrorist publication. The family, from Essex own a neo-Nazi record label, 'Rampage Productions', releasing neo-Nazi songs and performed under the name 'Embers of an Empire' to a crowd in Leeds in October 2021. The trio have been bailed until their trial set for October 2023.



Headline 1:
[Mourners at Bomb Site](#)
[EURONEWS 2022](#)

World News

'Urgent Public Health Message' re Strep Outbreak as Ninth Child Dies (Independent 6th December) [1.](#) [2.](#) [3.](#)

The UK's Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has issued an urgent public health warning in relation to an outbreak of Strep A affecting the United Kingdom and is urging parents to monitor their children for the symptoms shown adjacent. There were 1,255 reports of Scarlet Fever (caused by Strep A) in 2021 and 9,772 infection reports from January to the 27th of November this year so far, prompting the government to take measures to administer antibiotics as a precaution at affected schools. There have been two deaths from Strep A infections in London, one in Northern Ireland, Merseyside, Somerset, Cleveland, Hampshire Greater Manchester and Glamorgan with the North West of the country the worst affected.



China Operates 100's of Covert Police Stations Across the Globe (CNN 4th December)

A Spanish-based human rights campaign group ([Safeguard Defenders](#)) claims to have discovered over 100 Chinese 'police stations' located in countries across the globe, where China has been carrying out investigations into in-country Chinese dissidents and 'encouraging' them to return home to China. At least 13 investigations are on-going in a number of countries not believed to have collaborated with China, other countries including Italy (with 11 Chinese stations) have signed bilateral agreements with the communist state under the guise of 'international co-operation'.

Indonesian 'No Sex Outside Marriage' Laws Applicable to Tourists & Locals (BBC News 3rd December) [4.](#) [5.](#) [6.](#) [7.](#)

A new criminal law, passed through the Indonesian parliament this week, is set to affect tourism in the country as it prepares to impose prison sentences and lashes should complaints be received regarding adultery, cohabitation and sex between unmarried couples. The law is applicable to both locals and foreign visitors and a previous draft tabled in 2019 incited violent nationwide protests and foreign office warnings for travellers to Bali. The new law also continues a ban on abortions (in most circumstances) and sees a shift to a more fundamentalist rule in the predominantly Muslim country, the most populous, with 12.7% of the world Muslim population.



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

EU Imposes Oil Price Cap of EUR 60 per Barrel on Russia (Reuters 5th December) ⁸.

The EU has set a cap on the barrel price of crude oil from Russia as it continues its sanctions on the Russian regime since the war on Ukraine began. The ruling will only allow EU/G7 member shipping tankers 'Western maritime insurance' if the oil is bought at or below the EUR 60/barrel cap (oil via pipelines is not included). The cap introduction has created a bottle neck of tankers waiting to enter the Black Sea as Turkey took an over bureaucratic approach to the restrictions and were described by The International Group of P&I Clubs as "going well beyond" the information required in their requests. 19 tankers were currently waiting for approval at the beginning of this week with some waiting days. Moscow has stated it will refuse to cooperate. A Russian 'oil blend' was selling for EUR 79 in Asian Markets this week.

DEFENCE

Arms Firm Elbit Systems Loses Government Contract in the Wake of Activism (Morning Star 1st December) ⁹.

Israeli arms firms Elbit Systems has lost its GBP 160 million contract to provide training for the Royal Navy Dreadnought Crew and is also set to be dropped from the Ministry of Defence Project Selborne worth another GBP123 million. Defence Minister Alex Chalk said the reason for dropping Elbit was a result of

"applying revised operational sovereignty standards for the UK's highest priority capabilities...Elbit Systems UK remains an important and trusted partner across a range of other contracts in defence."

The news comes amidst a national campaign from Palestine Action against the company that saw their headquarters in London targeted and subsequently relocated and their Oldham site closed permanently after persistent campaigning. There are currently Palestine Actions camps ongoing at two other Elbit sites in Lichfield and Leicester.

ARTS

Museum of London Relocates and Rebrands to The London Museum (BBC News 4th December)

The Museum of London is to relocate from its London Wall location to West Smithfield, with a 24 hour closing ceremony this weekend involving events such as a DJ workshop, late night cinema and table football. The iconic museum has been at the Barbican for 45 years and plans to move to nearby West Smithfield market (due to its proximity to the Elizabeth line), opening in 2026. The move will see a change of name as well as location from Museum of London to The London Museum. The original building is to be demolished after it closes its doors for the final time this Sunday at 17:00.



Headline 2:
Elbit Protestors
(Morning Star online 2022)



Headline 3:
West Smithfields,
The London Museum
(Google Maps 2022)



Activism Updates

ACTIVISM

Thursday 8th, Monday 12th, Wednesday 14th – 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 10th December – Freedom Outreach March

Location: TBC – Central London @Midday

Cause: Freedom movement

Details: [Telegram](#)

Saturday 10th December – JSO Solidarity Demonstration

Location: Parliament Square, London @Midday

Cause: Solidarity for imprisoned JSO activists

Details: [JSO-Action Network](#)

Saturday 10th December – Animal Rebellion

Location: Restaurants – London

Cause: Animal Rebellion Restaurant Disruption

Details: [Telegram](#)

STRIKE ACTION DECEMBER:

NHS – 15th and 20th December

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

STRIKE ACTION DECEMBER cont...:

Civil Servants (including driving examiners) – Rolling strikes from 13th December – 16th January.

Bus Strikes, London - Thursday 8th December (Abellio only); Friday 9th December (Abellio and Metroline); Saturday 10th December (Metroline only); Thursday 15th December (Abellio only); Friday 16th December (Abellio and Metroline); Saturday 17th December (Metroline only)

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.

DECEMBER

Pal Action Activist Camps – On-going

Pal Action – Activist camp outside Elbit site, Leicester.

Pal Action – Activist camp outside Shenstone Factory, Lichfield.

Just Stop Oil – Ongoing action targeting London roundabouts with slow marches.

Animal Rebellion – Ongoing action targeting restaurants nationwide

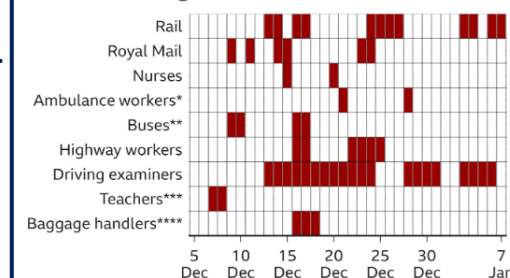
[BBC News 2022](#)

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



[Freedom Fighters 2022](#)

Who is striking when?



*England and Wales, **Some bus operators only, ***Teachers in Scotland, ****Heathrow baggage handlers employed by Menzies Aviation. Some strikes affect different areas on different dates.

Source: Bloomberg/BBC research 6 December



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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