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Weekly Digest



**Advisory
Services
Newsletter**



Advisory Services Digest will return in January 2023, We wish all our readers a happy and safe festive season.

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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).

Lockerbie Bomb Maker in US Custody 34 Years After Downing of Pan Am Flight (France24 11th December) ¹

Lockerbie bomb making suspect, Abu Agila Mohammad Masud is reported to be in US custody for his part in the worst terror attack in British history which killed 270 people. Masud was considered a 'lead bomb maker' for the Libyan Gaddafi regime at the time and was arrested after its fall for his role in a 1986 Berlin nightclub attack, he later admitted to the new administration of his involvement in the Lockerbie bombing. Libyan intelligence officer, Abdelbaset Ali Mohmet al-Megrahi was the only person ever to be charged for the 1988 attack (thought to be in retaliation for the shooting down of an Iranian passenger plane by a suspected US Navy missile in July 1988 killing 290) and served seven years in a Scottish prison before being released on compassionate grounds after he was found to be suffering from terminal prostate cancer. No details have been released regarding Masud's imminent appearance at the US District Court for the District of Columbia.

ISIS Release German Hostage after Four Years (France24 10th December) ²

German aid worker 63 year-old Jorg Lange has been released after more than four years being held captive by ISIS forces in the Sahel region of northern Africa. Lange was kidnapped along with his driver (who was later released) in the disputed borderlands between Niger and Mali while on a humanitarian mission in 2018, he was then sold on to an Islamic State group operating in the region. No details have emerged regarding the circumstances surrounding his release, however Bianca Kaltschmitt, Managing director of NGO 'Help,' for whom Mr Lange worked, confirmed his freedom stating:

"We are very relieved and grateful that our colleague Jorg Lange can return to his family after more than four and a half years."

Other aid workers still detained by suspected ISIS forces in the region include Reverend Hans-Joachim Lohre, a German priest; Olivier Dubois, a French journalist, American Jeffery Woodke, Dr Ken Elliott, an Australian and Romanian national Iulian Ghergut.

Bali Bomber Released for Good Behaviour Halfway Through Sentence (BBC News 8th December) ³

Umar Patek, who constructed the devices for the Bali bombings (Indonesia's worst terrorist attack) in 2002 where 202 people were killed (including 88 Australians), has been released from prison after serving only 12 years of a 20 year sentence. Indonesian officials claim Patek is a success story of their deradicalization programme and released him early for good behaviour. He was found guilty of constructing the Kuta bombs, weapons and conspiracy charges regarding an in-country terrorist training camp and for constructing the devices used in Christmas Eve church attacks in 2000. He was arrested in Abbottabad, Pakistan in 2011 and extradited to Indonesia. His release was delayed a few months due it unfortunately coinciding with the 20 year anniversary of the attacks. The Australian government and relatives of the victims have expressed horror at the news and objected to the timing of his release. Australian PM Prime Minister Anthony Albanese described Patek as "abhorrent".



Headline 1:
[Lockerbie Memorial at Dryfesdale Cemetery \(Pan Am 2022\)](#)



Headline 3:
[Bali Bombings, London Memorial \(Wikipedia 2022\)](#)

World News

Britney Griner Exchanged for ‘Merchant of Death’ in Prisoner Swap (Independent 11th December)

US basketball star Britney Griner returned home to the US at the weekend following a prisoner swap, after being found guilty and sentenced to nine years in prison, in Russia on drug smuggling charges. Griner was exchanged for Russian arms trader, “Merchant of Death,” Viktor Bout who served ten years of a 25-year sentence for trading arms to the Columbian FARC which were intended to be used against US military in Columbia. Griner’s release does not come without criticism however as she isn’t the longest serving American prisoner in Russia, US Marine Paul Whelan was arrested on espionage charges in 2018 and is currently serving a 16-year sentence.

Bishop Climate Wiseman Guilty of COVID Fraud in Medicine Scam (Independent 9th December)

Head of the Kingdom Church in Camberwell, London, Bishop Climate Wiseman was found guilty of fraud last week for providing bogus COVID19 treatment and selling it to his parishioners. “Divine cleansing oil” and “plague protection oil”, were touted by Wiseman to be a cure for COVID19 and were part of a “divine plague protection kit” which also included a prayer card and piece of scarlet yarn. Wiseman has previously sold an oil concoction to help individuals with their court cases, claiming it would help them win and in 2016 he was investigated for selling oil to his congregation which he claimed cured cancer. The Bishop began to sell his ‘divine plague protection kit’ on 24th March 2020, the day after the UK went into lockdown for the first time, his sentencing was adjourned.

Cornwall’s Spaceport Hosts UK’s First Ever Space Launch (BBC 7th December) ⁴.

Newquay Airport, Cornwall will host the first ever space launch from the UK at it’s new [Spaceport Cornwall](#), which will see Virgin’s ‘Cosmic Girl’ set off from the airport. The converted Boeing 747 will deploy its rocket (LauncherOne) mid-air before returning to land. The rocket will release a payload of ‘mini cube shaped satellites’ into low orbit allowing the Ministry of Defence to monitor the earth and oceans. Spaceport Cornwall is a horizontal launch site and will be joined by two vertical launch sites in the North of England and Scotland which are currently not yet operational. The launch will take place this week on Wednesday 14th December just before midnight, Cosmic Girl will fly to an altitude of 35,000 feet before releasing its payload.



Headline 1:
[Spaceport Cornwall](#)
[DailyMail \(2022\)](#)



Headline 2:
[Bishop Climate Wiseman](#)
[Independent \(2022\)](#)

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

UNIONS

Criminality Suspected in Unite £100 Million Hotel and Conference Centre (Guardian 10th December)

Unite the union have released two reports alleging serious misconduct in the development of a new hotel and conference centre in Birmingham by the previous administration. General Secretary, Sharon Graham has reported the findings to the police after costs for the hotel almost tripled from £35 million to £98 million. Graham took over from ex-leader Len McCluskey in 2021. Unite HQ was raided in April by HM Revenue and Customs regarding allegations of bribery, fraud and money laundering related to the project. McCluskey was reported to have told board members in January last year the rising costs were due to a “promise to employ workers who had union membership...directly employing workers and paying them at least national pay rates.” The investigation continues.

AVIATION

British Troops to Commence Training at UK Airports in (SKY News 9th December)

Border force staff at airports including Heathrow, Gatwick, Birmingham, Manchester, Cardiff and Glasgow are expected to strike over the festive season on the 23-26 and 28-31 of December, prompting the government to starting training British troops to replace them at the busiest airports. 75% of staff are expected to strike with 600 military personnel and 700 civil servants drafted in as replacements. Military intervention is also expected to support services during other strikes this Christmas. Critics of the move have claimed its unfair to draft in troops (who are banned from striking themselves) to replace public sector staff who are paid far more than the average soldier whilst also having to sacrifice their Christmas to keep the UK running. Prime Minister Rishi Sunak remains defiant against the strikes stating:

"What I'm not going to do is ask ordinary families up and down the country to pay an extra £1,000 a year to meet the pay demands of the union bosses. That wouldn't be right and it wouldn't be fair"

ARTS

Natural History Museum to Return ‘Trophy’ Zimbabwe Remains (New Zimbabwe 26th November) ⁵.

The Duckworth Laboratory at the University of Cambridge and The Natural History Museum have expressed intent to investigate collected human remains in their archives suspected to have been looted from Zimbabwe during their 1980s uprising against British colonialism. The Natural History Museum believes it has discovered 11 remains that appear to have originated from Zimbabwe and The Duckworth lab has confirmed it also holds Zimbabwean remains. Both institutions have welcomed delegates from the Zimbabwean government and are in talks to repatriate the items believed to have been removed from graves and taken as trophies.



Headline 1:
[UNITE the Union HQ](#)
([Guardian 2022](#))



Headline 3:
[Zimbabwe anti-colonial Heroine Mbuya Nehanda](#)
([Independent 2022](#))



Activism Updates

ACTIVISM

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. Final day of anticipated action.

Details: [Just Stop Oil](#)

Saturday 17th December – Big Sit

Location: Westfield, Stratford, London @1500

Cause: XR Buddhist campaign

Details: [The Big Sit](#)

Saturday 17th December – Animal Rebellion

Location: Restaurants – London, Southampton, Bristol, Birmingham and the North-East.

Cause: Animal Rebellion Restaurant Disruption

Details: [PlantBasedFuture.com](#)

Saturday 17th December – The North Unites

Location: City Hall, Sheffield @1300

Cause: Freedom

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.

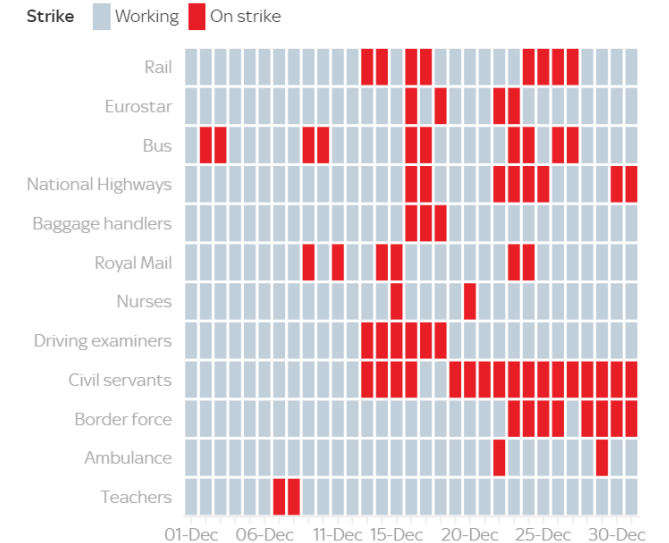
DECEMBER

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

Animal Rebellion – Ongoing action targeting restaurants nationwide.

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

When are workers on strike?



[Strike Calendar \(Sky News 2022\)](#)



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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