

ADVISORY SERVICES Weekly Digest



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Terrorism and Threats

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).

MET CTC Confirm No Threat to Public After Heathrow Uranium Discovery (Independent 16th January) 1. 2. 3.

The Metropolitan Police's Counter Terror Command has confirmed there is no direct threat to the public after the discovery of traces of uranium in cargo at Heathrow airport last month following routine screening. The confirmation comes after the arrest (under the Terrorism Act) of a 60-year-old man living in the Cheshire area who has since been released on bail until April. A search of his address revealed no further dangerous materials. The uranium, believed to have been found in scrap metal imported from Pakistan via Oman, is not weapons grade and was to be delivered to the address of a UK firm with Iranian links. It is unknown if the company was licensed to handle the radioactive material. Pakistan officials have stated the package did not originate from their country and reports are incorrect.

Royal Mail Hacking Group Lockbit 3.0 Use 'Triple Extortion' RaaS (Reuters 12th January) 4. 5. 6.

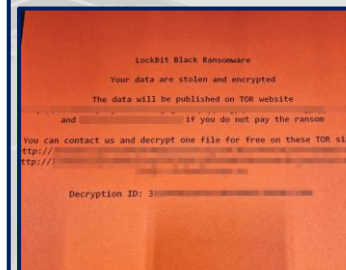
Russian linked hacking group, Lockbit 3.0, is believed to be responsible for the Royal Mail hack that paralysed its Worldwide Distribution Centre at Heathrow last week effectively, crippling its international delivery service. Royal Mail has as-yet been unable to rectify the problem prompting them to issue a notice this week urging customers not to attempt to send items abroad or expect serious delays if they do so. The prolific group (who carried out attacks last year on manufacturers [Continental](#), car dealership Pendragon, Cyber-security company [Entrust](#), defence cyber-contractor [Thales](#) and Microsoft amongst others) have stated their intent to change their strategy from double to triple extortion Ransomware as a Service (RaaS). Double extortion attacks encrypt and steal data, [triple extortion](#) attacks also target third party suppliers and clients particularly through DoS attacks.

Op MANTELIN Uncovers GBP10 Million Drug Plot by Gang Linked to MEN Bomber (Telegraph 9th January) 7.

Five drug dealers were jailed this week for a combined total of over 40 years for their part in a GBP10 million drug dealing plot uncovered in Manchester. The gang has suspected links with Manchester Arena bomber Salman Abedi and his brother Hashem (currently serving a life sentence of at least 55 years for the atrocity), at least three members are thought to have attempted to purchase hydrogen peroxide on behalf of the brothers. A further outstanding suspect Zuhir Nassrat was interviewed 13 times by police in relation to the bombing after passing his bank details to a fellow gang member for the brothers' use and being linked to an IP address which also attempted to purchase the chemical believed used in the construction of the IED detonated at the arena (2017). He was due to give evidence at the Manchester Arena Inquiry last year but is believed to have fled the country. The plot was discovered during operation MANTELIN, the investigation into the 2017 arena bombing that killed 22.



Headline 1:
[9 Facts about Uranium](#)
(ThermoFisher 2013)



Headline 2:
[Royal mail Ransomware demand from Lockbit 3.0](#)
(Heimdalsecurity 2023)

World News

Suspect Arrested in Church Drive-by Shooting as Links with Cali Cartel Revealed (Standard 16th January) ⁸.

London's Met Police have arrested an as-yet, unnamed 22-year-old man in connection with the drive-by shooting at a Catholic church in Euston, London on Sunday. The shooting outside St Aloysius Church injured four women and two children, there to mourn the loss of a mother (Ms Calderon) and daughter who had died within weeks of each other. An unknown number of attackers opened fire using a shotgun on more than 300 mourners from a dark Toyota before making off. It has since been revealed, Ms Calderon was married to Carlos Arturo Sanchez-Coronado, who served five and a half years in prison in the UK on charges relating to money laundering for a drugs gang with links to the notorious Cali Columbian drugs cartel. Sanchez-Coronado is believed to have left the UK after his prison release. Police have appealed for witnesses.

Public Order Bill to Crack Down on JSO Activists says Sunak (BBC 16th January)

Rishi Sunak and Downing street have come under fire for a last-minute amendment to the Public Order Bill, about to be passed in the House of Lords, regarding activism and disruptive protests. Should the amendments be approved, tactics such as blocking roads and slow marches will now be banned with police allowed greater powers to consider the "total impact" of a "series of protests" as opposed to assessing individual disruption. Police officers will also be able to take action before a protest takes place, allowing for less disruption to the general public. A Downing street spokesperson stated:

"...the Public Order Bill will give police "greater flexibility and clarity" in their ability to stop demonstrators using "guerrilla tactics" and causing "chaos".

Director of human rights group Liberty, Martha Sputtier criticised the move suggesting it "sets a dangerous precedent", adding it was "a desperate attempt to shut down any route for ordinary people to make their voices heard".

State of Emergency in Peru Continues as Access to Machu Picchu Reopens (Al Jazeera 15th January) ⁹.

The Peruvian Government has extended its state of emergency for another 30 days in its capital Lima and three other regions, as protests continue across the country against the ousting of former president Pedro Castillo in December on fraud charges. At least 42 people have died and hundreds injured in violent demonstrations that have crippled the country, as skirmishes break out in areas such as Cusco, prompting the temporary closure of Peru's greatest tourist attraction Machu Picchu, the rail link to the attraction and the city's airport. Peru's vice-president Dina Boluarte has taken over from Castillo making her Peru's sixth president in five years. Boluarte has apologised for the violence but has refused to acquiesce to calls for her to stand down. The Foreign Office has issued advice for British travellers to the country, please click [here](#).



Headline 2:
Just Stop Oil Protestors
(BBC 2022)



Headline 3:
Machu Picchu
(BBC 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

Uzbekistan Children at Risk from Contaminated Cough Syrup from India says WHO (The National 12th January) ¹⁰.

In October last year this digest highlighted the concerning alert issued by The World Health Organisation (WHO) regarding the deaths of 70 Gambian children linked to four contaminated cough syrups produced in India. Last week the WHO issued another alert, this time for Uzbekistan, where 19 children have now died from using Ambronol and DOK-1 Max syrups, produced by another Indian firm, Marion Biotech. Tests by the Uzbek Ministry of Health found the syrups again to be contaminated with "unacceptable amounts of diethylene glycol and /or ethylene glycol". Manufacturers have stopped the production of the syrups and the company's license has been suspended while investigations continue. India is known as 'the pharmacy of the world' due to its USD42 Billion dollar pharma industry (expected to grow to USD120 Billion by 2030), producing and exporting to over 200 countries and territories.



Headline 1:
Contaminated Cough Syrup
(BusinessToday 2022)

AVIATION/CYBER-SECURITY

'Goof' Insider Threat to Blame for FAA Grounding in US (CNN 12th January) ¹¹.

A 'Goof' style cyber-security breach is believed to be the reason for the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) briefly grounding all flights across the US (the first time since September 11th attacks) on Wednesday last week, resulting in over 10,000 delayed flights and the cancellation of over 1,000 more. 40% of flights from Southwest Airlines, United Airlines, Delta Air Lines and American Airlines, were cancelled due to the outage, discovered when "irregularities" were spotted in safety messages issued to pilots on the Tuesday night. A corrupted file in the Notam system (Notice to Air Missions) damaging both the operating system and its back-up was determined to be the source of the outage, however a cyber attack has not yet been ruled out. An engineer is believed to have unknowingly replaced one file with the corrupted version during scheduled maintenance in an error potentially costing the US millions. Canada's aviation authority also reported their own NOTAM outage but insist the incidents are not related.

WILSON JAMES

Advisory Services Collaborates on Security Matters Article by Wilson James (Security Matters December)

Don't forget to read our Wilson James article entitled 'For Queen and Country' (page 36) in December's issue of Security Matters magazine. The article, written by Advisory Services' Principal Consultant Leonie Brumby and Wilson James Account Director David Gregory, discusses the company's contribution to operation **London Bridge** and the efforts and lengths our officers went to keeping the British public safe during our Late Queen's funeral in September last year.



Activism Updates

ACTIVISM

Saturday 21st January – No Rest For PUMA

Location: Global Day of Action

Cause: Boycott PUMA campaign until it ends support for Israeli Apartheid

Details: [Boycott, Divestment, Sanction Movement](#)



[Truth be Told \(2023\)](#)

Saturday 21st January – Truth be Told

Location: Nationwide BBC1 Portland Place, London @13:00

Cause: Demonstration against 'COVID Lies' by media likely to be a nationwide event targeting media institutions. Further updates on Twitter Wednesday 8pm

Details: [TWITTER](#)

[Boycott, Divestment, Sanction \(2023\)](#)



Saturday 21st January – Anti-COVID protest

Location: Glasgow Green, Glasgow @

Cause: Demonstration against 'COVID Lies'

Details: [Telegram](#)

[Palestine Solidarity Campaign \(2023\)](#)

Saturday 23rd - 26th January – Stop the Twickenham Arms Fair

Location: Twickenham Stadium, London @1430-1630

Cause: Demonstration against Arms Fair supporting Israel

Details: [Palestinian Solidarity Campaign](#)



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.



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