

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).

More Time Given to Question St James' Hospital Terror Suspect (Sky News 21st January) ^{1.} ^{2.}

Counter Terrorism Police North East have been granted an extension until this Friday to continue to interview the man arrested outside St James' hospital, Leeds last Friday in possession of a firearm and suspect package. The 27-year old suspect was detained on suspicion of firearms and explosive offences after being spotted at the hospital brandishing a believed firearm and a suspicious device was discovered outside. The suspicious behaviour caused the evacuation of the Gledhow wing and suspension of maternity services at around 5am, with the emergency department remaining open as bomb disposal experts investigated the device. Det Ch Supt Jim Dunkerley from CTPNE assured members of the public it was believed to be an isolated incident stating:

"We continue to treat this as an isolated incident and there is still no evidence to suggest there is any heightened or ongoing risk to the public."

'Jihadi Jack' to be Repatriated to Canada after Court Ruling (The National 21st January) ^{3.} ^{4.}

Canada is to repatriate 23 people from Syrian camps for ISIS family members after losing a ruling when families of the group challenged the government under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. 13 Children, six women and four men including (notorious ISIS member 'Jihadi Jack') are expected to be returned to Canada 'as quickly as possible'. Jack Letts (Jihadi Jack), is a Muslim convert who left the UK to fight for ISIS in 2014. Letts has dual British and Canadian citizenship, the former was revoked by the British government in 2019 after he was arrested and detained by Kurdish forces in 2017. In 2016 his parents were found guilty of funding terrorism after attempting to send him money numerous times (receiving suspended sentences) and he staged a hunger strike over his incarceration in Syria in 2017.

Anti-Vaxxer Jailed for 5g Mast Attack Plot (BBC 20th January) ^{5.} ^{6.}

38 year-old anti-government and COVID19 conspiracy theorist, Oliver Lewin, has been jailed for six and a half years this week after being found guilty in December of planning a terrorist attack and 'carrying out reconnaissance of potential targets, buying equipment and tools, digging hideouts and recruiting others between 24 July and 25 August 2021', in an attempt to topple the UK Government. Lewin was found to have plotted to firebomb TV, phone and radio masts with intent to also damage the road network including the M1 and M24. Lewin's plot was uncovered when he issued a 'call to arms' on his telegram channel which was being monitored by police officers. Head of counter terrorism policing West Midlands, Det Ch Supt Mark Payne said:

"Lewin claimed he was a fantasist but it is clear he took the steps to carry out reconnaissance of targets to attack, bought equipment and tools, dug hide-outs and tried to recruit and train others..."Extremists use this kind of ideology to create discord, distrust and fear among our communities and we strive to counter this."



Headline 1:
Bomb Disposal Experts outside
St James' Hospital Leeds
(BBC News 2023)



Headline 2:
'Jihadi Jack'
(Sky News (2023))

World News

20 Dead Across California from Gun Violence as Third Shooting Shocks State (Independent 24th January) 7. 8. 9.

The US State of California was victim to three mass shootings in three days this week, leaving 20 dead, in a spate of attacks starting at Chinese New Celebrations on Saturday evening. The shootings began during a community's celebrations in Monterey Park on Saturday evening when suspect 72 year-old Huu Can Tran opened fire in a ballroom dance studio killing eleven people and wounding nine. Tran then travelled to another dance studio a short distance away to, it is alleged, inflict more harm only to have his firearm wrestled off him by the owners son. Tran fled the scene before shooting himself as police approached his van a short time later. On Monday afternoon in the city of Half Moon Bay (South of San Francisco) 67-year-old Chunli Zhao opened fire on two farms in the area killing four employees and injuring another four. Zhao, described as a disgruntled employee, is believed to have worked at one of the farms. The suspect was later spotted in a vehicle outside a police station and was arrested. A third shooting incident took place on Monday evening at a petrol station in Oakland where one person was killed and seven were injured in an exchange of gun fire during the filming of a music video. Investigations into all three incidents are ongoing.

Machu Picchu Shuts Indefinitely as Violence Continues to Escalate in Peru (BBC 22nd January) 10. 11.

Tourists were left stranded atop Peru's most famous attraction, Machu Picchu, this week after riots continued in the capital Lima and train tracks to the world heritage site were damaged. The closure left hundreds of tourists unable to leave until replacement bus services were arranged. In December tourists had to be airlifted after getting stuck at the 15th Century Inca site for several days due to the violence. The violence and protests in Peru see no sign of abating as indigenous people flock from the countryside to cities calling for the president's resignation. Newly appointed President, Dina Boullarte, has continued to refuse to step down and has asked for peaceful protests.

Chauvin's Lawyers Argue for Conviction to be Thrown Out (Independent 20th January) 12.

Lawyers in the US last week have asked the Minnesota Appeals Court to throw out the verdict finding ex-Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin guilty of George Floyd's murder in May 2020. Chauvin's lawyers were in court to appeal against his conviction arguing it was impossible for him to receive a fair trial. His defence team maintain the publicity surrounding the case and the prospect of a riot should he be found not guilty prevented him from being treated impartially. They also maintain the trial should have been moved out of state and the jury sequestered for the duration of the court case. Lawyers representing the state argued Chauvin's trial was one of the "most transparent trials in history" and handled with "enormous care". The outcome of the appeals trial will not affect Chauvin's other 21 year sentence for violating George Floyd's civil rights which he is serving concurrently with the murder sentence, the court has 90 days in which to respond to the appeal request.

Headline 2:
Machu Picchu
(BBC 2022)



Headline 3:
George Floyd and Derek Chauvin
(BBC 2020)



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

SECURITY/AVIATION

Heathrow Border Force Officers Stop Eleven Drug Mules in Eight Days (My London 18th January) ¹³.

The UK's National Crime Agency (NCA) has taken the unusual step of issuing a warning to potential US drug traffickers attempting to smuggle cannabis into the UK as Border Force officers arrested eleven smugglers in eight days on flights arriving from LA. The passengers were reportedly attempting to bring in between 30-50 kilos of the drug each, 400 kilos in total. The legally grown cannabis is of a better quality than that available in the UK and can command a much higher price.

SECURITY/EVENTS

Brixton O2 Security Officers Accused of Taking Bribes up to £1,000 (The Guardian 17th January) ^{14 15}.

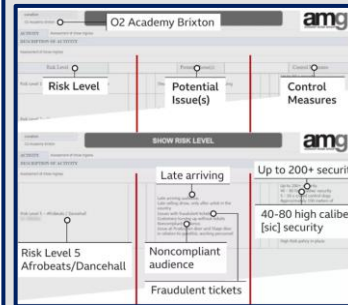
Following the death of a patron and a security officer during a crowd crush at the O2 academy in Brixton last month, a colleague has come forward criticising employer, manned security company AP security for allowing bribes which sees 'hundreds' of extra patrons allowed into the building for a cash fee, sometimes up to £1,000. In an interview with the BBC reporters the whistle blower alleged management at the security firm were aware of the problem and did nothing to fix it. Questions have also been raised about the number of security staff employed for the Afrobeats Asake event. BBC journalists have also seen what appears to be event organiser Academy Music Group's (AMG) risk assessment showing 200 officers needed for the event compared with the 157 on duty reported by the academy themselves. Lambeth council has suspended the venue's license until the investigation into the deaths is complete. AMG stated:

"Academy Music Group is committed to understanding what happened and cooperating with the various investigations that are under way, including providing full cooperation to the police."

SUPPLY CHAINS

Parents of 200 Indonesian Children Dead from Cough Syrup to Sue Big Pharma (Al Jazeera 13th January) ^{16 17}.

More than 20 families intend to sue eight pharmaceutical companies over the deaths of 200 children in Indonesia, when they died from Acute Kidney Infection (AKI) after ingesting contaminated cough syrup. The global death toll from the contamination continues to rise as yet more children die from cough syrups manufactured in, or had materials supplied from India. Five products in Indonesia were found to contain "unacceptable levels" of diethylene glycol and/or ethylene glycol last year prompting the Indonesian government to ban all cough syrups until an investigation has concluded. This week saw the start of a class-action suit brought by the parents against the country's drug regulators, health and finance ministries and eight pharma companies. Indonesia joins the Gambia and Uzbekistan in banning certain cough syrups after contamination resulted in the deaths of over 280 children.



Headline 2:
[AMG's Partial Risk Assessment \(BBC 2022\)](#)



Headline 3:
[Contaminated Cough Syrup \(BusinessToday 2022\)](#)



Activism Updates

ACTIVISM

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](#)

Friday 27th January – International Holocaust Memorial Day

Location: Events nationwide

Cause: Activities marking Holocaust Memorial Day

Details: HMD.org

Saturday 28th January – Stop the ULEZ Extension

Location: Trafalgar Square, London @Midday

Cause: Protest against expansion of ULEZ

Details: [Official Voice](#)

Tuesday 31st January – Truth be Told

Location: St Anne's Square, Manchester @13:00

Cause: Demonstration against 'COVID Lies' by media

Details: [TELEGRAM](#)

Tuesday 31st January – Stop The Arms Dealers Dinner

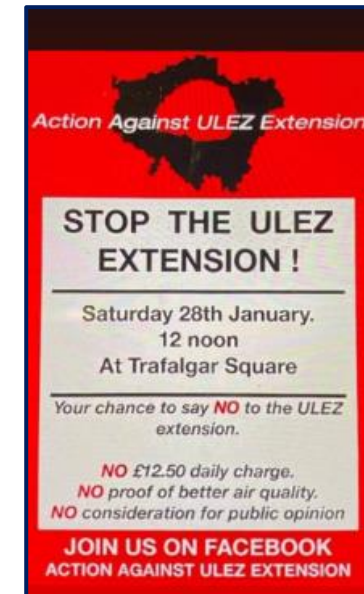
Location: London, TBC @18:00

Cause: Demonstration against arms trade outside event

Details: [FACEBOOK](#)



[Nationwide Rallies UK \(2023\)](#)



[Official Voice \(2023\)](#)



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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