

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).

Death Toll from Pakistan Mosque Bombing Rises to 100 (CNN 31st January) ¹.

The death toll following Monday's suicide bombing of a mosque in a police compound in Pakistan continues to rise and is currently at 100 with 217 believed to be injured. Responsibility for the blast was thought to be Taliban group, Tehreek-e-Taliban (TTP), who operate in both Pakistan and Afghanistan. Reports coming from the region however are conflicting with some suggesting the attack was retaliation for the death of a TTP militant, Khalid Khorasani, however this has since been denied by the group who insist they would not attack a place of worship. Witnesses have stated the bomber walked to the front of the congregation before detonating his suicide vest. Pakistan's Institute for Conflict and Security Studies claims the country suffered 376 terror attacks in 2022, killing 533 people.

Hospital Terror Suspect was Student Nurse with 'Pressure Cooker' Bomb in Boot (Independent 28th January) ².

A man arrested outside Leeds Hospital two weeks ago on terror charges was a student nurse employed at the hospital. Mohammad Farooq, 27 years-old, was due to start his shift at the maternity unit but had informed a colleague on the day, he had a gun and "felt like killing everyone". He was arrested before he entered the building and the maternity unit was evacuated. Once arrested by police he admitted to having a pressure cooker bomb in the boot of his car. It transpired Farooq had carried out hostile reconnaissance on an RAF base in Yorkshire earlier in January and has expressed an interest in jihadism. The motive for his behaviour at the hospital last week was reported to be due to a 'grudge' with a colleague rather than terrorism. The homemade bomb contained over 17kg of 'homemade low explosive mixture', the firearm proved to be an imitation.

Serving British Soldier Arrested on Terror Charges (Guardian 28th January) ³.

Daniel Abed Khalife, a 21 year-old serving British Soldier from Stafford has been arrested on terror charges in relation to two counts. The first, that on 2nd August 2021 he is accused of eliciting or attempted to elicit information

"about an individual who was or had been a member of His Majesty's forces which was of a kind likely to be useful to a person committing or preparing an act of terrorism".

The second, on 2nd January 2023 he allegedly placed

"three canisters with wires at RAF Stafford with the intention of inducing in another a belief that the said article was likely to explode or ignite and thereby cause personal injury or damage to property".

Khalife is next due to appear in court on 3rd February 2023 and has been remanded in custody.

Headline 1:
Volunteers carry the
Dead out of Blast Zone CNN
(2023)



Headline 2:
Bomb Disposal Experts
outside St James'
Hospital Leeds
(BBC News 2023)

World News

Alex Baldwin Was Distracted During Firearm Safety Training Before On-Set Death (Sky News 1st February) ^{4.}

US film actor and producer Alex Baldwin was officially charged this week over the on-set death of cinematographer Halyna Hutchins, who died in October 2021. Hutchins was accidentally shot during filming when a prop gun, loaded with live rounds, went off in Baldwin's hands during a rehearsal. The director, Joel Souza was also shot but survived the incident. Baldwin has criticised his arrest calling it a miscarriage of justice, however the laws in New Mexico are clear, those handling a firearm on-set are responsible for ensuring it is safe to do so. The prosecution will claim Baldwin failed in his duty of care by not attending the initial firearm handling training session and appearing distracted and on his phone during the second session. He should also have confirmed the projectiles, if being used, were safe before handling the weapon and should not have had his finger on or near the trigger. The unscheduled rehearsal, it is claimed, did not follow the 'two-check' safety procedure and a plastic gun should be used for all rehearsals, mitigating the risk of an accidental firing. The armorer, Hannah Gutierrez-Reed has also been charged. Both face up to five years in jail if found guilty.

Taiwan's Military on Alert in Response to Chinese Aggression (CityAM 1st February) ^{5.}

A 'dangerous situation' (as described by NATO) is emerging in the South China Sea as China's aggression against Taiwan continues. Suspicious manoeuvres near the Taiwan Strait saw 34 military jets and nine warships deployed by China, prompting Taiwan to put its military on alert and activate their missiles system. This week's actions however are only the latest in almost daily attempts by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) to undermine Taiwan's independence. They maintain their intention to eventually fully govern it, blaming the West for encouraging the disputed province's defiance. Less than 3% of Taiwan's population want unification with China. Advising his staff in a January 2023 memo, US air force general Mike Minihan expressed concerns a war is looming between the US and China over Taiwan, expected in 2025.

Israeli Forces Demolish Suspect's Family Home after Holocaust Day Attack (The National 29th January) ^{6. 7. 8. 9.}

Tensions mount in Israel as Israelis and Palestinians continue their tit for tat attacks that have left 32 Palestinians and nine Israelis dead so far this year. Israeli forces are retaliating after the deaths of nine people following two incidents over the weekend which started on Friday (Holocaust Remembrance Day). Commentators suggest the Palestinian attacks were in response to a deadly attack by Israeli forces in the occupied city of Jenin that killed nine last week. Israeli forces are suspected to have killed 220 Palestinians in 2022 (compared to 30 Israelis by Palestinians) as part of their operation "Break the Wave", which also sets out to displace family members of known Palestinian terrorists by destroying their homes and cancelling social security benefits. The second of the two Palestinian attacks is believed to have been carried out by a 13 year-old boy who was detained and is currently in hospital. The family home belonging to the suspect for the initial attack on Friday has already been destroyed.



Headline 1:
[Taiwan Troops \(Dailymail 2023\)](#)



Headline 3:
[Israel Showing Jenin \(BBC News 2023\)](#)

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

India's 'King of Coal' Accused of Decades of Stock Manipulation (Time 30th January) ¹⁰.

Gautam Adani, India's richest man and owner of energy giant Adani has been accused of decades of "brazen stock manipulation and accounting fraud" amounting to the "biggest con in corporate history" by forensic research firm Hindenberg Research. Hindenberg's accusations will not only affect Adani's stock (which has already wiped USD 66Billion off it's market value and USD30 Billion off Adani's personal fortune) but also has political implications for Indian PM Narendra Modi's government and India's economy. Adani is considered a close friend of the Indian PM and his wealth has grown from USD 7Billion to USD 120Billion during the Prime Minister's term of office. Hindenberg Research allege, contrary to Indian law (which stipulates 25% of a company's stock should be owned by outside shareholders) Adani's stock is held by offshore shell entities "run by Adani stooges" and have inflated stock prices for decades. Adani have strenuously denied the accusations and released a lengthy statement in response available [here](#).

AVIATION

Boeing Pleads Not Guilty in 737MAX Jet Fraud Case (Forbes 26th January) ¹¹.

Aviation manufacturers Boeing appeared in court in the US last week and pled not guilty on charges relating to an alleged fraud conspiracy after failing to reveal safety concerns to the FAA regarding their 737 MAX jets. Boeing have paid out USD 2.5Billion in compensation and fines as part of a plea agreement to victims, airlines and the FAA, together with USD 237.5Million to shareholders after admitting to defrauding the FAA and likely causing two fatal 737 MAX crashes. The first occurred in Indonesia in 2018 killing all 189 passengers on board, the second, less than six months later, happened in Ethiopia, and killed all 157 people on board. The plea deal included immunity from further prosecution for Boeing but the ruling was found to be unsafe as the victims' families were not informed of the details and are pressing forward with criminal charges. They maintain Boeing is guilty of "deadliest corporate crime in U.S. history". The trial continues.

SECURITY/HS2

HS2 Bailiffs Appear in Court on Assault and False Imprisonment Charges (Leamington Observer 23rd January) ¹². ¹³.

Three bailiffs from the HS2 National Evictions Team (NET) appeared in court last week charged with the false imprisonment and assault of a protestor. The incident occurred at the Ramada hotel, Chesford Bridge, Kenilworth in October 2020 after protestors discovered where the bailiffs were staying. Protestors arrived at the hotel to perform reconnaissance and establish the numbers of bailiffs expected at the HS2 Kenilworth site the next day. A fight ensued between the protestors and the off-duty officers, three of whom were charged with the false imprisonment of three protestors and the assault of one protestor who suffered a broken jaw during the incident. A spokesperson for HS2 said:

"They were aware of the incident but stressed the NET enforcers were not working for HS2 or on HS2 land at the time."

The bailiffs were suspended following their arrests and the trial continues.

Activism Updates

ACTIVISM

Sunday 5th Feb – No to fascist Patriotic Alternative

Location: MUTHU River Hotel Erskine, **Glasgow** @11:45

Cause: No to fascist Patriotic Alternative in Erskine

Details: [Facebook](#)

Sunday 5th Feb – Protest at Chinese Embassy

Location: Chinese Embassy, Portland Place, **London** @13:00

Cause: To denounce the Chinese government's policy towards the Uyghur population.

Details: [TWITTER](#)

Wednesday 8th Feb – Equinor Profits Day

Location: Prime Four Business Park, **Aberdeen** @Midday

Cause: Protest against energy company's profit.

Details: [XR Aberdeen](#)

Thursday 9th Feb – Keep Prisons Single Sex

Location: 11.30 am @ Holyrood, **Edinburgh**

Cause: No Males In Female Jails Demo

Details: [TWITTER](#)



STRIKES

Wednesday 1st – Friday 3rd Feb – National Rail Strike

Location: Nationwide

Cause: Better Pay amid cost-of-living crises

Wednesday 1st – Friday 3rd Feb – London Bus Strike

Location: London (Abellio Bus Services)

Cause: Better Pay amid cost-of-living crises

Saturday 4th Feb – Tube Strike

Location: London Bakerloo Line

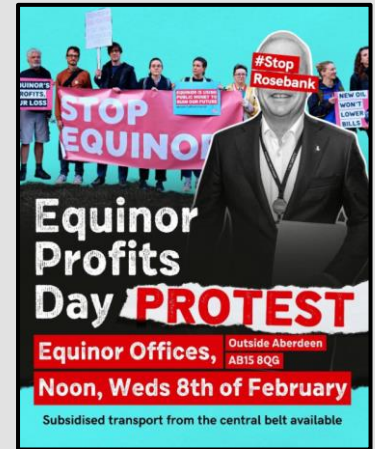
Cause: Members of Aslef working on Bakerloo line as part of dispute on safety.

Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th Feb – Nursing Strikes (Ambulance Strikes joining in on the 6th)

Location: Nationwide (including 7 London Trusts)

Cause: highlighted the effect of nurse shortages on patient care and excess deaths.

[Facebook \(2023\)](#)



[XR Aberdeen \(2023\)](#)



[TWITTER \(2023\)](#)



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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