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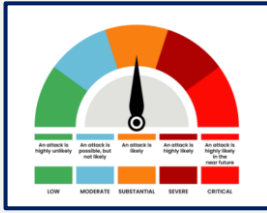
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Terrorism and Threats

PROTECT UK



The current threat level for the UK MAINLAND is **'SUBSTANTIAL'**, meaning a terror attack is **'likely'**
The current threat level for Northern Ireland is **'SEVERE'**, meaning a terror attack is **'highly likely'**
For further information see GOV.UK.

Far Right Extremist Sentenced to Eight Years in Prison on Terror Charges (CTBusiness 12th May) 1.

Far-right extremist, 20-year-old Vaughn Dolphin, was found guilty last month of numerous terrorism offences including two charges of possessing explosives; six charges of having documents likely to be of use to terrorists, two charges of disseminating a terrorist publication and unlawful possession of a firearm. The extremist is thought to have blown up his own kitchen in a botched attempt to make an explosive substance, later bragging about the mishap on social media. When arrested the suspect complained he was not a terrorist. Following a search of his home address nazi memorabilia was discovered together with instructions to make explosives, shotguns and arson attacks. Dolphin previously boasted all minorities should be shot. Dolphin was sentenced to eight years and six months.

UK Government Set to Proscribe Russia's Mercenary Wagner Group (Reuters 10th May) 2.

The UK is expected to proscribe the already sanctioned Russian mercenary Wagner Group in the coming weeks and joins France as it calls for the EU to proscribe the organisation also. The group is currently subject to economic sanctions resulting from their affiliation with Russia in the war on Ukraine and is expected to receive proscribed status in weeks with the hope the EU and US will follow suit affirming the designation. A proscribed organisation means it is a criminal offence in Britain 'to belong to or promote the group, arrange or address its meetings, and carry its logo in public'. The group is particularly active parts of Russia, Ukraine and North Africa.

'Suspicious Item' Delivered to NI Police Station by Hijacked Driver (Belfast Telegraph 8th May) 3. 4.

Two men in Northern Ireland have been charged with Terrorism offences relating to the hijacking of a vehicle and forcing its driver to transport a 'suspicious item' to an Omagh police station on Saturday evening, 6th May. Three masked men hijacked the driver and his vehicle at gunpoint, placed a suspicious device in the vehicle before forcing him to abandon the vehicle outside a police station in the city. The scare resulted in the immediate area being evacuated, two suspects were caught the following day after they made off from the scene and the device sent for further examination. The driver (who was badly shaken) was not physically hurt in the incident.

Tensions continue to mount since the raising of threat level in the province. Last week a 39-year-old man was arrested under the Terrorism Act in connection to an unauthorised parade commemorating the anniversary of the 1916 Irish Easter Rising on Easter Monday in Derry. Youths were seen throwing petrol bombs at a police vehicle monitoring the event. The man has been charged with 'inviting support' and 'encouraging support' for a proscribed organisation.

Headline 1:
Vaughan Dolphin (Express and Star 2023)



Headline 3:
Police Vehicle Set Alight (ITV 2023)



World News

Swat Valley Bus Shooting Raises More Concerns of Taliban Resurgency in Pakistan (AP News 17th May) ^{5.}

A police officer charged with protecting the school bus run for a private college in Peshawar, Northern Pakistan opened fire onboard the bus killing one student and injuring five others (including a teacher) on Tuesday. It is unclear what prompted the officer to turn his gun on the staff and students he was paid to protect but Pakistan authorities were keen to assure the community it was not militant related. Peshawar, in the picturesque Swat Valley, was under Taliban control until 2019 when they were pushed out of the region which came to global attention after the targeted shooting on a school bus of education campaigner Malala Yousafzai in 2012 (she was 15 at the time). Since the resurgence of the Taliban in Afghanistan in 2021 security has been increased on school buses and at colleges due to the threat of attack from militants. In 2022 thousands of private school students took to the streets in Pakistan to protest the killing of a school bus driver (and injuring of a student) laying the blame at the hands of the Taliban despite repeated denials from the group. This latest incident targeting a bus carrying students and teachers has prompted further concerns. The police officer was arrested at the scene, no further details were provided regarding his motive.

Number of Missing Continues to Rise After Hostel Fire in New Zealand (9 News 16th May) ^{6. 7. 8.}

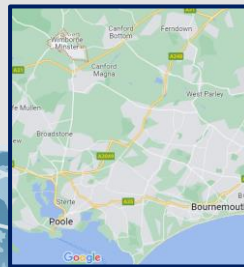
Six people are confirmed dead and as many as 20 still missing after a local resident hostel in New Zealand caught fire in suspicious circumstances in the early hours of Tuesday morning. Two fires are believed to have engulfed the 92-bed building, making it difficult to escape particularly as there was no sprinkler system installed. 52 residents were rescued from the building with five rescued from the roof and one person jumping from the third floor to escape the inferno, it is understood the fire started around 12:30 am (local time). Police entered the building on Wednesday once the scene had been made safe following reignition fears on Tuesday evening. Rumours concerning asbestos in the building prompted instructions to neighbouring residents to close windows and wear masks if leaving their property. New Zealand police confirmed on Wednesday they were treating the case as arson and have launched a homicide investigation.

13 Vehicles Set Alight in Quiet Dorset Town (Dorset Live 15th May)

Residents in Wimborne Dorset were left baffled on Monday morning waking to the discovery that 13 vehicles had been set alight in the town and surrounding area late on Sunday evening. The incidents, believed to be related, resulted in 65 fire & rescue calls made and residents having to flee when one fire spread to a neighbouring property. It is understood police are investigating reports of a gang of youths on motorbikes pouring petrol over vehicles in the area before making off. Police have appealed for witnesses and CCTV, dashcam, or doorbell footage of the areas around the time of the incidents.



Headline: 3
Wimborne, Site of Vehicle
Arsons (Daily Mail 2023)



Headline: 3
Wimborne, Site of Vehicle
Arsons (Google Maps 2023)

The 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

AVIATION

[Child's 'Rouge Drone' or Party Balloons Possibly Responsible for Runway Closure \(Daily Mail 16th May\) 9. 10.](#)

Two theories have emerged regarding the source of a drone security scare responsible for shutting down Gatwick's runway for almost an hour last weekend. One suggestion by the Daily Mail was it could possibly be a child's birthday present that 'went rogue'. Whilst the Telegraph suggests it was balloons mistaken for drones. The 'drone' spotted in airspace close the airport resulted in the re-routing of 12 planes to other UK airports. No drone fly zones around airports now cover three miles (increasing the area from half a mile) after new legislation was brought in. The daily mail reports around the same time as the Gatwick incident a father posted on social media for help tracking his son's lost drone he was learning to fly in a nearby park. The park sits within the no-fly zone at Gatwick airport. It is not clear if either of the incidences are related. Investigators confirmed no trace of drones were found and suggested the balloon theory as the most plausible.

WORKPLACE SAFETY

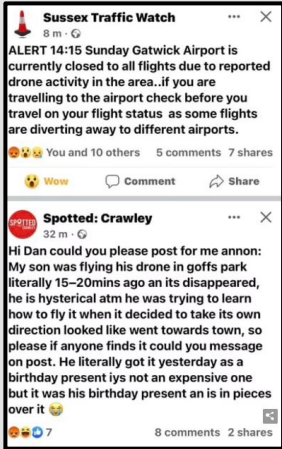
[Security Officers Detain Employee Accused of Shooting Two Colleagues Dead \(AlJazeera 11th May\) 11. 12.](#)

Security officers at a Mercedes-Benz car production factory (producing their S-Class range) in Sindelfingen Germany, overpowered an employee accused of shooting dead two co-workers before being arrested by police last week. The 53-year-old Turkish national who has not been named opened fire shortly before 8am (local time) on Thursday morning killing his two co-workers who are believed to be members of the same community. All three men were employed by external logistics provider Rhenus. Appearing in court on the same day, the suspect was charged with two counts of manslaughter, no further information was given regarding motive.

SUPPLY CHAINS

[India Accused of Producing Substandard Medicine by WHO \(Independent 26th April\)](#)

India's pharmaceutical woes continue with a warning from the World Health Organisation (WHO) regarding yet another batch of contaminated cough syrup, this time found on pharmacy shelves in the Marshall Islands and Micronesia. It is unclear if the new contaminated product has been responsible for any deaths, however the WHO confirmed the discovery of unacceptable amounts of both diethylene glycol and ethylene glycol in the syrups. Contaminated cough syrups produced in India and found with large quantities of diethylene glycol and/or ethylene glycol are believed to be responsible for the deaths of over 90 children in Gambia and Uzbekistan. Indonesia authorities are also investigating a link between the deaths of hundreds of children and substandard cough syrups produced by Indian firms and concerns were raised earlier this year by US authorities over substandard eye drop medicine manufactured in India and linked to serious vision impairments and three deaths in the country. The managing director of QP Pharmachem Ltd who produce the latest contaminated product, Guaifenesin, confirmed the medicine was not intended for use in the Pacific region and had been shipped 'with regulatory approval' to Cambodia for use there. The Indian government have not yet commented on the latest WHO alert.



[Headline: 1 Possible linked post to Drone sighting \(Daily Mail 2023\)](#)



[Headline: 1 Balloons Possibly Mistaken for Drones \(Telegraph 2023\)](#)



Activism Updates

ACTIVISM

Monday 24th April Onwards – Just Stop Oil

Location: Slow Marches in London from 24/4

Cause: New campaign by JSO following XR's The Big One

Details: [INFO](#)

From Saturday 29th April – Long Walk to Peace and Freedom

Location: Glasgow to Westminster

Cause: March to the capital from Scotland, 29 expressed intent to join march on Facebook

Details: [Facebook](#)

Wednesday 17th May – Education or Indoctrination

Location: Outside Parliament, London @13:00

Cause: Welsh based protest regarding sex education for three-year-olds.

Details: [Telegram](#)

Thursday 18th May – Lloyds Bank AGM

Location: SEC Armadillo, Exhibition Way, Glasgow @09:00

Cause: XR protest against financing fossil fuels

Details: [Telegram](#)

Sunday 20th May – Worldwide Freedom Rally

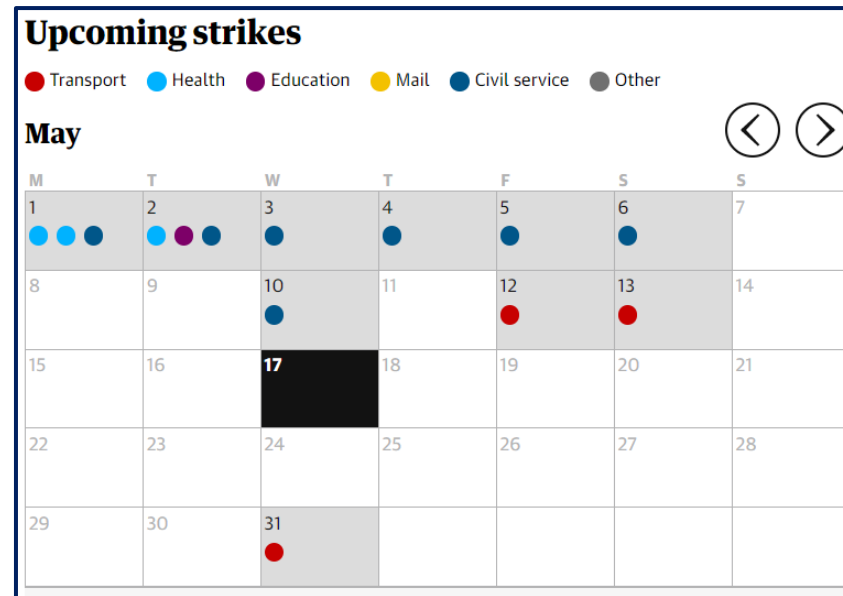
Location: Nationwide Protests from Midday (incl: Stirling, Aberdeen, Manchester)

Cause: Global freedom protest

Details: [Telegram](#)

STRIKES

There does not appear to be any strike action scheduled for the next 7 days.



Education or Indoctrination!

Westminster Hall/Parliament.
1pm Wednesday 17th May 2023.
3 St Margaret St,
London SW1P 3JX

Join us for a UK wide gathering. Remind the politicians we are watching. Show them we will not be silenced. Bring your children & a packed lunch. Speeches from 1.30pm. What is the "Whole school approach"? Why no parental opt-out? Graphic lesson content from around the UK. The people's battle to stop the sexualisation of children in British schools.

Speakers from across the UK.

www.publicchildprotectionwales.org

[Telegram \(2023\)](#)



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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