

Agenda



Terrorism and Threats

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



Grays Inn Road 2021 Bomb Scare Plotted by Man with Grudge Against Law Chambers (Daily Mail 30th May) 1.2.

Johnathan Nuttall, 50; ex-Royal Marine Michael Broodle, 46; his sons Joshua, 20 and Charlie (18) and Michael Sode, 58, appeared in court last week regarding their involvement in a plot to plant two hoax bombs outside a law firm on Gray's Inn Road, London in 2021. The incident sparked a mass evacuation, a huge police and emergency service response and road closures throughout the Holborn area just as the September evening rush hour began. Nuttall targeted the offices of Andrew Sutcliffe KC and Anne Jeavons due to their investigation into his wife in a long-standing money laundering and fraud case that has seen them confiscate over GBP one million from Mrs Nuttall. It is understood members of the group carried out surveillance on the two lawyers for six months prior to the bomb plot and both devices were left in close proximity to their offices and addressed to Sutcliffe. The realistic looking device together with detonated smoke grenades was intended, claim the prosecution, to cause "widespread alarm...distress and public and professional embarrassment... (and Nuttall) harboured a great deal of animosity towards Andrew Sutcliffe". Nuttall pled guilty to two counts of 'placing an article with intention of inducing a belief it would explode or ignite and possession of an explosive substance', the other defendants have pled not guilty for their roles in the offence, the trial is expected to last until July.

TikTok Prankster Spends Weekend in Jail When Mother Refuses to Bail Him Out (Guardian 30th May) 3.

TikTok 'prankster' and general community nuisance Mizzy (real name Bacari-Bronze O'Garro from Hackney, London) continued to show his disdain for the law this week by posting further videos online despite restrictions imposed on his online content from his Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO). The 18-year-old was remanded in custody last week after his mother refused to post bail but was released (eventually into her care) on Wednesday (yesterday) and immediately posted online to boast of his freedom. He has so far been charged with three breaches of his CBO. Mizzy's offences include: 'stealing an elderly woman's dog, leapfrogging over an Orthodox Jewish man, ripping up library books, approaching women and asking them if they "want to die", knocking people off bikes, and entering strangers' cars and homes without permission.' His antics created a craze on Tiktok and a panic in his community, guidance on how to defend your home against the latest Tiktok trend is available in the activist section of this digest. Mizzy's CBO restrictions include: he must not "directly or indirectly post videos on to social media without the documented consent of the people featured, must not trespass into private property and must not attend the Westfield shopping centre in Stratford, east London." A representative for TikTok responded to the controversy by stating they 'prohibit content promoting criminal activity' and have banned the community pest's accounts.



<u>Headline 2:</u> <u>Mizzy released from Prison</u> (DailyMail 2023)



World News

Animal Rising to Target Epsom Despite Jockey Club Injunction (BBC News 26th May) 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9.

The Jockey Club has successfully secured an injunction against **Animal Rising** (AR) in advance of the Epsom Derby in Surrey this weekend. Animal Rising they say, are intent on disrupting this weekend's racing and have 'made it explicitly clear' they intend to breach security. AR want to 'continue the conversation we started at the Grand National' and news sources report they planned a vegan alternative to take place outside the Derby including a non-egg and spoon race, other games and activities. They boast however the course is 'unpoliceable' due to the surrounding terrain and on their website activists are offered two choices; to join them outside the racecourse or join them on the tracks suggesting some form of disruptive action is being organised. The injunction means they can be held in contempt of court if they attempt to breach the order and face imprisonment or fines if found guilty. Concerns over safety for both the horses and jockeys were raised after AR stormed the Grand National at Aintree in April this year and the Scottish Grand National a week later. AR's recent social media posts suggests the injunction had not deterred their plans, although today (Thursday) the second option for activists to 'join them on the tracks' has been removed. 56 people have expressed intent to go to the event as part of AR on Facebook.

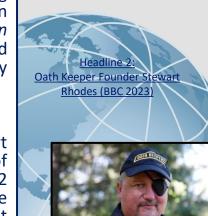
Just Stop Oil continue with their disruptive tactics in the capital which can see as many as three or four slow marches per day at major roundabouts or thoroughfares. Together with a regular Saturday protest outside parliament the activist group continue to bring misery to London commuters daily since April 24th. Police tactics have escalated recently with an officer in the Kensington area attempting to drag protestors off the road after invoking Section 12 conditions on Wednesday. Three slow marches involving 66 people caused traffic chaos in the area from 8am. Section 12 conditions are used for processions or marches where its, 'necessary to prevent serious disorder, disruption of the life of the community, or intimidation'. Yesterday afternoon (Wednesday) the group took to the capital's bridges to slow march and disrupt traffic. Just Stop Oil's website announced yesterday that 'British Green Energy Industrialist' Dale Vince OBE will double any donations made to the group from 10am 31st May to 10am on the 2nd of June.

Jan 6th Rioters Handed Long Sentences for Seditious Conspiracy (BBC News 26th May) 10. 11. 12.

Suspects accused of the most serious offences arising from the January 6th capitol riots in Washington DC in 2021 were sentenced in court recently including one rioter who was given an 18 year sentence. Accused of seditious conspiracy (which carries a maximum sentence of 20 years) the suspects from extreme right wing groups such as the Oath Keepers and Proud Boys received sentences ranging between 12 and 18 years mainly due to aggravating factors such as assaults on police officers and orchestrating the violence. The longest sentence handed out so far was given to Stewart Rhodes founder of the Oath Keepers, he remained outside the building whilst it was stormed but coordinated with rioters inside. Almost 50% (485) of rioters arrested have been tried and found guilty with the average sentence handed down being 60 days. Police believe around 2,000 people were involved in the disturbance and as of January 2023 978 have been charged with offences relating to the incident.



Headline 1:
Animal Rising Vegan Derby
Alternative (Facebook 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

MUSEUMS

Sackler Family 'Not Personally Liable' says Appeal Court But Have To Pay USD 60bn (The Guardian 31st May) 13.14.

The US philanthropic billionaire Sackler family, embroiled in the US opioid scandal, won at the second US circuit court of appeals this week in relation to a ruling which found them personally open to liable lawsuits from the almost 500,000 victims and the surviving family members from the opioid crisis. The family (sole owners of pharma company Purdue Pharmaceuticals who created the highly addictive opioid drug, OxyContin), were found culpable of deliberately marketing the product as non-addictive and encouraged over-prescribing to increase profits. They are regarded as being mainly responsible for the prescription drug crisis which has killed over 450,000 people in the US in the last 20 years. Purdue pharma declared bankruptcy to facilitate the settlement of over USD1.4Billion in fines to victims and reparations to the communities devasted by the crisis. The latest development is expected to expedite the victim's claim as the appeal ruling includes a USD six billion donation to the Purdue Pharma settlement fund by the Sackler family (believed to be half the family's fortune). Almost USD 200million of that six billion will be paid in compensation to survivors and family members who lost loved ones during the crisis and are expected to receive between USD 3,500 and USD 48,000 each. The ruling allows for a resolution in the litigious matters still surrounding the scandal but does not exempt the family from criminal investigations (unlikely to be forthcoming say commentators). Other companies have also been held to account for their part in the scandal including US pharmacist giant Walgreens who were fined USD 230million earlier in May this year bringing the total amount of compensation awarded (and/or settled) so far to USD 50billion. The Sackler family donated millions to the UK arts and culture scene but the scandal has seen the name stripped from galleries, institutions distancing themselves from the brand and no longer accepting financial contributions. Oxford University is latest to remove the name from two of its galleries and a library and joins other institutions including the British Museum, The V&A, The Louvre and the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art.

ENERGY

Sultan Al Jaber Faces Calls to be Removed as COP28 President Due to Fossil Fuel Links (Euronews 25th May) 15. 16.

As Brazil announced the city of Belem (in the state or Para) will host COP30, 130 prominent lawmakers from the UK, US and EU have published an open letter to the COP28 organisers asking for the removal of Sultan Al Jaber as presidential designate of the conference due to a conflict of interest and the potential for fossil fuel companies to exert 'undue influence' over the talks due to start in November this year. Al Jaber is CEO of the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (and ally of the ruling family) and has been accused of attempting to greenwash his Wikipedia profile to help adjust his image in the run up to the conference.

Two 48 Hour Stints of Industrial Action Planned by Offshore Workers in June (BBC News 23rd May) 17.

Strike action by offshore workers is expected to resume this week as an expected 1650 contractors will engage in walkouts against energy giants such as Shell, BP, and TOTAL amongst others. Actions are scheduled for 1st June (Thursday) until 3rd June and again between the 8th and 10th of June. Unite the union declared the action will involve the following roles: "electrical, production and mechanical technicians...deck crew, scaffolders, crane operators, pipefitters and platers." This follows previous strike action by the workers in April and May. Further ballots and action is expected throughout the summer as the industry and unions react to the record-breaking profits the industry giants received last year.



<u>Headline 1:</u> OxyContin (WebMD)

Headline 2: Sultan Al Jaber (Guardian 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: <u>INFO</u>

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

Saturday 2nd – 3rd June – Vegan Derby @ the Epsom Derby

Location: Epsom Derby, Surrey @10:00

Cause: Animal Rising protest against racing industry

Details: Info

STRIKES

Friday 2 June

• Railway workers represented by RMT stage fresh strike in long-running dispute over pay and working conditions.

Saturday 3 June

• Train drivers represented by ASLEF continue to strike.

Wednesday 7 June

• Civil servants represented by Prospect union take strike action.

WARNING: TIKTOK HOUSE BARGING TREND

Following the arrest of the Tiktok star thought responsible for a recent UK craze whereby youths barge into homes and vehicles without the owners' permission, please find some guidance on how to secure your home from such incidents.

Bacari-Bronze O'Garro from Hackney will appear in court today (Wednesday) charged with failing to comply with a community protection order. The order seeks to stop 'unreasonable, ongoing problems or nuisances which negatively affect the community's quality of life'. 7.8.9.10.

- 1. Ensure front door is closed and locked always regardless of how close to the door you intend to be.
- 2. Make it regular practice to lock the front door when you are inside your home also.
 - Both these actions will also help prevent burglaries especially during summer months when people are likely to spend more time in the garden.
- 3. Apply the above to other access points such as back doors, gates and windows
- 4. Maintain awareness in the neighbourhood.
- 5. Report suspicious activity to police.



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
 Inform staff that routes to work may be 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

- 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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