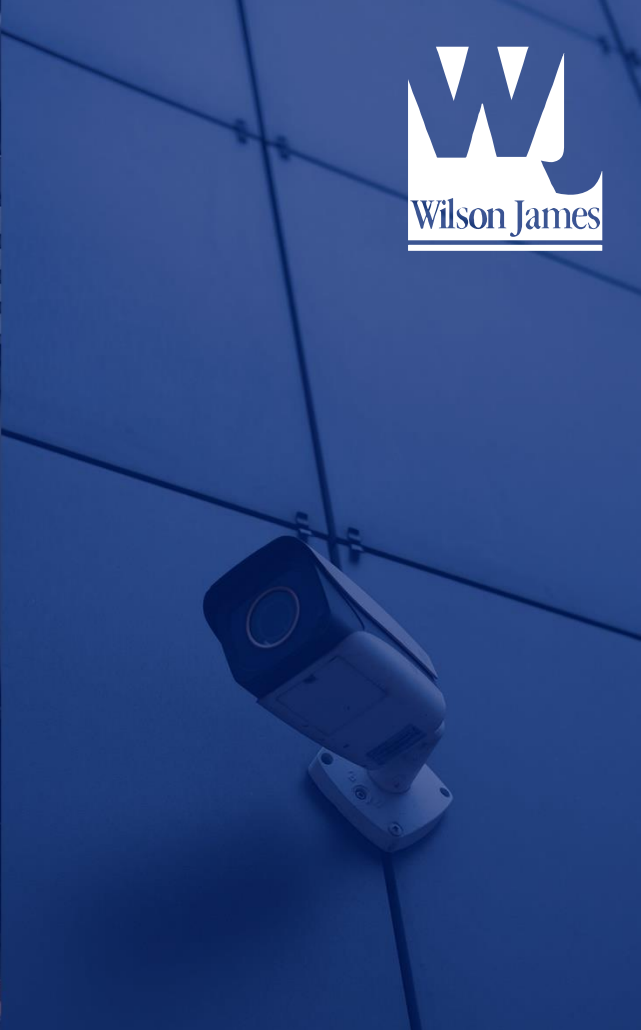


# ADVISORY SERVICES Weekly Digest



29<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**ACT** ACTION COUNTERS TERRORISM

Let's keep the party going  
#BeSafeBeSound

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING OUT OF PLACE  
**DON'T DANCE AROUND IT**

**ALWAYS TELL SECURITY**

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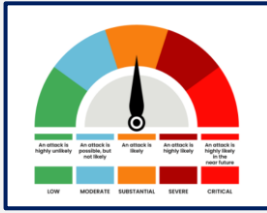
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# Terrorism and Threats

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.

## CT Police Remind Public to 'Be Safe, Be Sound' at Music Events This Summer (CT Police 27<sup>th</sup> June)

Laurence Taylor, Senior National Coordinator for Protect and Prepare, reminded the British public this week to [#BeSafeBeSound](#) at music events over the course of the summer. #BeSafeBeSound was an initiative launched in 2021 to remind concert goers to report suspicious activity and be alert to instructions from organisers should an attack happen. 60 organisations have joined the initiative and revellers can expect to see the publicity campaign in venues across the UK this summer. Taylor assured concertgoers there was no increased threat to the music industry but added counter terror police had foiled approximately 40 late-stage attacks since 2017 and vigilance from the public was paramount.

## Lancashire Major Incident Not Terror Related (Lancs Live 23<sup>rd</sup> June) <sup>1.</sup> <sup>2.</sup>

Northwest Counter Terror Police have confirmed last week's raid on an address in the Lancashire town of Leyland is no longer considered a terror incident and no other persons are suspected to be involved, as the 59-year-old suspect is released on bail pending enquiries. No reason was given for the pre-planned 6am raid on an address in a quiet street by police however, bomb disposals experts and the military were called in and surrounding streets evacuated following the discovery of 'suspicious chemicals and potential explosive equipment' at the address. The suspect who has not been named was arrested on suspicion of offences under the Explosives Act.

## "Projet WaffenKraft" Five Far-right Terror Trial Commences in Paris (RFI 19<sup>th</sup> June) <sup>3.</sup>

The terror trial for four of the five far-right suspects accused of planning attacks on Jewish institutions, mosques and a rap concert at the previously attacked Bataclan music venue in Paris, commenced in a juvenile court in Paris last week due to the age of the defendants when they planned the attacks. The group of five, described by the prosecution as 'steeped in neo—nazi ideology' and members of an online far-right forum Projet WaffenKraft, were 23, 22, 20, 17 and 14 years old when they began plotting attacks in 2017, before an arrest in September 2018 uncovered the extent of the group's efforts. The group was discovered when ringleader, Alexandre Gilet, 22-years-old at the time and a volunteer deputy gendarme, attempted to purchase explosive precursors online. A search of his address revealed bomb making equipment, weapons and ammunition and video footage and photos of group and individual training in weaponry and explosives. Online, officers discovered a search history of possible targets and a far-right manifesto for terror acts. The remaining suspect, who was 14 at the time, was tried last year reports Radio France Internationale (RFI) and given a two-year suspended sentence. This trial is expected to last until Friday. Le Parisien reports nine far-right attacks have been 'foiled' in France since 2017.



Headline 1:  
[#BeSafeBeSound Initiative](#)  
(Counter Terror Policing 2023)



**ACT** ACTION COUNTERS TERRORISM

# World News

## **Baroness Lawrence Dismayed at 6<sup>th</sup> Man Revelation in Son's Murder (Independent 27<sup>th</sup> June) <sup>4.</sup>**

Baroness Lawrence, the mother of Stephen Lawrence, murdered in a racist attack in April 1993 in Eltham, South London, aged 19, has expressed her anger at the recent revelation a sixth suspect in her son's murder was ignored by police. Despite coming to the attention of officers at the time of the offence, named during the trial of the original suspects and interviewed on two further occasions (the latest of which was 2013 before he died in 2021), Matthew White was never tried for his involvement in Stephen's murder despite rumours circulating he led the attack. The Crown Prosecution Services refused to proceed against White on two separate occasions due to insufficient evidence and only two of Stephen's alleged six killers were ever convicted. This week Met Police deputy assistant commissioner Matt Ward apologised for the lack of proper investigation into the named suspect stating:

*"Unfortunately, too many mistakes were made in the initial investigation and the impact of them continues to be seen."*

Releasing a statement after the announcement Baroness Lawrence said:

*"The latest revelation that a key suspect in the murder could have, and should have, been properly and thoroughly investigated is shocking but unsurprising... What is infuriating about this latest revelation is that the man who is said to have led the murderous attack on my son has evaded justice because of police failures and yet not a single police officer has faced or will ever face action."*

## **Arrests in Pakistan Concerning Greek Migrant Tragedy (Independent 20<sup>th</sup> June) <sup>5.</sup> <sup>6.</sup>**

Nine Egyptians together with Five Pakistanis have been arrested for their involvement in one of the worst migrant boat disasters after almost 600 people perished in the waters off the coast of Greece when the boat, they were in capsized on the morning of the 14<sup>th</sup> of June. 750 people were believed to be travelling on the boat to Italy after setting sail from a coastal town in Libya on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June. The Greek coastguard attests, despite approaching the vessel to offer assistance, suspects repeatedly refused the help because they wanted to get to Italy where migrant laws are more relaxed. Survivors (all of whom are men) identified the surviving suspects on board the vessel (the five Egyptian men) and claimed to have paid GBP 3,500 each for the journey. Many of the travellers came from Pakistan including 12 of the 104 rescued survivors. Pakistani authorities have received enquiries concerning 124 people believed to have been on the vessel who are still missing. Rumours abound regarding the Greek coastguard's intervention into the tragedy as some survivors report being briefly towed by a vessel prior to the capsize, although the coastguard continues to deny ever towing the boat.

A week after the Greek incident, tragedy struck again this time involving the capsizing of a boat off the coast of the Canary Islands where 35 people are believed to have drowned after setting sail in a boat carrying 59 people. 24 people onboard the vessel were rescued from the waters. Another migrant boat in the same area also experienced difficulty, 51 people on board were rescued.



Headline 1:  
Murdered Stephen Lawrence  
(My London 2023)



Headline 1:  
Suspect Matthew White  
(My London 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

### WORKPLACE SAFETY

#### **Delta Airlines Employee's Death Unrelated to 'Operational Processes' (BBC News 27<sup>th</sup> June) <sup>7</sup>.**

The death of a Delta Airlines employee who was ingested into the engine of a taxiing Delta Airbus A319 last Friday night has been ruled a suicide say investigators. The employee, 27-year-old David Renner, who suffered with mental health issues in the past, was sucked into the path of the one running engine as the plane taxied to a gate at San Antonio International Airport, Texas. Renner was an employee for ground operations contractor Unifi Aviation. After establishing the act appeared intentional the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) confirmed they would not be investigating. Advisory services would like to remind our WJ colleagues of the mental health services available to our staff through Vivup, the Wilson James Benefits Platform that provides advice, guidance and support through their 24/7 support line available on 0330 380 0658 or log in at <https://wilsonjames.vivup.co.uk/> to see a range of employee benefits and health and wellbeing resources.

### CYBER-SECURITY

#### **Iran: Second Cash of Documents Released by Anti-regime Hackers (Independent 18th June) <sup>8</sup>.**

The Iranian government suffered its second cyber-based attack in as many months this week from anti-regime hacker group "Ghiam ta Sarnegouni" (roughly translated as uprising until regime over-throw). The group, whose attacks began in early May, claimed to have "tens of thousands" of documents including sensitive correspondence and personal information about the regime's highest officials and in-particular their intent on discrediting anti-regime group, the People's Mujahedin of Iran (MEK) and affiliated organisations such as the National Council of Resistance of Iran. The group initially hacked into the foreign ministry's website and servers stealing documents and defacing it by replacing pictures of the supreme leader and the president with the faces of pro-western dissidents such as Maryam Rajavi (founder of MEK). The attack also posted passports of officials together with other sensitive documents online. This month the group released more documents revealing sensitive conversations regarding the state of the country's security services in light of the recent protests, where managers were described as "incompetent" and "dependent" and the Revolutionary forces as "demoralised" and "marginalised". The documents have been verified by the [Computer Emergency Response Team – Farsi](#) (CERTFA). The National Council of Resistance of Iran stated the document release revealed "the fear and vulnerability of the regime". The MEK's popularity in the West is growing rapidly particularly in the US where they are considered a government-in-waiting should the Iranian regime fall.

### AVIATION

#### **Cocaine Disguised as Charcoal Discovered at London Gateway Port from Columbia (BBC News 16<sup>th</sup> June)**

Border force officers searching a container (arriving from Columbia) at the London Gateway Port discovered a method of smuggling (seen for the first time in the UK) where 1.6 tonnes of cocaine was disguised as 800 sacks of charcoal and would require laboratory conditions to retrieve the narcotic from the substance. Two addresses searched in Coalville, Leicester are believed to be related to the investigation, a 51-year-old and 31-year-old were arrested on suspicion of importing class A drugs.



Headline 3:  
Cocaine Disguised as Coal  
(BBC News 2023)





# Activism Updates

## ACTIVISM

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> 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](#)

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Stop ULEZ Slow Convoy**

**Location:** North and South Circulars, London

**Cause:** Anti-ULEZ slow moving convoy planned for North and South Circulars in London Sat 1<sup>st</sup> of July with 'on-foot' support along the route.

**Details:** [TELEGRAM](#)

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Occupy Westminster/St James Park**

**Location:** Westminster and St James' Park

**Cause:** 'F\*\*\* the System' occupation prior to slow convoy on 21<sup>st</sup> July and main protest on 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

**Details:** [TELEGRAM](#)

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Marxism 2023 and Counter Protest**

**Location:** SOAS University of London, WC1 @11:00

**Cause:** Marxist festival of socialist ideas and counter protest.

**Details:** [TELEGRAM](#)

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Energy for All**

**Location:** Parliament, London

**Cause:** Fuel Poverty Action take manifesto demanding energy for all.

**Details:** [TWITTER](#)

## STRIKES

Please click [here](#) for details on this week's 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.

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.



[TELEGRAM 2023](#)



[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](mailto: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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