

# **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.



## More Arrests in PSNI Officer Attempted Murder Investigation (BBC News 6<sup>th</sup> July) 1.2.

Another three men have been arrested in relation to the attempted murder of Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) Detective Chief Inspector John Caldwell, after three more appeared in court on related charges earlier this week, bringing the total number of suspects charged during the on-going investigation to 13. The latest arrests relate to the claim of responsibility made by The New IRA in the wake of the attack in February earlier this year. Mr Caldwell appeared in public in May for the first time since the shooting at a garden party in Hillsborough Castle where he had a private audience with the King. He also received a special recognition award at the Sunday Life Spirit of Northern Ireland Awards last week, presented to him by PM Rishi Sunak (via videolink). Speaking publicly for the first time since his attempted murder he thanked his family and medics for their help and support and expressed his sorrow that children were witnesses to the attack.

### Rewards Offered for Help in the Arrests of Hong Kong Dissidents Abroad (Aljazeera 4th July) 3.4.

The US, UK and Australia have accused China of setting a dangerous precedent by offering rewards of over GBP 100,000 for information leading to the arrests of eight Hong Kong dissidents they say are guilty of "collusion with foreign forces". The eight subjects, some of whom live in the UK have fallen foul of Hong Kong's new National Security Law (introduced in 2020), the introduction of which led to widespread protests throughout the Chinese territory and over 250 arrests since its introduction. This latest move raises more questions about China's extraterritorial law that has seen Chinese police stations 'pop-up' in countries across the globe. Last month, security minister Tom Tugendhat announced the closure of all Chinese police stations in the UK and confirmed there was no evidence of illegal activity carried out at the venues. In response to the recent criticism, Chief Executive of Hong Kong John Lee said the dissidents will be "pursued for life" and should "give themselves up as soon as possible". In response to the warrants Foreign Minister James Cleverly responded saying:

"We call on Beijing to remove the National Security Law and for the Hong Kong authorities to end their targeting of those who stand up for freedom and democracy."

### Lone Wolf Spotting Scheme to Launch in Japan Following Assassination (Independent 4th July)

Japan's National Police Agency is to launch an initiative in August to 'spot potential lone wolf actors' following the assassination of former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe last year and the recent assassination attempt of current Prime Minister Fumio Kishida. The scheme aims 'to gather information on "individuals deemed particularly dangerous" during questioning or other investigative activities,' that intelligence will then be assessed for a potential threat level. The initiative, a pilot scheme will be rolled out across the country if deemed successful.

Headline 1:

John Caldwell (Centre) in July
(Independent 2023)





Headline 2:
Chief Superintendent of Police and
Warrants
(AlJazeera 2023)



## **World News**

### Seriously Injured Remain in Hospital after School Crash as Driver Arrested (Independent 7<sup>th</sup> July) 5.6.

The community and residents of Wimbledon village are still in shock this morning as the tragic events of yesterday start to sink in after a vehicle crashed into a junior school garden party on Thursday morning. One child is reported to have died from injuries sustained in the collision at Study Preparatory School and nine more remain in hospital (including 3 adults and a baby), in total 16 people sustained injuries. Details regarding the condition of the injured and the reason for the collision remain scant as police continue to investigate. It is thought, a female driver in her 40s lost control of the vehicle before it ploughed through a fence and into an end of term tea-party in a recreational area in front of the girl's junior school building. A major incident was declared at the school less than a mile from the tennis championships taking place at the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club that

saw an air ambulance, Fire brigade specialist crews and up to 20 ambulances attend. Witnesses report hearing rumours the driver suffered a medical incident but his has not been confirmed by officials. Yesterday the female driver was arrested on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving, she continues to be questioned in custody.

King Marks His Coronation in Scotland with Ceremony (Independent 5th July) 7.8.

King Charles III and Queen Camilla (along with other members of the Royal family) visited Scotland on Wednesday to officially mark the monarch's coronation. Attending a special ceremony at St Giles Cathedral in Edinburgh the King was presented with the Scottish Crown Jewels and the Sword of State. The event Included a 21-gun salute, a Red Arrows fly-past and procession through the Royal mile. In attendance were 700 members of the British Navy, Army and

Airforce. Olympian Dame Katherine Grainger presented the King with the Elizabeth Sword, specially commissioned for the event after the original Sword of State, dating back to 1507 was deemed too fragile to use. The procession was interrupted by protesting anti-monarchists and climate campaigners. Two campaigners from climate group 'This is rigged' were among 'a handful' activists arrested when they tried to climb over safety barriers and tensions were high between groups of pro and anti-monarchy supporters.





Headline 2:
King's Coronation in Pictures
(BBC News 2023)



Headline 1: Crash Site (Sy News 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**

### 20-year Pennsylvania Burglary Ring Suspects Charged (Artnet.com 3rd July) 9.

A group of nine people from a rural town in Pennsylvania have been charged with the theft of millions of dollars worth of antiques, artwork and sporting memorabilia as part of a burglary ring that spanned 20 years. The group from rural Lackawanna County operated across nine states between 1999 and 2019 and are believed to have stolen amongst other items: a Jackson Pollack worth USD 11.6 million entitled 'Springs Winter' taken in 2002 together with an Andy Warhol entitled 'Le Grande Passion' (both of which are yet to be recovered), almost half a million USD in gold nuggets (stolen from a mining museum in 2011), antique firearms, nine baseball world series rings and a Jasper Cropsey painting entitled 'Upper Hudson' stolen in 2011 that is understood to have be deliberately destroyed to avoid detection. Eight of the nine suspects surrendered themselves to police with suspected ring-leader 53-year-old Nicholas Dombek still at large. The group was eventually caught following forensic evidence retrieved from one scene three years ago was linked to a number of other heists and one of the group was arrested on a separate matter and cooperated with police.

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

## Reading Limits Hit Twitter as Meta Launch Rival Threads (Independent 3rd July) 10.

Twitter's Tweet Deck users (including this digest's author) woke on Monday to suspended accounts as new Twitter owner Elon Musk was rumoured to be restricting the number of tweets a user can view daily, to reduce the amount of 'Bots' plaguing the social media platform. When users eventually regained access however, they discovered all previous search columns deleted forcing them to recreate their tweet deck (some with over 80 columns) from memory. The suspension came as Meta's Mark Zuckerberg announced his new social media platform (billed as Twitter's rival) called Threads which launched on Wednesday and had ten million users in its first seven hours.

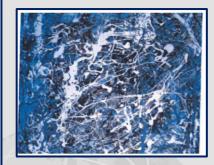
#### **AVIATION**

## **Traveller has Leg Amputated at a Bangkok Airport (AP News 19th June)**

A passenger travelling through Don Mueang International Airport, Bangkok, had to have her leg amputated last week after getting it stuck in a moving walkway. The passenger, a 57-year-old Thai woman was getting off the travelator in terminal 2 on her way to catch a flight, when she appeared to trip over her suitcase trapping her foot under the yellow 'comb' plates. Unfortunately, paramedics had to amputate her leg above the knee to free her from the device and medics were unable to re-attach it later in hospital. Officials for the airport apologised for the incident, confirmed they would cover costs of any medical treatment and are open to negotiations on compensation. The traveller is recovering in hospital whilst an investigation into the incident continues at the airport.



Headline 1:
Upper Hudson Believed Destroyed and
Pollack's Spring's Winter
(ArtNet 2023)



Headline 3:
Traveller Traps Leg in
Walkway
(Dailymail 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 8<sup>th</sup> July – London Trans + Pride Location: Trafalgar Square, London @13:00

Cause: Transgender movement 'summer of rage'

**Details:** FACEBOOK

Saturday 8th July – Housing Rebellion Action

**Location:** Nationwide protests

Cause: Housing for need not greed protests, Locations and details

<u>here</u>

**Details:** TELEGRAM

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Anti-Lidl Protest

Location: Tottenham Court Road, London

Cause: Chicken welfare protest by 'Open Cages'.

**Details:** FACEBOOK

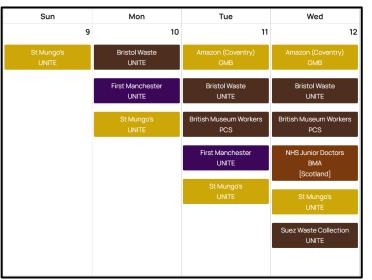




**STRIKES** 



Strike Calendar Friday June 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> July (Strike Calendar 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
   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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