

# ADVISORY SERVICES Weekly Digest



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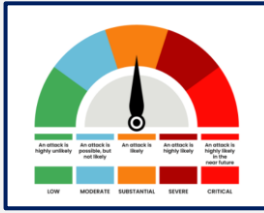
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# Terrorism and Threats

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.

PROTECT UK



## Birmingham Brothers Plead Guilty to 'Preparation of Terrorism' Charges (West Mids Police 10<sup>th</sup> July) <sup>1</sup>.

Brothers Muhammad Abdul Haleem Heyder Khan, 21-years-old and Muhammad Hamzah Heyder Khan, 18-years-old, both from Birmingham appeared in court this week pleading guilty to 'engaging in conduct in preparation for terrorism' after becoming radicalised in 2022 and attempting to travel to Afghanistan. Both were arrested in November last year and found in possession of material promoting jihad and application forms to join ISIS. News sources suggest they also encouraged others to 'shed the blood of non-believers' and had threatened Ex-PM David Cameron. The pair will be sentenced in September.



Headline 2:  
Gibbons and Patten-Walsh  
(Sky News 2023)

## Neo-Nazi Podcast Suspects Guilty of Terrorism in 'Plain Sight' (CT Police 7<sup>th</sup> July)

Two men, Christopher Gibbons 40-years-old, and Tyrone Patten-Walsh 35-years-old both from London were found guilty in a London Crown Court last week of terrorism offences relating to their airing of a far-right podcast in May 2021. The men aired homophobic, racist, anti-Semitic, Islamophobic and misogynistic extremist views and encouraged their listeners to go out and commit 'acts of terrorist violence', Gibbons was also found in possession of a library of hundreds of extreme right-wing texts and videos. Speaking after the verdict, Commander Dominic Murphy heading up the Met's Counter Terrorism Command said:

*"Gibbons and Patten-Walsh thought that the fact they were airing their hateful views and advocating terrorist acts in plain sight, on a radio and podcast platform, somehow gave them some legitimacy and meant they wouldn't face any consequences...They were wrong, and both our investigation and a jury has found that they sought to encourage terrorism in how they expressed their abhorrent extreme right-wing views."*

The podcast channel had 1,000 subscribers and 152,000 views.



Headline 3:  
Mohammed Abbkr  
(BBC News 2023)

## Edgbaston Man Pleads Not Guilty to Arson Attacks on Mosque Worshippers (My London 7<sup>th</sup> July) <sup>2</sup>.

The man responsible for arson attacks on two pensioners after they left evening prayers earlier this year, appeared at Birmingham Crown Court last week (via video-link from HMP Belmarsh) and pled not guilty to attempted murder. Sudanese Mohammed Abbkr, 28-years-old from Edgbaston, has been on remand since his arrest after the attacks on 20<sup>th</sup> March and 27<sup>th</sup> February. Abbkr is alleged to have sprayed both victims with a flammable substance before setting them light as they walked home from local mosques in London and Edgbaston. The male victims, an 82-year-old and a 70-year-old suffered severe injuries and left Muslim communities feeling vulnerable, particularly as the holy month of Ramadan approached. Community groups and mosques stepped up security, provided personal alarms and whistles for worshippers and issued guidance such as car-sharing and accompanying the elderly to and from prayers. Abbkr was remanded in custody until his trial which is due to start in October this year. Details on the Home Office **Protective Security Schemes for Places of Worship** can be found here.

# World News

## **Teacher Recovering Well after Stabbing Incident at School (Sky News 12<sup>th</sup> July) [3.](#) [4.](#) [5.](#)**

The 15-year-old at the heart of the stabbing incident at a Gloucestershire school on Monday has been charged with ‘attempted wounding with intent and possession of a bladed article on school premises.’ The suspect, who has not been named, is alleged to have attacked the popular teacher in a school hallway with a knife around 9am before fleeing the scene. He was arrested at approximately 11am in the local area. The search for the suspect caused the school to go into lockdown and neighbouring institutions to close, forcing some students to shelter in place for four hours. The victim, 27-year-old maths teacher Jamie Sansom, is recovering well at home after receiving treatment in hospital and has debunked rumours he was interrupting a fight. The school re-opened on Tuesday with a significant police presence and on-hand mental health support for staff and students. Appearing in Court on Wednesday, the boy admitted possession of the knife but pled not guilty to wounding with intent. Further details emerged regarding the incident, revealing the child apologised to the teacher before stabbing him after knocking on his classroom door.



Headline 1:  
Jamie Sansom  
(Sky News 2023)

## **Commons Investigating After Suspected Chinese Spy Infiltration (Telegraph 12<sup>th</sup> July)**

The Telegraph newspaper understands parliamentary officials are investigating an incident from Wednesday last week where they suspect a Chinese spy attempted to infiltrate an invitation-only event for Hong Kong campaigners held at the House of Commons. Whilst refusing to comment on the incident publicly, The House of Commons is believed to have opened an investigation after it was revealed the Chinese national gave a non-approved name in an attempt to gain access to the event and claimed he was a tourist when challenged. Organiser of the event Bob Seely MP (Con), told reporters it was

*“Completely inappropriate...(for Beijing) to send an operative to intimidate or record people at a private parliamentary event”.*

## **Another Child Dies Following Wimbledon School Crash (Guardian 9<sup>th</sup> July) [6.](#)**

A second eight-year-old schoolgirl has succumbed to their injuries following the land rover crash at a Wimbledon school last week. The second victim, Nuria Sajjad died three days after first victim, Selena Lau and the incident still leaves a 40-year-old woman in hospital in a life-threatening condition. Details are yet to be released regarding the circumstances which led to the crash and a 46-year-old woman arrested on suspicion of murder has been bailed until late-July pending further enquiries. Some news reports suggests the driver suffered a medical incident at the wheel of the vehicle with other reports suggesting she bit through her tongue when she suffered a seizure. The driver was treated at hospital for non-life-threatening injuries and released. Detective Chief Superintendent Clair Kelland noted:

*“This was the largest local policing deployment in south-west London since 2017 and our officers, along with members of the other emergency services, were met with a challenging and traumatic scene...I would like to praise them for doing all they could to help those injured. I have no doubt this incident would have also had a significant impact on them, and we will ensure their welfare is looked after.”*



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

### SOCIAL MEDIA

#### **Blue Tick Users Only for Tweet Deck as Twitter Rivals See Exponential Growth (Independent 11th July) <sup>7. 8.</sup>**

Tweet Deck users continue to suffer as Twitter confirmed it intends to restrict its use to 'Blue Tick' subscribers only by month's end. Twitter started charging users for the 'blue tick' verification last year, where subscriptions in the US costs USD11. The latest announcement is a further blow for social media monitoring tools whose tweet reading limits have been severely reduced, but also to organisations such as the US National Weather Service who complain they may not be able to read all severe weather alert tweets and suggest people call in rather than tweet weather updates. The restrictions are a welcomed boost for Twitter's rivals but as their popularity increases (particularly Meta's newly launched platform Threads) they are yet to be incorporated into most media monitoring tools. Threads is yet to launch in the EU due to its issues with Meta's data sharing policies. As of Sunday, 100 million users have signed up to the Meta alternative.

### AVIATION

#### **Easy Jet Flight Cancellations at Gatwick to Cause Summer Chaos for Passengers (Guardian 10<sup>th</sup> July)**

Easy Jet have announced the cancellation of over 1,700 flights (mainly from Gatwick) this summer because of 'unprecedented' air-traffic control delays and constrained air space due to the war in Ukraine. Some passengers travelling this week were reportedly disembarked after getting as far as the runway. Gatwick has been quick to assure travellers the delays were not as a result of staff shortages similar to those experienced by passengers this time last year, but the cancellations have affected over 180,000 travellers and left a reported 9,000 customers without alternative flight options. Easy Jet's competitors appeared to experience only slight disruptions to their schedules cancelling eight flights in total from Gatwick on Monday. European air-traffic controllers intend to strike over staffing levels this summer and more disruption is expected.

### ACTIVISM

#### **Newlyweds The Osbournes Showered with Orange Confetti as MPs Watch On (Sky News 9<sup>th</sup> July)**

Former Chancellor George Osbourne's wedding was interrupted by a suspected climate campaigner, after a well-dressed woman showered him and his new bride, Thea Rogers, with orange confetti as they left the church venue in Somerset. It wasn't the only harassment the ex-MP suffered on the run-up to his wedding, after it was revealed his guests were victim to a 'poison pen letter' scam believed to be part of a long-term cyber-bullying campaign against him by a known individual. Just Stop Oil denied they were responsible for the confetti incident and the ex-chancellor himself doesn't believe it was some form of protest however the motive for the spectacle is still unclear. The incident raises concerns again over the security surrounding MPs, many of whom were in attendance at the ceremony.



Headline 2:  
Mr and Mrs Osbourne  
Covered in Confetti  
(Sky 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](#)

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Climate Camp Scotland**

**Location:** Grangemouth, Scotland

**Cause:** Yearly Climate Festival, focussing this year on INEOS

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

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Raise the Vibe – No 15min Cities**

**Location:** Kirkcaldy Promenade, Scotland @12:30

**Cause:** 15-minute City and freedom protests.

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



## STRIKES

**Strike Calendar Wed June 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July**  
(Strike Calendar 2023)

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
12	13	14	
Amazon (Coventry) GMB	Amazon (Coventry) GMB	Bristol Waste UNITE	Bristol Waste UNITE
British Museum Workers PCS	Bristol Waste UNITE	British Museum Workers PCS	British Museum Workers PCS
NHS Junior Doctors BMA [Scotland]	British Museum Workers PCS	NHS Ambulance UNITE [Yorkshire]	NHS Junior Doctors BMA
St Mungo's UNITE	First Manchester UNITE	NHS Junior Doctors BMA	St Mungo's UNITE
Suez Waste Collection UNITE	NHS Junior Doctors BMA	St Mungo's UNITE	
	St Mungo's UNITE	Suez Waste Collection UNITE	
	Suez Waste Collection UNITE		

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
16	17	18	19
Bristol Waste UNITE	NHS Junior Doctors BMA	Birmingham Airport Security UNITE	Birmingham Airport Security UNITE
British Museum Workers PCS		NHS Junior Doctors BMA	Suez Waste Collection UNITE
NHS Junior Doctors BMA			
St Mungo's UNITE			



# 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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