

# ADVISORY SERVICES

## Weekly Digest



27<sup>th</sup> July 2023



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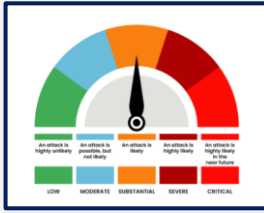
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# Terrorism and Threats

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



## Brussel Bombers Guilty of Terrorist Murder after 2016 Attacks That Killed 32 (BBC News 26<sup>th</sup> July) <sup>1</sup>

Six men have been found guilty in a Brussels court this week on charges of terrorist murder, after their part in a bombing campaign in the Belgium city in March 2016. The first and second attack, minutes apart at Zaventem airport were detonated in the departure hall and killed 16 people, the third attack targeted a city metro station also killing 16 (a further three victims died years later due to the trauma they sustained, bringing the death toll to 35). A fourth device, found in the airport failed to detonate and another belonging to a metro bombing suspect failed to go off. Two of the men found guilty are already serving sentences in France for their part in the 2015 Paris attacks that killed 130. The trial, the biggest in Belgium's history, lasted seven months and included four other defendants, two of whom were found guilty of 'taking part in terrorist activity'. The defendants are expected to be sentenced in September this year.

## Anjem Choudary Charged with Three Terror Offences (Sky News 24<sup>th</sup> July)

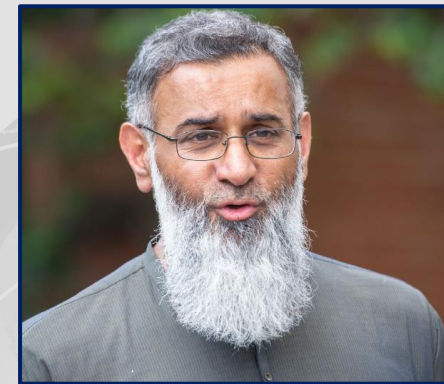
Convicted hate preacher Anjem Choudhary appeared in court on Monday charged with three terror offences after his arrested last week (see [Digest 25](#)). The 56-year-old is accused of directing "the activities of an organisation which was concerned in the commission of acts of terrorism", belonging to a proscribed organisation, namely Al-Muhajiroun and addressing a meeting encouraging support for the group. Arrested as part of the same investigation, Khaled Hussein, 28 from Canada was also charged with belonging to Al-Muhajiroun. Both men failed to enter any pleas and were remanded in custody until their next court appearance on the 4<sup>th</sup> of August.

## China's Reach is a Growing Concern for Canada (BBC News 22<sup>nd</sup> July)

Canada's concerns over Chinese interference and espionage activities in-country continued to grow this week after revelations a retired Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) officer was arrested and charged with 'foreign interference on behalf of China.' 60-year-old William Majcher (originally from Hong Kong), is thought to have used his police connections to secure intelligence on Chinese dissidents and Canadian politicians and has been charged under Canada's Security of Information Act. Canada has seen a number of security breaches of late regarding Chinese interference, namely: An investigation from June this year into allegations of intimidation of a Canadian member of parliament and his family, in May a Chinese diplomat was removed for 'interference in Canadian affairs,' and last year a utility worker was arrested for spying on behalf of China. It is also thought China interfered in the last two general elections. The RCMP are currently investigating over 100 cases involving foreign interference.



Headline 1:  
[Brussels Bombing Locations](#)  
(BBC News 2023)



Headline 2:  
[Anjem Choudary](#)  
(Sky News 2023)





Headline 2:  
BTP Railway  
(BTP.com 2023)

# World News

Headline 1:  
Crane on Fire (Fox News 2023)

## **No Fatalities After New York Crane Collapse (Sky News 26th July) 2. 3.**

New Yorkers and construction workers escaped with their lives on Wednesday after a construction crane 45 stories high caught fire and collapsed falling onto the street below. A fire broke out on the arm of the crane (moving 16 tonnes of concrete), weakening the cable and causing its collapse at around 7.30 on Wednesday morning at 10<sup>th</sup> and W41<sup>st</sup> street in New York. Eleven people (including two firemen) were injured and the fire prompted the evacuation of neighbouring buildings. An investigation has commenced into the cause of the fire, the operators of the crane and the structural integrity of the building being constructed. The victim's injuries are not thought to be life threatening.

Headline 1:  
Collapsing Cranes (Sky News 2023)



## **BTP Launches Railway Guardian Campaign and App (BTP.Police.uk 26th July)**

British Transport Police (BTP) have launched their new 'all-in-one' safety app called 'Railway Guardian' allowing you to report crimes and concerns and get support together with guidance on acceptable behaviour and how to be an active bystander whilst travelling on trains. The app also allows you to share your journey with trusted contacts and notify them when you arrive safe. For further details on the app, please click [here](#).



Headline 1:  
Crane and Concrete Debris on Street  
(Sky News 2023)

## **Spanish Election Results Reveal No Declared Winner as Coalition Talks Begin (Politico 24th July) 4.**

The Spanish Socialist Workers Party (PSOE) failed to secure enough votes in Spain's general election this week to cement the party's continued government of the country, in a divisive election that saw the right-wing People's Party (PP) scrape ahead with 1.4% more of the votes. The results (136 seats/33.1% (PP) Vs 122 seats 31.7% (PSOE) leaves Spain without a ruling party as both political parties consider opposing, far-leaning coalitions. Spain's current socialist Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez will remain in office until at least mid-august when parliament reconvenes, and the potential ruling parties meet the King for Royal ascent.

Headline 3.:

Spanish Election Contenders,

Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez (left) and Alberto Nunez-Feijoo (Politico 2023)



# Industry

Meet the person  
#BehindTheBadge

## MARITIME

### One Dead After North Sea Vessel Catches Fire (Sky News 26<sup>th</sup> July) <sup>5. 6. 7.</sup>

A Panamanian registered cargo ship en-route to Egypt caught fire in the North Sea late on Tuesday night, 180km off the Dutch coast, leaving at least one dead and 'many' injured say reports. The vessel transporting thousands of vehicles to Egypt (25 of which were electric cars), had to evacuate the 23 crew members (some of whom jumped over-board) after attempts to get the fire under control failed. An electric vehicle is believed to be the source of inferno which is yet to be extinguished and has left the ship listing, prompting fears it may sink. The fire is the second this month to ignite on a cargo ship transporting electric vehicles after two firemen died trying to put out a fire onboard a vessel in the Port of Newark, US. It took five days to extinguish the Newark blaze and that salvage operation is expected to last two months.

## MUSEUMS

### Case of the 'Burnt Digestive Biscuit' Resolved after Ten Years (The Guardian 26<sup>th</sup> July)

An art dealer has been ordered to pay GBP 111,000 to a gallery by a London Court this week after 'losing' a painting more than ten years ago. The 2.5 metre wide painting by Mexican artist Bosco Sodi, entitled *Untitled in red 2011*, was loaned to Esperanza Koren in 2012 as part of a collection to sell. When she returned the collection, the Bosco was missing. At first Esperanza offered to pay for the painting before later stating she couldn't find it. Her offer to purchase the painting via a what's app message was declared a valid contract by the trial judge who also suggested she had used the painting to secure other loans and lost track of it before ordering her to compensate the gallery ten years after the fact.

## SECURITY

### International Security Officer Day Marked by SIA (UK.Gov 24<sup>th</sup> July) <sup>8.</sup>

The security industry celebrated International Security Officer's Day on Monday this week, acknowledged by a message to officers from Security Industry Authority (SIA) CEO Michelle Russell where she says:

*"This year we continue to highlight some of the awe-inspiring stories of commitment, professionalism, courage, dedication and bravery through our #BehindTheBadge campaign. We invite members of the public to join us in thanking, celebrating and saluting our real-life heroes. Let's pay tribute to them and their skills and qualities that make them heroes in everyday life...So here's to the brave ones, the courageous and compassionate ones, the resilient ones; the conflict resolvers and those who diligently and reliably look out for us 24/7 – we thank you for all the invaluable work you do to protect and keep us safe...We see you. We respect you. We thank you."*

The SIA licence over 420,000 officers in the UK and to mark the day they have launched #BehindTheBadge a chance to meet the person behind the officer, read their stories or share your own. For more information on #BehindTheBadge please click [here](#).



Headline 2:  
Bosco's *Untitled in Red 2011*  
(Guardian 2023)



Headline 3:  
SIA #BehindTheBadge  
(SIA.com 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](#)

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July – Animal Rights Protest**

**Location:** Outside Pret-a-Manger, Conduit Street, London @17:00

**Cause:** Regular Animal Rights outreach and demonstration

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

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July – Freedom Rally**

**Location:** Piccadilly Gardens, Manchester @13:00, Buchanan Galleries, Glasgow @13:00

**Cause:** Freedom of speech, freedom of movement protest, anti-ULEZ.

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



Twitter 2023

## STRIKES

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
First Manchester UNITE	First Manchester UNITE	First Manchester UNITE	NHS Radiographers SoR	St Mungo's UNITE	First Manchester UNITE	Rail RMT
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**Strike Calendar Wed July 25<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> August**  
(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](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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