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About Us

Sentinel Group Security (SGS) was formed in July 2005 and became a fast-growing security services provider within United Kingdom and Ireland. We first partnered with our customers to provide specialised and effective security solutions including open-source intelligence reporting, security vulnerability assessments and training. Our capability is defined by our employees and the high level of skills and experience they possess and the procedures they adopt.

Intelligence led security

With a 360° approach to threat detection and intelligence service provision. Outside of dealing with major incidents, the SGS National Operations Centre proactively assesses the various security threats that your business, people, assets, and brand might face by monitoring social and conventional media to identify:

- On-going threats
- Specific industry threats
- Future trends
- Best practice

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United Kingdom's National Security Threat

Introduction

The main threats to national security are terrorism, espionage, cyber threats and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, many of which impact on the UK's national infrastructure.

National infrastructure sectors represent core strategic interests for foreign intelligence services, whose targeting against the sectors is likely to include espionage for economic, political, military, or commercial gain.

While the threat from terrorism to the UK as a whole is high, and historically both international and Northern Ireland terrorist groups have targeted UK infrastructure, the current terrorist threat to the national infrastructure can be characterised as generally limited and often aspirational.

The exception is transport which continues to face enduringly high levels of threat from international terrorism. In addition, the emergency services and defence sectors, specifically police and military personnel, also face a high level of threat from both international terrorism and dissident republic groups in Northern Ireland, for whom they are a priority target for attack.

Generally higher levels of effective and visible protective security at national infrastructure sites are likely to act as a deterrent to terrorists, who increasingly favour 'soft' targets which allow them to achieve their aims with greater chance of success. Nevertheless, with the continual diversification of the threat, the ambition and capability of terrorist groups to target UK infrastructure is likely to continue to evolve. https://www.cpni.gov.uk/national-security-threats

United Kingdom's Threat Definitions

International terrorism

International terrorism from groups such as the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) and Al Qaida present a threat from many others. They hold territory in places without functioning governments, making it easier for them to train recruits and plan complex, sophisticated attacks. Drawing on extreme interpretations of Islam to justify their actions, these groups often have the desire and capability to direct terrorist attacks against the West, and to inspire those already living there to carry out attacks of their own.

Northern Ireland-related terrorism

Northern Ireland-related terrorism continues to pose a serious threat to British interests. Although the Provisional Irish Republican Army (PIRA) has ceased its terrorist campaign and is now committed to the political process, some dissident republican groups continue to mount terrorist attacks, primarily against the security forces.

Domestic extremism

Domestic extremism mainly refers to individuals or groups that carry out criminal acts in pursuit of a larger agenda, such as "right-wing extremists". They may seek to change legislation or influence domestic policy and try to achieve this outside of the normal democratic process. *https://www.mi5.gov.uk/counter-terrorism*

Cyber

"Cyberspace" is the term used to describe the electronic medium of digital networks used to store, modify, and communicate information. It includes the Internet but also other information systems that support businesses, infrastructure, and services.

Cyberspace lies at the heart of modern society; it impacts our personal lives, our businesses and our essential services. A secure online environment is essential to HM Government, which is providing an ever-increasing number of online services to UK citizens and businesses as part of a major digital services transformation programme. The ability to conduct online transactions securely is central to the delivery of public and commercial services and communications. However, some individuals and groups use cyberspace for malicious purposes. We call these people 'hostile actors' and they exploit cyberspace to conduct espionage operations or launch damaging computer network attacks.

Cyber security affects both the public and the private sector and spans a broad range of issues related to national security, whether through terrorism, crime or state and industrial espionage. https://www.cpni.gov.uk/cyber

Espionage

The potential impact of successful State-sponsored espionage against the UK is both wide reaching and significant. The threat of espionage (spying) did not end with the collapse of Soviet communism in the early 1990s. Espionage against UK interests continues and is potentially very damaging. Several foreign intelligence services (FIS) seek to gather intelligence

on a broad range of subjects, including foreign policy, defence, financial, technological, industrial and commercial interests.

https://www.cpni.gov.uk/espionage

Serious and Organised Crime

Serious and organised crime is defined in the 2018 Serious and Organised Crime Strategy as individuals planning, coordinating, and committing serious offences, whether individually, in groups and/or as part of transnational networks.

The main categories of serious offences covered by the term are:

- child sexual abuse

- modern slavery and human trafficking

- organised immigration crime

- illegal drugs

- illegal firearms

- organised acquisitive crime

- cybercrime

- fraud

- money laundering, bribery, corruption and sanctions evasion.

https://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/

United Kingdom Current Threat Levels

Introduction

Members of the public should always remain alert to the danger of terrorism and **report any suspicious activity to the police on 999** or the **anti-terrorist hotline**: **0800 789 321**. If your information does not relate to an imminent threat, you can also contact them at https://www.mi5.gov.uk/contact-us

What the threat levels mean

Threat levels are designed to give a broad indication of the likelihood of a terrorist attack.

LOW

- Means an attack is unlikely

MODERATE

- Means an attack is possible, but not likely

SUBSTANTIAL

- Means an attack is likely

SEVERE

- Means an attack is highly likely in the near furure

CRITITCAL

- Means an attack is highly likely in the near future

Current national terrorism threat levels

The threat to the UK (England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland) from terrorism is **SUBSTANTIAL**.

The threat to Northern Ireland from Northern Ireland-related terrorism is **SEVERE.**

Open-Source Security Incident News

WW2 bomb detonated after homes evacuated in Exeter

A controlled detonation has been carried out on an unexploded World War Two bomb found in Exeter. More than 2,600 households and University of Exeter halls of residence were evacuated after the device was found on Glenthorne Road. Police declared a major incident and put up an initial 330ft (100m) cordon, extended to 1,310ft (400m). Bomb disposal experts used 400 tonnes of sand to create an enclosing "box" before it was made safe.

Lockdown bomb hoaxer targeted NHS, MPs, and BLM protests

An Italian man in Germany has been sentenced to three years in prison for threatening to bomb NHS hospitals, Black Lives Matter rallies and UK MPs. Emil Apreda, 33, sent emails from Berlin demanding £10m worth of Bitcoin to not carry out the attacks. The National Crime Agency said he made his threats in the spring and summer of 2020 as the NHS struggled with Covid. Senior officers kept the threats from the public for fear of patients being scared into not attending hospitals.

Security company director fined for ignoring industry regulator

Security Company director Kevan Warren has been fined for failing to provide information to the Security Industry Authority (SIA). Kevan Warren of Liverpool was sentenced at Liverpool and Knowsley Magistrates' Court on Thursday 11 February. District Judge Shaw imposed a fine of £230 plus a victim surcharge of £32. The director of SecureSec Security Solutions Ltd, Warren has also been instructed to pay costs of £500.

G4S set for £3.8bn takeover by Allied Universal Security Services

Security outsourcing firm G4S looks set to be taken over by Allied Universal Security Services, after rival Canadian suitor GardaWorld said it would not be increasing its existing bid to trump the US firm's £3.8bn offer. G4S, which operates services including running four British prisons and managing 21 UK Covid-19 test centres, saw its stock jump as the long-running bidding war between GardaWorld and Allied Universal intensified. However, GardaWorld said that it would not be increasing its 235p-a-share offer, which valued G4S at £3.68bn (£2.61bn), ending the auction process called by the UK Takeover Panel.

'Martyn's Law' would 'minimise terror risk'

Figure aMartyn Hett was killed in the 2017 attack at Manchester Arena

New anti-terrorism legislation in memory of a Manchester Arena bombing victim should "protect people and be proportionate", the justice secretary has said as a consultation is launched. Building on "Martyn's Law", the new Protect Duty will require public places and venues to improve security. It follows a campaign by Figen Murray, mother of Martyn Hett who died in the 2017 attack. Justice Secretary Robert Buckland said it would "minimise the risk of harm". He said there needed to be a balance between the "obvious need" for larger venues to plan and think ahead.

Mr Buckland said, while it had "taken a long time" to get to this stage, "we wanted to get this right." Whitehall backed the plans last year, but work stalled due to the pandemic.

Terror plot accused 'wanted to be famous rapper'

A man who wanted to become a rapper has denied buying an 18-inch (46cm) sword for a terror attack, saying he had only wanted to be "famous". Sahayb Abu, 27, from Dagenham, admits buying the sword, as well as a knife, a combat vest and balaclavas but denies they were for a terror attack. His brother Muhamed Abu, 32, from Norwood, south London, is also on trial at the Old Bailey. He is accused of failing to disclose Sahayb's activities. The court has previously been shown videos of a masked Sahayb rapping about bombs and eliminating opponents.

App helps Londoners 'report terrorist content'

An app designed to help Londoner's report terrorist content "easily and anonymously" has been launched. It follows recent research which showed four out of five people were unsure how to report extremist material. The iREPORTit app has been created alongside the national Counter Terrorism Internet Referral Unit after receiving £40,000 from City Hall. London Mayor Sadiq Khan said he was "determined to help keep Londoners safe". He said: "We know terrorists and extremists are set on exploiting the uncertainty and anxiety caused by the pandemic for their own gain.

Spy agency turns to AI to tackle child abuse

UK intelligence agency GCHQ intends to use artificial intelligence to tackle issues from child sexual abuse to disinformation and human trafficking. The UK's adversaries were already using the technology, it said. The agency has published a paper, Ethics of AI: Pioneering a New National Security, saying the technology will be put at the heart of its operations. And officials say it will help analysts spot patterns hidden inside large - and fast growing - amounts of data.

Gloucestershire security business and SIA combat use of fake security licence

Samuel Chimize Ugorji was caught trying to work illegally as a security operative after a Cheltenham security business spotted that his documents were fake. Gloucester-based Ugorji was prosecuted at Gloucestershire Magistrates Court on two counts of fraud and one count of infringement of the Private Security Industry Act 2001. The prosecution was brought by the Security Industry Authority (SIA).

In November 2019, Ugorji sought legal employment from Cheltenham-based Sterling Security. He presented the company with a counterfeit door supervisor's licence and a driver's licence in someone else's name. Sterling Security immediately alerted the SIA, whose investigators discovered that, while Ugorji was resident in the UK on a legal basis, he had no right to work here. He was using a counterfeit SIA licence card and a non-existent address as his means of identification.

Fines handed to Eastbourne security personnel

Two Door supervisors were recently sentenced at Lewes Crown Court in the wake of submitting guilty pleas for working without a valid licence at a popular Eastbourne family restaurant. Doing so is a breach of the Private Security Industry Act 2001.

Edward Chi-Mon Chung from Eastbourne was ordered to pay a £1,000 fine and a Proceeds of Crime confiscation order of £10,118.60. He was ordered to pay £1,095 within three months of the date of his sentencing.

Reyano Leon from Bromley was fined £500. He was handed a Proceeds of Crime confiscation order of £5,670.49 and, in parallel, required to pay the sum of £500.77 by a set date.

PM: Climate change a grave security threat

Climate change is a "grave" security threat, Boris Johnson has warned as he chaired a United Nations Security Council session. It is the first time a British PM has chaired such a meeting since 1992. Other speakers included broadcaster Sir David Attenborough, UN Secretary General António Guterres and Sudanese climate activist Nisreen Elsaim. The UK holds the presidency of the Security Council this month and hosts the COP26 climate summit in November. The summit in Glasgow will be attended by dozens of world leaders and is likely to be the most significant round of talks since the global Paris Agreement to tackle climate change was secured in 2015.

Man charged with threatening MPs including Corbyn, Rudd and Bercow over Brexit

A man has been charged with sending threatening emails to MPs, including calling former Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn a "terrorist" and warning others they faced being assassinated. Alleged victims include former speaker John Bercow, former home secretary Amber Rudd, former attorney general Dominic Grieve QC, one-time London mayoral candidate and ex-Cabinet minister Rory Stewart. SNP Westminster leader Ian Blackford, ex-Liberal Democrat

leader Jo Swinson and the party's current leader Sir Ed Davey were also allegedly threatened. Paul Ritchie has been charged with nearly 30 counts of sending a letter, communication or article conveying a threatening message against a series of politicians, court documents show.

20kg of cocaine seized at Belfast Port

Authorities seized 20 kg of cocaine hidden inside an empty fuel tank being transported in a van at Belfast port. The van had arrived at the port on a ferry from Birkenhead on 22 February. Authorities arrested the driver of the vehicle and another person in connection with the seizure. The haul is one of the biggest cocaine seizures made in Northern Ireland in recent years.
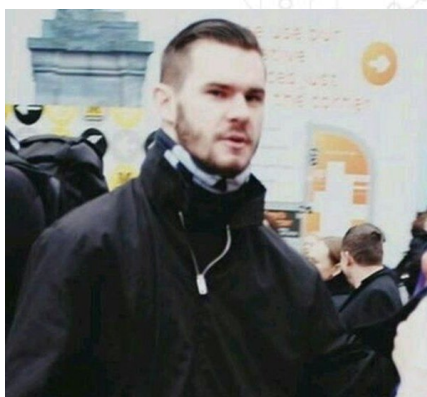
Police seize 2.3 tonnes of cocaine at Portsmouth Port

Police at Portsmouth Port seized 2.3 tonnes of cocaine hidden in a consignment of bananas from Colombia. Authorities allowed the consignment to continue on a truck to Tottenham Industrial Estate in north London, where they arrested ten people. The National Crime Agency said that authorities have charged three of the ten people. This is one of the largest recorded cocaine hauls recorded by UK authorities in recent years.

Gloucestershire man charged with terrorism offences

A 43-year-old man has been charged with terrorism offences after an operation involving three police forces. Toby Shone, of The Cross in Drybrook, Gloucestershire appeared at Westminster Magistrates Court. Initially arrested on 18 November, he was re-arrested and charged. Properties in Lydbrook and Coleford in the Forest of Dean and Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire were searched as part of the investigation. The operation was led by Counter Terrorism Policing South East and involved officers from Counter Terrorism Policing South West and Gloucestershire Constabulary.

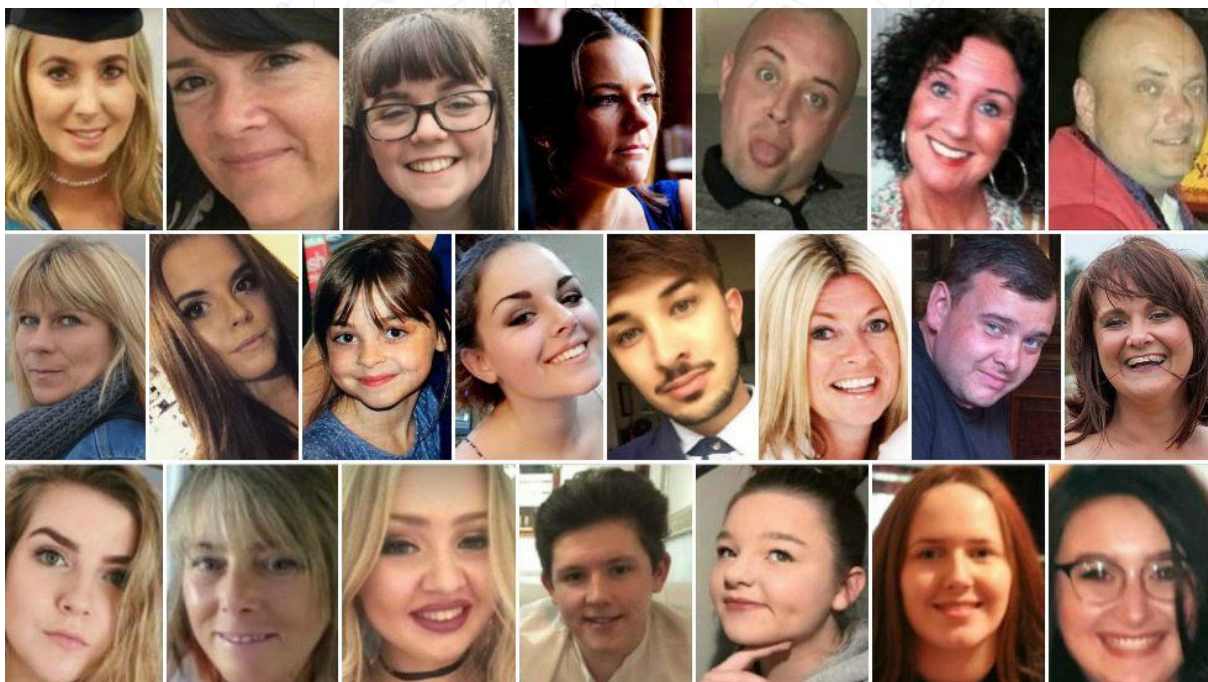## Neo-Nazi paedophile jailed for messaging children

A convicted paedophile and former member of a banned neo-Nazi terrorist group has been jailed for unsupervised contact with children. Ryan Fleming, 30, of Horsforth, Leeds, was a regional organiser for National Action, which was outlawed in 2016. Counter terror police who raided his home in December found he was using Instagram to message young teenagers. He admitted breaching a sexual harm prevention order and was sentenced to six months in prison. Sentencing him at Leeds Crown Court, Judge Mushtaq Khokar said Fleming knew "fully well" that what he was doing was forbidden.

Terror suspect who sparked manhunt pleads guilty

A terror suspect who cut off an electronic monitoring tag and fled his home has pleaded guilty to breaching counter terror rules. The man, who cannot be named for legal reasons, is a senior member of the banned terrorist group al-Muhajiroun. He caused a security alert and triggered a manhunt when he absconded in September. His actions resulted in increased checks at UK ports, causing delays for travellers. Appearing at the Old Bailey by video link from prison, he admitted six breaches of his Terrorism Prevention and Investigation Measures (TPIM). TPIM notices allow the authorities to monitor and control people considered to be terrorists - but who are not facing criminal charges.
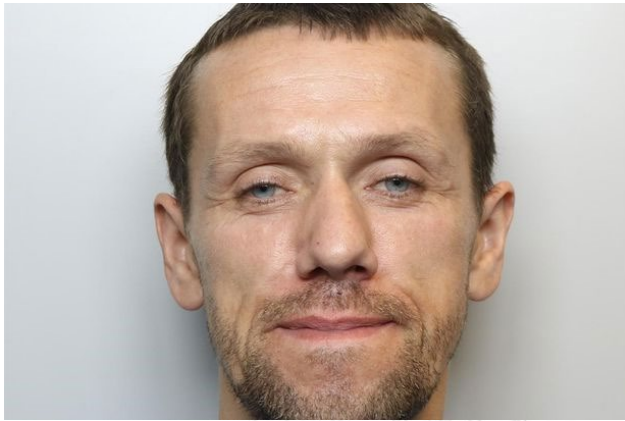
Manchester Arena Inquiry: Terror offender 'unfit to give evidence'

Abdallah, who is in prison, is refusing to give evidence to the Manchester Arena Inquiry even though he has been described as having had a significant relationship with Abedi. Abedi detonated a homemade device in the foyer of Manchester Arena as people left a concert on 22 May 2017, killing 22 people and injuring hundreds more. The families of those who died have been told there are medical reasons why Abdallah cannot be forced to give evidence, but they want to see the reasons for themselves. After giving a "no comment" interview to lawyers before the inquiry began, forensic psychiatrist Dr John Kent was instructed to interview Abdallah in prison, but he refused and instead was interviewed by a psychiatrist suggested by his legal team, Dr Richard Latham, whose report was then reviewed by Dr Kent.

Dr Latham's report concluded Abdallah was unfit to give evidence and making him do so could risk self-harm.

Huddersfield drug addict threatened security guards with hypodermic needle and knife

A drug addict thief who threatened security staff at a Huddersfield supermarket with a hypodermic needle and a knife has been jailed for a total of 30 months. In April last year 39-year-old Nicholas Leonard was caught on CCTV stealing five bottles of whisky from the Morrison's store on Penny Lane in Waterloo. A security guard recognised Leonard as the suspect and a few days later on he spotted the prolific offender trying to leave the store with items under his coat. Prosecutor Maryam Ahmad told Bradford Crown Court that when the security guard challenged Leonard, he pulled out the hypodermic needle.

UK's youngest terror offender, boy, 16, sentenced

A teenager who is the youngest person in the UK to commit a terror offence has been given a two-year youth rehabilitation order. The 16-year-old boy from Cornwall admitted 12 offences including downloading a bomb-making manual. At the Old Bailey, Judge Mark Dennis QC said a custodial sentence would "undo" the progress made since the boy was arrested in July 2019. The teenager, who cannot be named, had "significant vulnerabilities", he said. The boy collected far right material and expressed racist, homophobic, and anti-Semitic views on online platforms between 2018 and July 2019, the court heard.

The teen giving a Nazi salute.

Croydon stabbings: One killed and 10 injured in spate of attacks

One man has died and at least 10 others have been injured in a spate of stabbings across parts of south London. Police were called to four reports of stabbings in Croydon, Chislehurst, and Wandsworth. None of the stabbings are being linked by detectives, but Metropolitan Police said extra

officers would be deployed in south London. Det Supt Nicky Arrowsmith described the violence as "needless and completely abhorrent".

Kilmarnock hospital locked down following 'serious incidents'

Police have formally identified three people who died in a series of incidents in Kilmarnock on Thursday. Emma Robertson Coupland, 39, was stabbed to death outside University Hospital Crosshouse at about 19:45. Her daughter, Nicole Anderson, 24, was knifed in Portland Street 20 minutes later. Officers also confirmed 40-year-old Steven Robertson died in a crash on the C50, between the B7036 and A76, shortly afterwards. "The investigation into the circumstances surrounding their deaths, which are linked, are ongoing. Police are not looking for anyone else as part of the inquiry."

Beijing bans BBC World News from broadcasting

Authorities banned BBC World News from broadcasting in China, according to the national television and radio regulator. The Chinese government has criticised the BBC for its reporting on the origins of COVID-19 and alleged human rights violations in the Xinjiang region. Beijing gave no indication whether BBC reporters in China would be affected by the ban. The move comes after British media regulator Ofcom revoked state broadcaster China Global Television Network's license to broadcast in the UK.

Security Industry News

National Crime Agency issues updated list of ancillary orders

The National Crime Agency (NCA) has released its latest list of restrictions imposed upon serious organised criminals, supporting the management of serious offenders. That list includes Serious Crime Prevention Orders, Financial Reporting Orders and Travel Restriction Orders. The list of ancillary orders details the restrictions imposed by Courts of Law following convictions arising from NCA investigations. Seventeen orders previously not on the list have now been added. Ancillary orders are issued to prevent and deter further serious crime. The orders impose controlled measures on either the movements, assets, or activities of the recipients for a set period of time. If any of the individuals break their conditions they can be sent back to prison.

Latest statistics bulletin issued by ONS highlights 6% fall in criminality

The latest figures from the Crime Survey for England and Wales have been released by the Office for National Statistics (ONS). They show that there has been a 6% fall in the overall level of crime recorded in the 12-month period under examination, although there are variations apparent across different categories of criminality.

Covering the period from October 2019 to September 2020, the statistics include the first six months of COVID-19 restrictions and show a 9% fall in most victim-based crime including sexual offences, robbery, assaults causing injury, theft, and criminal damage. However, there was a 10% increase in domestic abuse-related offences.

Almost 50,000 people are employed in the cybersecurity industry.

With lockdowns forcing people to spend more time online than ever, cybersecurity has taken on even greater importance and the industry has grown significantly as a result. According to a report from the UK government, the number of businesses operating in the cybersecurity field grew by 21 percent last year. In total, there are now 1,483 security-focused companies operating in the country, which collectively generated 3,800 new full-time jobs.

As of December 2020, the report states, a total of 46,683 people were employed in the cybersecurity industry, nine percent more than before the pandemic.

Royal Mail scam warning

Crimes in the physical and cyber world are continuing regardless of covid-19, while using the pandemic as an opportunity. As for fraud, Royal Mail has warned of a new 'depot scam' doing the rounds in the UK. This scam involves a fake email informing customer that they have missed a delivery and asks them to pay postage charges. The email also includes a link to a webpage where people are asked to upload their personal and financial details to rearrange delivery. The counter-fraud trade association Cifas is reminding people never to click on links in emails or provide personal or financial details as this makes it easy for fraudsters to commit identity theft.

SIA Changes to licenced training

The SIA are making some changes to the training you need to take before you can get a front-line SIA licence. These changes will happen in April and October 2021. The changes are:

⊙ on 1 April 2021, we will introduce updated qualifications for all sectors except close protection and vehicle immobilisation

⊙ from 1 April 2021, you must have a first aid qualification before you can take the training required for a door supervisor or security guard licence

⊙ on 1 October 2021, we will introduce updated close protection qualifications

⊙ from 1 October 2021, you must have one of the new qualifications or take top-up training before you can apply for a door supervisor and security guard licence – this includes renewals

The SIA states that the changes will keep the public safe, follow new working practices, understand recent changes to the law and make the best use of new technology.

National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC)

The NCSC supports the most critical organisations in the UK, the wider public sector, industry, SMEs as well as the general public. When incidents do occur, they provide effective incident response to minimise harm to the UK, help with recovery, and learn lessons for the future. Please see the links to this month's NCSC weekly threat reports.

https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/report/weekly-threat-report-5th-february-2021

https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/report/weekly-threat-report-12th-february-2021

https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/report/weekly-threat-report-19th-february-2021

https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/report/acd-report-year-three

https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/report/weekly-threat-report-26th-february-2021

Demonstrations held / planned

Civil rights groups determine to boycott Government's Prevent review

Civil Rights and community groups have accused the Government of using the Prevent review to merely rubber stamp the central policy strategy that is focused on national security after the appointment of William Shawcross as reviewer. No fewer than 17 separate groups – among them Liberty, the Open Society Justice Initiative, Muslim Engagement and Development and Amnesty International – have issued a joint statement outlining that, rather than participate in the Government's review, they will instead conduct a parallel assessment process that "properly considers the harms of Prevent".

Lone HS2 protester remains in tunnels under Euston as police arrest

A lone HS2 protester remains in a network of tunnels under central London after three people including the environmental activist known as Swampy exited the site. The subterranean demonstration, which aims to disrupt the building of the multi-billion-pound railway line, has been ongoing for the last month. Eight campaigners have already left the tunnels, which were built in secret near Euston station, but one remains despite having been underground for 30 days, campaigners said.

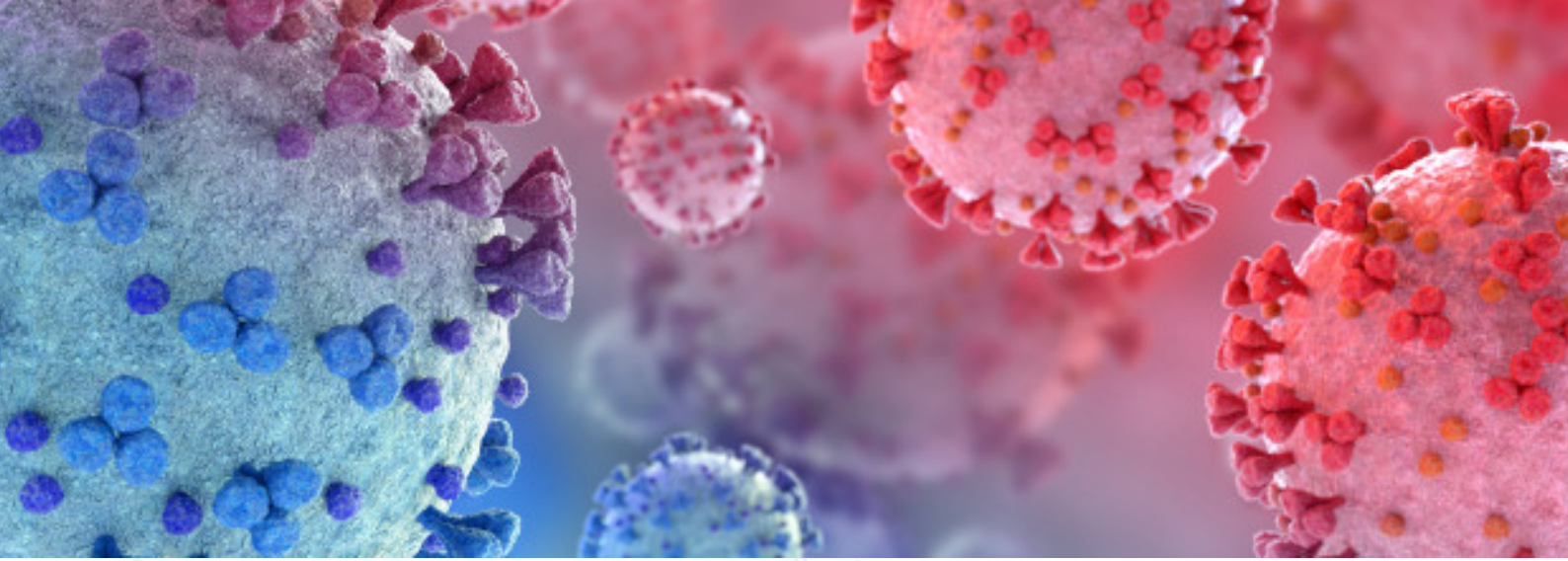## Greenpeace drop boulders into English Channel to disrupt fishing

Greenpeace campaigners have created an underwater "boulder barrier" around a protected area of the English Channel to disrupt fishing. The activists dropped a series of boulders from their ship, MV Esperanza, in a ring around the Offshore Brighton marine conservation to stop

bottom trawlers. The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) has launched an investigation into the campaign group's actions.

Teenage HS2 protester released on bail

A 16-year-old anti-HS2 campaigner arrested after leaving the network of tunnels near Euston Station has been released on bail, the Metropolitan Police said. The teenage boy was the youngest protester on the site and became the fourth person to leave the tunnels after 22 days underground. He was handed over to police by bailiffs working for HS2 after being checked over by paramedics, a spokeswoman for the rail link said.

Coronavirus Covid-19 Related News

Government pledges £60 million to support police service COVID response

Police Forces in England and Wales will be reimbursed with £60 million to support increased enforcement of the Coronavirus rules, Home Secretary Priti Patel has announced. Since the start of the pandemic, officers across the country have played a crucial role in helping to stop the spread of the virus by enforcing the COVID-19 regulations to protect the public, while at the same time continuing with investigations in a bid to keep the public safe. £58 million of the money pledged by the Conservative Government will be made available to help pay for costs incurred by police due to the pandemic, including overtime and making police stations COVID-secure.

White Paper reveals impact of COVID-19 on physical security industry

Axis Communications has issued the results of a recent partner survey in a new White Paper exploring the impact of COVID-19 on the physical security industry. The online survey, conducted last December, sought the views of senior decision-makers within circa 200 partner companies across the UK and Ireland.

The enduring effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have yet to be fully grasped. Its initial impact on businesses in the UK and around the world was swift and gave rise to a great many challenges. As businesses continue to adapt to the new social and economic reality and lay down plans for the year ahead, many will want to implement measures to mitigate the effects of the Coronavirus.

Copies of the White Paper entitled 'Understanding the Impact of COVID-19 on the Physical Security Industry' can be downloaded at:

https://www.axis-communications.com/covid19-partner-report

COVID-19 Crisis Fund for Security Personnel

In response to the current pandemic, and the increased risks our frontline colleagues are exposed to, the Worshipful Company of Security Professionals' Charitable Trust has set up a COVID-19 crisis fund to support security personnel and their families who have been adversely affected by the pandemic.

Any individual working within the security industry who has been hospitalised due to COVID-19, or the immediate dependents of an individual working in a frontline security role who has died from COVID-19, can apply for the fund.

In addition, private security companies whose frontline personnel have been impacted by COVID-19 can apply for the fund on behalf of their employee(s), although monies granted will be paid directly to the employee. There are two types of grants available:

- ⊙ £250 for applicants who have been hospitalised due to Covid-19.
- ⊙ £500 for those who have died because of Covid-19.

These amounts will not be means tested and do not need to be for a specific purpose; it is expected that only those in need will apply for the grant.

Covid: Halls party with 150 students stopped in Sheffield

Police handed out £34,000 in fines after breaking up a student party attended by more than 150 "incredibly selfish" revellers. Some partygoers fled through fire exits and set off alarms when officers were called to the Ranmoor Student Village in Sheffield. South Yorkshire Police said one officer was injured amid the rush to leave. The organisers have been fined £10,000 and more than 30 fines of £800 were issued.