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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



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 future

CRITICAL

- 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**.

remained consistently extremely high.



Open-Source Security Incident News

Accrington man handed 12 months suspended jail sentence for fraud

An Accrington man with a history of violence has been sentenced for using his uncle's identity to fraudulently gain a door supervisor qualification and a Security Industry Authority (SIA) licence. Bernard Holmes of Blackburn was sentenced at Preston Crown Court to 12 months' jail, suspended for two years. The court also ordered 120 hours of unpaid work and a 30-day rehabilitation requirement. The sentence follows his guilty plea to three counts of fraud on 19 July.

Pet abduction to be made criminal offence in crackdown on dognappers



Pet abduction will become a criminal offence under the government's plans to combat a "worrying" rise in dognappings. The law will be changed to reflect the severity of the crime and will consider the emotional distress it can cause the animal. It will also acknowledge that dogs represent far more than just property to their owners. The plans could make it easier for the police to track such incidents and make it more difficult for thieves to steal and sell pets.

Man charged over series of suspected anti-Semitic attacks in north London

A man has been charged in connection with a series of unprovoked attacks on Jewish people in north London, the Metropolitan Police said. Abdullah Qureshi, 28, is due to appear at Thames Magistrates' Court and is facing a number of charges. One of those is a count of racially or religiously aggravated wounding or grievous bodily harm, there are four counts of racially or religiously aggravated common assault and one count of racially or religiously aggravated criminal damage. Five incidents occurred on 18 August, police said, with the first taking place on Cazenove Road, Stamford Hill, where a 30-year-old man was hit over the head with a bottle.



Man arrested at Bristol petrol station after knifeman forces staff to hide in safe room



Moped-riding gunman shown firing at victim in the street in CCTV footage

Shocking footage has been released by police showing a man being shot in London as they search for the moped-riding gunman. The CCTV video shows the suspect driving towards two men, before pulling up and calmly shooting at the pair. One of the men was hit in the back, hand and hip and has been left with life-changing injuries, police said. The 21-year-old had been chatting with a friend in the street on



Cairnfield Avenue in Harlesden, north London. The video shows the victim diving behind a car to take cover, as his friend desperately runs away. Police said armed officers responded

immediately but despite an extensive search they have not yet identified a suspect and enquiries into a potential motive are ongoing.

Manchester's top cop pledges 'we'll take your cars, cash and homes'

Manchester's new police chief has pledged a new approach to tackling crime, warning "too many criminals, frankly, are getting away with it". Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police Stephen Watson pledged to overhaul the scandal-hit force in turnaround plans presented to Mayor Andy Burnham. Criminals will face "dialled-up muscularity" from officers, CC Watson said, including "real ferocity" in tackling organised crime gangs. "We will take your cars and we will take your cash

Police seize £160m of cocaine in luxury yacht raid as six arrested



Police have arrested six men off the coast of Plymouth after seizing £160 million-worth of cocaine from a luxury yacht. A British man and five Nicaraguans were detained on a Jamaican-flagged vessel 80 miles out at sea, the National Crime Agency (NCA) said. Officers seized two tonnes of cocaine as part of an operation which included the Australian Federal Police and Border Force. The men, aged between 24 and 49, were arrested on suspicion of drug trafficking and remained in custody for interviews.

Police officer who punched and kicked teenage boy as he lay on the ground is jailed



An ex-police officer from Birmingham was jailed for six months yesterday after assaulting a 15-year-old boy while on duty. PC Declan Jones, 30, was convicted of assaults against two members of the public on consecutive days during the first Covid lockdown. The court heard how Jones pulled a cyclist, Michael Rose, 44, off his bicycle, punching him and pinning him against a patrol vehicle in Birmingham on 20 April 2020. The next day he

assaulted a 15-year-old boy, who he falsely accused of possessing drugs, by punching him and kicking him while he lay on the ground.

Arson at Manchester Mosque investigated as hate crime



attack.

A hate crime investigation has been launched by police after an arson attack at a mosque in Manchester. Greater Manchester Police (GMP) were called to a report of a fire just after midnight at Didsbury central mosque, located on the junction of Barlow Moor Road and Burton Road in Didsbury. Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service attended the scene and extinguished the fire, which damaged a door. No one was injured in the

Machete-wielding robbers arrested after high-speed car chase

Police have released dramatic footage of a gang of robbers, who used a machete to threaten their victim, being arrested on the A2 in Kent. Two of the three members of the gang were pursued by police after livestreaming their attempt to escape. A Kent Police spokesman said: "Effiong Nsa and Salah Ibrahim robbed a man in Dartford before getaway driver Shamil Ibrahim drove them away from the scene, leading officers on a high-speed chase.

Six charged over Kurdish network that 'smuggled hundreds' of migrants to UK



Six men have been charged with being part of an organised criminal network alleged to have smuggled hundreds of Iraqi-Kurdish migrants into the UK. The men, aged between 27 and 47 and from the Northeast of England and London, were arrested in a series of raids by National Crime Agency officers in February 2018. They are accused of being part of a Kurdish network that charged migrants between £5,000 and £10,000 to be transported into the UK from France, Belgium, and the Netherlands.

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Murder probe launched after man dies in North London triple shooting

A murder probe has been launched after a young man died and two others were injured in a shooting in North London. Firearms officers and paramedics raced to the scene in Wood Green, where the 22-year-old man from Newham was pronounced dead. A second victim was taken to hospital with injuries while a third is believed to have been shot as he rode past.

Masked raiders drag pensioner from bed and beat him in 'horrible' attempted robbery

Masked men dragged a pensioner from his bed before punching and kicking him repeatedly in a "horrible" attempted robbery. Two men forced their way into the house of a 77-year-old in Birmingham and raided the home before waking him up. They demanded the keys to an Audi in the drive before dragging him out and attacking him. They left empty handed but their victim suffered serious injuries, including broken ribs, a dislocated shoulder and a cut lip.

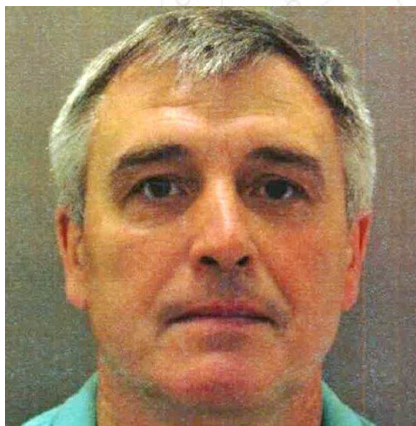
Man charged with murder of primary school teacher



A man has been charged with the murder of primary school teacher Sabina Nessa, who was killed while walking to meet a friend at a pub in London. Police said Koci Selamaj, 36, from Eastbourne, East Sussex, has been charged with her murder. He was arrested in the seaside town in the early hours of Sunday, and a light-coloured Nissan Micra was seized in a leafy residential street around half a mile away. He will appear before Willesden Magistrates' Court.

Salisbury poisonings: Third man faces charges for Novichok attack

Police say they have identified another suspect in the Salisbury Novichok attacks, which left three people critically ill and one dead. Former Russian agent Sergei Skripal, his daughter Yulia and a police officer, Nick Bailey, were exposed to the substance in 2018. Dawn Sturgess died after finding a perfume bottle with it in months later.



Security sources now believe a senior Russian agent, Denis Sergeev, was the on-the-ground commander. Prime Minister Boris Johnson said that all three suspects "should be handed over for justice".

Detectives had previously named two Russian intelligence officers as suspects. Anatoliy Chepiga and Alexander Mishkin have long been alleged to have smeared the military-grade nerve agent Novichok on the handle of former GRU officer Sergei Skripal's front door. They believe the group belonged to a team from the GRU, Russia's military intelligence service. Sergeev has also been linked to

other covert activity across Europe.

Liverpool security business fined £50,000 for breaching the Private Security Industry Act

A security firm run by two brothers from Liverpool has been fined £50,000 for offences against the Private Security Industry Act 2001. James and Jason Battle, of Nationwide Management Services Ltd, also individually pleaded guilty to failing to provide information to Security Industry Authority (SIA) investigators. James Battle was sentenced at Liverpool and Knowsley Magistrates' Court on 09 September while Jason Battle was sentenced on 19 August. One of

the Battles' employees, Paul Fry, was also sentenced following a guilty plea to working without an SIA licence.

Lidl security guard allegedly 'bitten, punched and kicked' in 'violent assault' in Havant



A Lidl security guard was allegedly bitten, punched, and kicked in the head while on shift at work. Police officers were called to Lidl Park Parade in Havant to reports that a security guard had been 'violently' assaulted. According to officers, the guard had been bitten, punched, and kicked in the head by a man. Additional officers were called to the scene to help detain the attacker, police said in a post on social media. Police said that

officers were assaulted at the scene before a man was then arrested. The man now remains in custody.

Swansea man jailed after CCTV operator witnessed rape

A man has been jailed for more than eight years after a CCTV operator saw him raping a woman. Turkey Al-Turkey, 26, of Cwm Level Road in Brynhyfryd, Swansea, attacked the woman outside the city's Civic Centre on 18 July. Swansea Crown Court heard the victim had no recollection of the incident and a date rape drug may have been used.

Al-Turkey, an asylum seeker from Iraq, was sentenced to eight years and eight months after pleading guilty to rape. The court heard Al-Turkey had been drinking limoncello and vodka with his victim on Swansea's promenade on the night of the attack.



The CCTV operator said he had seen the victim was intoxicated and unable to stand by herself before he saw the attack take place as she lay motionless. He used the council's loading bay public address system to shout "Get off her. She's drunk. I'm calling the police."

Lyra McKee: Two men charged with murder of journalist

Two men have been charged with the murder of journalist Lyra McKee. Ms McKee, 29, was shot dead while observing rioting in Londonderry's Creggan estate in April 2019. The men, aged 21 and 33, have also been charged with possession of a firearm and ammunition with intent to endanger life, riot, possession of petrol bombs, throwing petrol bombs and arson. The 33-year-old has also been charged with robbery. A third man, aged 20, has been charged with

riot, possession of petrol bombs and throwing petrol bombs. All three are expected to appear before Londonderry Magistrates Court via video-link.

COP26: Armed police prepare for biggest deployment



Armed police will be visible like never before in Scotland when world leaders arrive in Glasgow for COP26 at the end of October. The UN climate change conference is expected to see the biggest ever deployment of armed officers in Scotland. Police Scotland has 500 officers trained to use guns and they will be joined by many others from around the UK. The force will not give

an exact number for how many will be on duty during Cop26, but one former chief constable has suggested it could be about 1,000. mOperation Urram (Gaelic for respect) will see a total of 10,000 officers deployed on each day of the two-week conference, which takes place at the Scottish Exhibition Campus between 31 October and 12 November.

Blackburn Mall security guard racially abused by prolific shoplifter



A Blackburn Mall security guard was racially abused when he ordered a known shoplifter out of the shopping precinct. Blackburn magistrates heard Mark Craig was already banned from the centre because of his previous behaviour. Craig, 36, of Dundee Drive, Blackburn, pleaded guilty to racially aggravated threatening behaviour. He was fined £100 and ordered to pay £30 compensation and £34 victim

surcharge.

Catherine Allan, prosecuting, said Arshad Mahmood was working in the mall at when he saw Craig who he knew was banned because of previous shoplifting offences.

YouTuber Auditing Britain wins police pay out after stop and search for filming Redditch Police Station

An online video star with nearly 150,000 followers said he had been awarded £1,500 after being stopped and searched by police for filming outside a station. Human rights activist and YouTuber Auditing Britain, who was stopped and searched by officers after filming Redditch Police Station, said he received the pay out from West Mercia Police in an out-of-court settlement.

Knife-wielding robbers raid Leeds designer clothes store



A gang of knife-wielding robbers have raided a designer clothing shop in Leeds. The band of masked men entered Flannels in Vicar Lane and threatened staff before stealing a number of items and escaping by car. Armed officers were deployed to the scene following the robbery. West Yorkshire Police said nobody was injured during the raid. The force has appealed for witnesses to come forward.

'Aggressive' customer detained by Tesco security as police called to store

Police were called to a Tesco supermarket in Wigan to deal with an 'aggressive' customer. Officers were called to the store on Central Park Way. A member of security detained a man who was being aggressive, police said. The man, aged in his 30s, was then taken away from the store by officers and escorted home.

A total of 31 late-stage terror plots have been foiled in the UK in the past four years, the head of MI5 has said.



Director general Ken McCallum, who revealed in October there had been 27 attacks thwarted since 2017, said there had been six during the pandemic. He said they were largely Islamic extremist plots, but a "growing number" were planned by right-wing terrorists.

He also warned that the fall of Afghanistan to the Taliban was likely to have "emboldened" UK

terrorists. The terror threat would not change overnight but there could be a "morale boost" for extremists, he said. "The terrorist threat to the UK, I am sorry to say, is a real and enduring thing." MI5: 31 late-stage terror plots foiled in four years in UK.

Bristol: Man detained by police after hostage situation at petrol station



Staff at a petrol station in Bristol were forced to hide inside a safe room after it was stormed by a man armed with a knife. Armed police and a negotiator were called to the scene at an Esso petrol station in Hengrove Way. Police said a man was detained in connection with the incident. Another person was taken to hospital with injuries not believed to be life-threatening after

leaving the petrol station. Witnesses reported hearing “loud bangs” and seeing “flashes” coming from inside the garage before the suspect was led away in handcuffs.

Avon and Somerset Police said in a statement: “We have detained a man in connection with an incident at a petrol station on Hengrove Way this morning. Investigations at the scene continue.”

Homes evacuated after man arrested on suspicion of explosives offences

Homes have been evacuated in a Hampshire town after a man was arrested on suspicion of explosives offences in an investigation led by counterterrorism police. A 25-year-old man was arrested in Basingstoke on Wednesday on suspicion of making or possession of explosives under suspicious circumstances under the Explosives Act 1883.

Boy, 14, set up extremist right-wing group which included member who plotted terror attack



A boy of 14 set up extremist right-wing group The British Hand which included a member who plotted a terror attack. The teen, now 16, ran it on the encrypted Telegram app, where vetted members talked about weapons and “doing something” against ethnic minorities, Westminster JPs heard. Group member Matthew Cronjager, 18, was found guilty at the Old Bailey last week of plotting a terror attack. The neo-Nazi, of Ingatestone, Essex, is facing a jail sentence in “double figures”. The two cases can be linked after restrictions were lifted yesterday. The 16-year-old, from Derbyshire, pleaded guilty in June to encouraging terrorism.

He was given a two-year youth referral order and a three-year criminal behaviour order. Another 16-year-old boy in the chat group admitted disseminating a terrorist publication and was given a 12-month referral order.

Extra police powers after gang's roam streets



Extra stop and search powers are in place in Slough after two gangs of men were seen roaming streets with weapons, police said. They were spotted in Aylesbury Crescent and Elmwood Road. The Section 60 order was put in place for the whole weekend. Insp Karen Bunce said the order aimed to "reassure the community and to prevent any further incidents".

Redditch security guard 'punched in face' at Kingfisher Shopping Centre

Police are urging witnesses to come forward after a security guard was reportedly assaulted at Kingfisher Shopping Centre in Redditch. The incident took place on the afternoon of Sunday, August 29, when the guard asked a group to leave because they were allegedly causing a disruption in the centre. West Mercia Police says the guard was then punched twice in the face, which left him with cuts and bruising.

Security officer caught drink-driving as he left Amazon depot



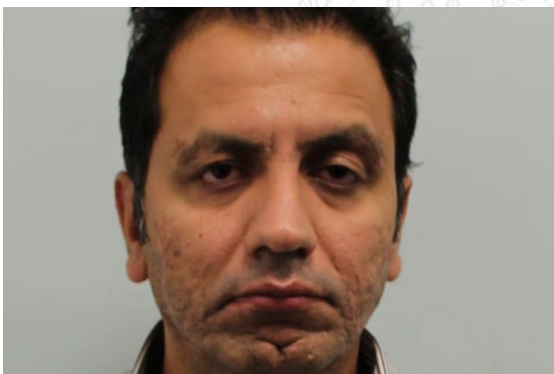
A self-employed security officer was caught drink driving in Ipswich after police received information that he may be over the limit for alcohol. Magistrates heard how officers were told that a person driving a Vauxhall Insignia leaving the Amazon depot in Sproughton Road, Ipswich, on August 14 this year was possibly drink driving. The driver, 47-year-old Arsen Chaldryan, was followed by

police and then stopped by officers at his home. Chaldryan, of Hill House Road, Ipswich, was breathalysed by police and failed the roadside test by blowing 55 micrograms of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath.

He was then taken to the police station and gave an evidential sample of 57mcg of alcohol in 100ml of breath. The legal limit is 35mcg of alcohol in 100ml of breath.

Married security guard conned woman out of life savings in 'romance fraud'

A married security guard who duped a woman out of her life savings in a romance scam has been jailed for three years. Qaiser Saeed, 40, pretended to be single when he met the 39-year-old victim through a dating app, and claimed to be a business owner who had run into financial difficulties. As their romance blossomed, Qaiser said he had fallen victim to a fraud and his bank account had been frozen, in order to persuade the woman to lend him money. She handed over a total of £47,650, believing she was helping Saeed to pay his employees' wages and all her savings would ultimately be repaid. But in reality



the conman was married with children and working as a security guard. But just days after

being freed on bail as the criminal investigation unfolded, Saeed fled to Pakistan. He remained on the run for five years until, in September 2019, he tried to re-enter the UK on a student visa and was arrested at Heathrow airport. Saeed denied fraud by false representation but was convicted by a jury and was sentenced at Isleworth crown court on Tuesday to three years in prison.

Security guard stole £10,000 sniper rifle night-sight from North Wales factory

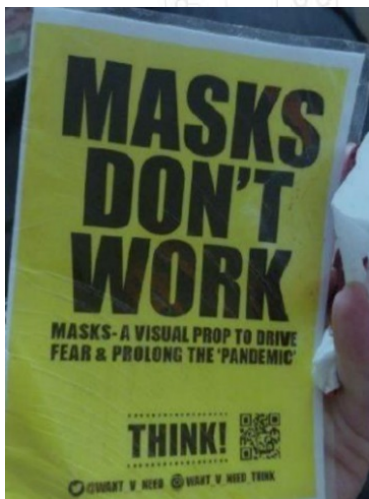


A security guard at a defence contractor's factory stole a £10,000 sniper's rifle night-sight. Holly Schofield, 40, of High Street, Connah's Quay, was told by a Mold crown court judge that the recovered item was of a "sensitive" nature. It wouldn't be in the interests of the public for it to have fallen into the hands of the wider criminal community, potentially terrorists, Judge Rhys Rowlands

said. She received an 18 months suspended jail term after she was convicted by a jury on "pretty compelling" evidence of theft.

Prosecutor Philip Clemo said it was kept in a secure room but vanished during a weekend. Security at the site was outsourced to a contractor.

London transport staff warned of anti-mask posters with razor blades



London transport staff have been warned after anti-mask posters with razor blades on the back were found, a union has said. The Rail, Maritime and Transport (RMT) union said it had raised the issue of "Masks Don't Work" posters with Transport for London (TfL).

TfL said it was not aware of any incidents involving blades but had given advice to its workers. A similar poster was found in Cardiff

where a woman was injured removing it. The RMT called for the courts to take the "hardest possible line" against those found responsible.



Channel crossings: Migrant boats could be turned back in new UK move

Boats carrying migrants across the English Channel could be turned back from the UK, if personally approved by Home Secretary Priti Patel. The government has authorised Border



Force officials to use the new tactic - but only in limited circumstances. However, France is strongly against the plan, saying it breaks maritime law and accusing the UK of blackmail. But Boris Johnson's spokesman said any plans would be "safe and legal" and would comply with the law.

Rising numbers of migrants have been crossing the English Channel in recent months - and so far this week more than 1,500 people have crossed by boat.

Mass acid attack in Cardiff: Victims pour milk over themselves to soothe their injuries before being taken to hospital following city center incident



Suspected acid attack victims attempted to soothe their skin with milk after being splashed with an unknown substance in a busy Cardiff Street.

Five people were rushed to hospital with injuries after police were called to the scene following reports of an assault on Sunday afternoon. Empty milk and water bottles were spotted strewn across the road outside an Afro Barber Shop on City

Road. Police say that tests are being carried out to determine the substance, but it is likely to be bleach or peroxide. A spokeswoman said that the five were released from hospital on the same day. No arrests have been made, but officers believe the people involved are known to each other.



Security Industry News

BSIA and The Security Institute Sign Memorandum of Understanding



The British Security Industry Association (BSIA) and The Security Institute have signed a Memorandum of Understanding which will see both organisations promote and strengthen each other's diligent efforts designed to support security professionals and raise standards across the security business sector. Both organisations, of course, are particularly strong voices representing professional security provision here in the UK and, under the

new agreement, will support each other's events and wider work within and across the sector.

The BSIA is the Trade Association for the professional security industry in the UK, the organisation represents a wide range of companies operating in the security industry. By turnover, its members are responsible for more than 70% of privately provided UK security products and services. The latter encompasses the manufacturing, distribution and installation of electronic and physical security equipment in addition to the delivery of security guarding and security consultancy services.

For its part, The Security Institute is the UK's largest membership organisation for security professionals with upwards of 4,000 members at present. The Institute's membership encompasses the breadth of the security industry and representatives from over 30 Government departments.

Cabinet Office awards UKFast £1 million contract for ResilienceDirect

Cyber security, managed hosting, and cloud solutions provider UKFast has secured a two-year contract from the Government in relation to ResilienceDirect. The 24-month contract for looking after the critical, free, live and secure digital service marks the company's second consecutive G-Cloud 12 framework award. Funded by the Cabinet Office since 2014,

ResilienceDirect enables the police service, the Fire and Rescue Service, the ambulance service, local authorities, utilities organisations, Shopping Centres, arenas, Search and Rescue and the UK's Coast Guard services to securely share information, training advice and Best Practice when responding to incidents.

As of last month, ResilienceDirect now has 87,550 end users. It's available, in fact, to all Category 1/2 responders, Government departments, voluntary sector and resilience communities and, in operation, enables multi-agency collaboration and situational awareness through data visualisation and real-time information sharing.

Top-up training introduced for door supervisors and security officers



As of Friday 1 October, all door supervision and security officer licence holders will now need a First Aid qualification and the new Security Industry Authority (SIA) top-up training before they can renew their SIA licence. The top-up training encompasses safety-critical content including updated counter-terror training and advice for emergencies and incidents. Top-up training for

door supervisors includes refreshed physical intervention training.

Further, the top-up training requirements only affect existing door supervision and security officer licence holders when they come to renew their licence. This means that these changes will roll out over the course of the next three years.

Survey reveals extent of perimeter security challenge on railway network



As the nation's railway infrastructure undergoes rapid expansion, a new survey conducted by security solutions manufacturer Jacksons Fencing reveals the extent of the challenge faced by civil engineers when it comes to ensuring perimeter security and general safety.

The rise in anti-social behaviour places 'vandalism' (at 55%) and 'trespassers with criminal intent' (42%) as the 'biggest threats' to railway safety. A 'lack of time' and 'tight

budgets' are the main challenges faced when designing railways (55%), while railway engineers state that knowledge of rail safety, regulations and standards 'could be improved'.

Jacksons Fencing conducted the UK-based survey regarding railway perimeter safety back in the Summer. 211 civil engineers and architects took part. With Government plans in place to increase the railway infrastructure in the UK, the research was commissioned to find out if perimeter safety and security is high on the design agenda and unearth the key challenges civil engineers face when designing-in ways in which to keep the public safe from harm.

According to railway engineers and designers, the threat of 'vandalism' is the biggest concern when it comes to railway safety. This is followed by 'trespassers with criminal intent', in turn showing the growing need for effective security solutions on the UK's railways. That result could also be a further reflection of the recent spike in anti-social behaviour which is being seen across the UK as lockdown measures ease.

Actors and emergency services come together for safety exercise at Chesterfield's Aruba Nightclub



The SIA ran an exercise in partnership with Derbyshire Constabulary, Chesterfield Borough Council, D&D Security, Inspirations Theatre Company, and Aruba itself. The training event at Aruba comprises a series of real-time simulations, involving actors, of possible emergency scenarios. These are:

mass stabbing (gang related knife attack) invacuation (external marauding terrorist attack) corrosive attack (using the three Rs remove, remove remove) suspect package

SIA launches new counter-terrorism e-learning today

The SIA developed the new training in partnership with the National Counter Terrorism Security Office and the Centre for the Protection of National Infrastructure. ACT Security is free, specialised training for front line security operatives. The custom-built training provides up-to-date counter-terrorism knowledge to help operatives prepare for and respond to terrorist incidents whilst on duty. The course will take around 1 hour 15 mins and its flexible delivery will allow the user to pause and save progress. This new ACT Security e-learning course follows a successful pilot in August 2021 that included security businesses and operatives.

All frontline police officers could receive enhanced first aid training to treat bomb blast and shrapnel injuries, Manchester Arena inquiry told



All frontline police officers could receive enhanced medical training to help them treat bomb blast and shrapnel injuries. The development arose at the public inquiry into the Manchester Arena bombing atrocity of 2017. A counter-terrorism expert said the National Police Chiefs' Council was 'actively looking' at providing further first aid for response officers.

National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC)



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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-24th-september-2021>

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/report/weekly-threat-report-17th-september-2021>

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/report/weekly-threat-report-3rd-september-2021>

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Demonstrations held / planned

Three arrested 'across UK' on suspicion of orchestrating M25 eco protests



Three people have been arrested on suspicion of orchestrating the Insulate Britain protests that saw the M25 blocked twice this week, sparking major traffic disruption.

The Metropolitan Police said this evening that the arrests took place "across the country". Police from various forces earlier confirmed 71 climate protesters had been

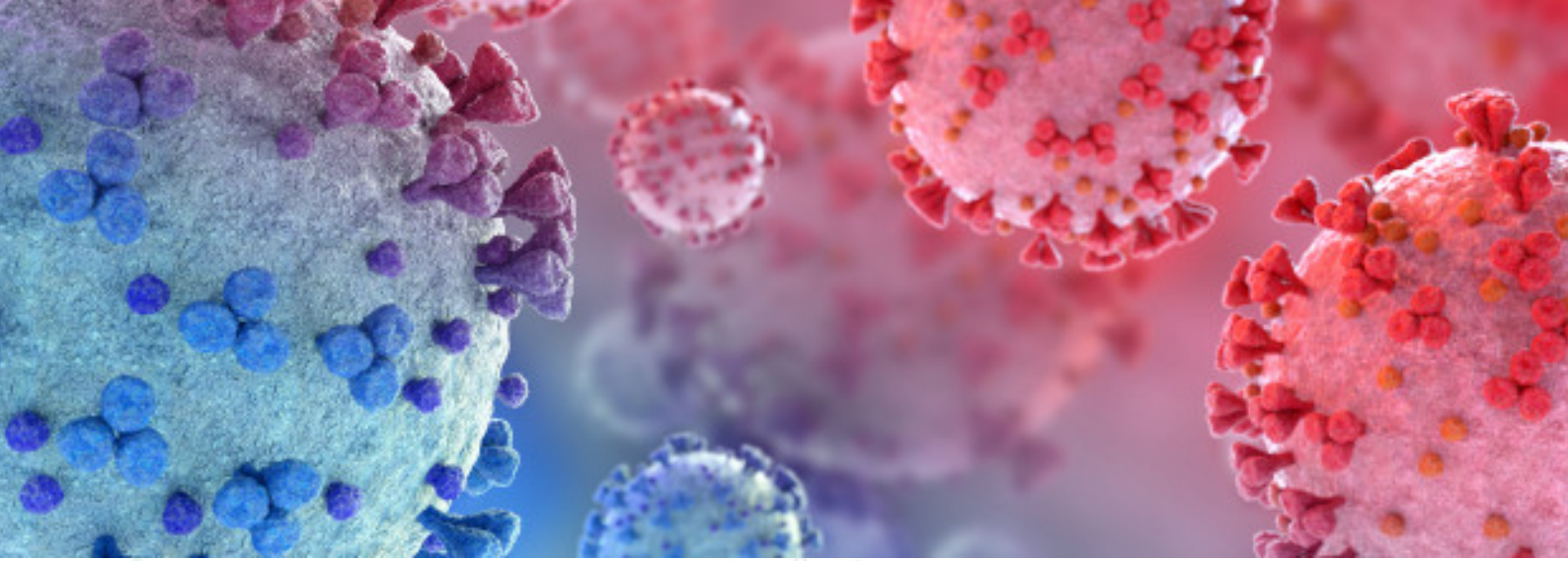
arrested after they blocked parts of the M25. Dozens of activists stopped traffic on three sections of Britain's busiest motorway shortly after 8am - the second time in three days - demanding government action on home insulation. They targeted Junctions 1a and 1b for Dartford, Kent, the main carriageway between Junction 8 at Reigate and Junction 9 at Leatherhead, Surrey, and Junction 23 for South Mimms, Hertfordshire. Demonstrators sat on the road while stranded motorists beeped their horns. Some protesters had glued themselves to the road.

Holyland: 12 arrests after crowds gather in Holyland



The number of arrests made after several nights of anti-social behaviour in the Holyland area of Belfast has now risen to 12, police have confirmed. Large groups of young people have been gathering and drinking on the streets on a nightly basis ahead of the start of the new university term. Officers said they have seized more than 3,600 items of alcohol between Sunday evening and Thursday morning. Belfast City

Council has visited 72 properties due to noise complaints. The council has also reported 21 students to their universities for disciplinary action. Both the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) and the council said they were working together with other organisations to tackle ongoing anti-social behaviour in the Holyland.



Coronavirus Covid-19 Related News

COVID-19 “changes perception” of organisational resilience

According to the latest Business Continuity Institute (BCI) Crisis Management Report – which is sponsored by International SOS – the COVID-19 pandemic has changed the perception of organisational resilience at the senior management level. Indeed, the survey results show that there has been an increase in the level of education on resilience issues as well as an increased appreciation of the importance of organisational resilience as a discipline.

Business continuity professionals are aware – and understand the importance – of the concept of organisational resilience. However, this truism doesn’t apply to everyone within an organisation. Through the years, and through different pieces of research, the BCI has often reported on how difficult it is to engage top management when it comes to understanding and, consequently, implementing organisational resilience.

According to ISO 22316:2017, organisational resilience is “the ability of an organisation to absorb and adapt in a changing environment to enable it to deliver its objectives and to survive and prosper”. Research has shown that if an organisation develops its crisis management structure around the principals of organisational resilience, it’s then far better placed to survive during and after a crisis event.

Another interesting result from the report is how top management engagement and appreciation of crisis management has improved as a result of the pandemic. In some organisations, the pandemic has pushed the level of top management engagement down to exercises. Professionals are using the momentum to ensure that this new appreciation remains in place in the long run even after the pandemic is over. The BCI’s Crisis Management Report is available to download:

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