



# **SECURITY INTELLIGENCE UPDATE**

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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 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 **SUBSTANTIAL** mixed consistently extremely high.





## Open-Source Security Incident News

### Harsher sentences introduced for 'spiking' drugs offences

### Girl, 16, in hospital after gunman opens fire outside house party in Manchester

The teenager, who police said is not believed to have been the intended target, was shot on Quinney Crescent, in the Moss Side area. Greater Manchester Police said she was taken to hospital in a stable condition with a wound believed to have been caused in a drive-by-shooting. Her injuries are understood to not be serious and officers are with her as she continues to recover in hospital. The force believes a single shot was fired by a passing vehicle at a crowd gathered outside the house party.

### Crime hits 20-year high but charges fall to record low, 'worrying' stats show



Police forces in England and Wales have recorded the highest number of crimes in 20 years - but charges have fallen to a record low. A total of 6.3 million crimes were recorded in the year to March 2022 - 4 per cent higher than the previous all-time high of 6.1 million in 2019/20.

It is also up 16 per cent on 2020/21, when crime levels were affected by Covid-19 lockdown restrictions. Despite the high levels, only around 5 per cent of alleged crimes result in someone being charged within a year of it being reported. The crime figures, which have been published by the Office for National Statistics (ONS), show knife crime, theft and domestic abuse all increased in the 12 months to March.

Knife crime rose by 10 per cent to 49,027 offences in the year to March - though this is below the pre-pandemic year of 2019/20, which saw 55,078 offences. Various types of police-recorded crime are now at their highest level since current records began in 2002/03, including the number of rape offences, all sexual offences, stalking and harassment offences, and all violence against the person offences.

Domestic abused-related offences were also up 8 per cent on 2020/21 and up 12 per cent on the pre-pandemic year of 2019/20.

According to a Freedom of Information request, a total of 22,753 - seven out of 10 of its officers - did not arrest a suspect from April 1 2021 to March 31 this year.

During the same period 30,265 officers - 93.1% of Scotland Yard's force - had less than five arrests.

## Two men shot dead, and one fatally stabbed in weekend of London bloodshed



Two people were shot dead, one in Walthamstow and another in Wood Green. Outside Wood Green Tube station, a man was shot dead. Paramedics raced to the scene but were unable to save the man, in his 20s, who was pronounced dead. No arrests have been made.

Police identified the victim of the fatal shooting in Walthamstow as Sam Brown, 28. Two others were injured when a gunman opened fire at a party. A man in his 30s has been arrested in relation to the shooting after he was discharged from hospital with stab injuries.

## Woman who stalked Craig David left him feeling 'violated' in his own home



Tanya Jeal, 31, turned up at the pop star's home and a hotel where he was staying, and sent a letter to his family and messaged his friends on social media. She was handed a stalking protection order banning her from contacting the musician for five years. During a hearing at Bromley Magistrates' Court, Jeal, of Orpington in Kent, admitted contacting and pursuing Mr David but said she was just an "innocent fan".

In a witness impact statement read to the court by Flora Curtis, a barrister representing the Metropolitan Police, Mr David said the incident "left me feeling violated in my own home".

## Recreational drug users will have passports confiscated and face night club bans

Middle-class "recreational drug users" face having their passports and driving licences confiscated and being banned from nightclubs under new Government plans. The Home Secretary is set to announce the new plans in the bid to punish recreational users of cocaine and cannabis who refuse to give up their habit.

Announcing the plans in a White Paper, Priti Patel said: "We are cracking down on drug use, with tougher consequences for so-called recreational drug users."



"They will face the consequences of their actions through sanctions including fines and conditions to attend rehabilitation courses, while drug offenders could have their passports and driving licences confiscated.

## Crook posing as G4S guard tricked bank staff into handing over £150,000

The man walked into a branch of Santander in south London wearing a helmet, visor and uniform, claiming he was a G4S guard who was there to make a cash collection. He showed workers a fake ID before taking boxes of cash containing £25,000 each two at a time, despite rules that say they must be carried one-by-one. The man is thought to have had a getaway driver waiting near the branch in Brixton, south London.

## Met 'effectively decriminalising' car crime in London as fewer than 1 per cent of thefts solved



Offences such as theft from cars are effectively being screened out by the Metropolitan Police, as they prioritised more serious crimes of violence and sexual abuse in London, it has been warned.

The under-fire force, which was put into special measures last week, solved just 0.5 per cent of thefts from vehicles in the capital last year, according to analysis of Home Office data by The Telegraph.

Figures revealed that of the 55,000 people who reported theft from a vehicle in the capital last year, just 271 crimes were solved.

Only two other major forces - West Midlands and Surrey - had lower charging rates, at 0.4 per cent, while City of London solved none of its 80 car thefts.

Rick Muir, head of the Police Foundation, warned the low charge rate is "effectively decriminalising" the offence.

## Robber convicted after gang 'threatened to cut off Ashley Cole's fingers with pliers'



A "dominant and dangerous" robber has been convicted of being part of a four-strong gang who smashed into the home of former England footballer Ashley Cole and threatened to cut his fingers off. Ex-Arsenal, Chelsea and Derby defender Cole told police he thought "now I am going to die" as he recalled how the masked raiders tied his hands behind his back despite him holding his young daughter in January 2020.

Nottingham Crown Court heard that Kurtis Dilks was the only one of the gang responsible for the robbery to be caught after his DNA was recovered on the cable ties used to restrain Cole and his partner, Sharon Canu.



The 35-year-old courier claimed his DNA was found on the cable ties and a knife recovered from the scene in Fetcham, Surrey, because they were items previously stolen from his van.

Dilks was convicted alongside five others for their roles in a string of "ruthlessly executed" robberies and burglaries between October 2018 and January 2020.

As well as the attack on Cole, Dilks was found guilty of conspiring to rob the wife of former Tottenham, Hull and Derby midfielder Tom Huddlestone in May 2019 with fellow defendants Ashley Cumberpatch and Andrew MacDonald.

The trio were also convicted of being part of the theft of a £3.5million tiara worn to the coronation of Edward VII from the Harley Gallery on the Welbeck Estate in Worksop, Nottinghamshire, in 2018.

## Woman who posed as learners to take 100 driving tests jailed

A woman who impersonated other people to sit their driving tests more than 100 times has been jailed. Inderjeet Kaur, 29, admitted to having taken approximately 150 theory and practical driving tests on behalf of candidates between 2018 and 2020.

Swansea Crown Court was told Kaur committed the offences throughout England and Wales, including Swansea, Carmarthen, Birmingham and around London. Suspicion grew by staff at the test centres that Kaur was impersonating genuine candidates while taking the test. Kaur, from Llanelli, pleaded guilty at Swansea Crown Court and was jailed for eight months.

## Forty arrests as police crackdown on 'gang that smuggled 10,000 people across Channel'



More than 40 people have been arrested during "the biggest international operation to crack down on criminal gangs suspected of people-smuggling across the Channel". Operation Punjum, led by the National Crime Agency (NCA) in the UK, was carried out alongside Operation Thoren in Europe to target an organised crime gang suspected of smuggling up to 10,000 people across the Channel in the

last 12 to 18 months.

Raids took place in the UK, Germany, France and the Netherlands on Tuesday, as part of a joint operation co-ordinated by Europol with Eurojust, the European Union's criminal justice co-operation agency.

It is understood overall there have been in excess of 40 arrests across all the countries involved, with several hundred life jackets found and 50 small boats, such as dinghies, recovered at one location alone.

In London, NCA officers arrested a 26-year-old man in Rushey Green, Catford, and a 22-year-old man in St Davids Square, on the Isle of Dogs, both London, on suspicion of conspiring to facilitate illegal immigration.

## Gunshots fired at cop car as police chase 'stolen vehicle' in south London

Two gunshots were fired at a police car during a pursuit of a suspected stolen vehicle in south London. Officers were chasing a suspected stolen vehicle, a grey Kia, in the early hours in Streatham, when two suspected gunshots were fired. The police car stopped on Copley Park, at the junction with Streatham Common South, with suspects fleeing the scene. The Met said there were two officers inside the vehicle, neither of whom were injured.

## Police officer charged after 'sexually assaulting woman whilst on duty'

A serving police officer has been charged after allegedly sexually assaulting a female whilst on duty. Hampshire police revealed that PC Liam Porter has been charged following an alleged incident in Clanfield, East Hampshire, on 18 January. The 40-year-old officer is due to appear before Basingstoke Magistrates Court. The police force confirmed the officer has been suspended from duty following the charge.

## Boy, 14, arrested on suspicion of rape after 'incident' at Manchester nightclub



Police said officers were called to a premises on Bloom Street in the city. The boy was arrested on suspicion of rape and has since been bailed pending further investigation, Greater Manchester Police said.

Police said the victim is being supported by specialist services and a number of lines of inquiry are being followed up. Bloom nightclub issued a statement saying it had closed "to allow for a complete investigation".

## Scarborough security boss ordered to pay £164,000 from proceeds of crime



On Tuesday 05 July, Christopher Browne of Scarborough was ordered by York Crown Court to pay a £164,000 Confiscation Order within three months or face an 18-month jail sentence following a Proceeds of Crime action. The amount is the realisable funds from the sale of his Scarborough house which is currently subject to a Proceeds of Crime Act Restraint Order. The court also sentenced him to a £200 fine and a £20 victim surcharge.

Tuesday's sentencing follows Browne's conviction on 09 February 2021 at Scarborough Magistrates' Court for working as an unlicensed company director of Scarborough based, Coastal Security Ltd. We brought the prosecution.

## Weston-Super-Mare man prosecuted for supplying illegal security

On Friday 01 July Stephen Berrisford of Weston-Super-Mare pleaded guilty at North Somerset Magistrates' Court to supplying unlicensed security to the town's Oktoberfest last year. Mr Berrisford was fined £133 and is required to pay court costs of £500 and a victim surcharge of



£34 by 31 August 2022. He is a sole trader, trading as Steve Security & Supply, and is in possession of an SIA licence.

The sentencing on 01 July follows the prosecution of another Weston-Super-Mare man, Chadd Heath, on 06 May, at which Heath pleaded guilty to working as unlicensed security at Oktoberfest last year.

## Military ordered to remove security clearance levels from LinkedIn profiles



Recruiters appear to have contacted defence staff advertising their top-secret level access amid China espionage risk. Military personnel and defence contractors have been told to delete their security clearance from LinkedIn over spying fears, following warnings about the growing espionage threat posed by China.

The Ministry of Defence said in a notice: "If individuals use social networking sites/apps and advertise their security clearance (e.g. the level of clearance they hold), they are putting their self, colleagues and national security at risk.

"Individuals must remove these details from their social networking profiles immediately."

## Breach of security as Barrow's Army Reserve Centre burgled

The Army Reserve Centre based on Holker Street in Barrow was targeted in a burglary. The incident took place at the building overnight between July 29-30, 2022. According to Cumbria Police, there was damage caused to the inside of the centre and cash had also been taken from the site.

Earlier this year, the Army Reserve Centre had revamped the headquarters. The roof was repaired, the gym suite refurbished, and rooms modernised to meet technological standards.

## McDonald's bans all unaccompanied under-18s from restaurant after 5pm due to attacks on staff



A fast-food restaurant is turning away all young people under the age of 18 in the evening hours because of a spate of attacks against staff.

The temporary ban on unaccompanied under-18s entering the restaurant after 5pm was recently brought into force at McDonald's in Lord Street, Liverpool. Restaurant bosses confirmed this was due to staff being subjected to what they

describe as 'verbal and physical abuse'. A McDonald's spokesperson said they have a 'zero-tolerance policy' on abuse against their staff.

They added: 'Over recent weeks, we have seen an increase in the number of incidents of anti-social behaviour in the area with our people being subjected to verbal and physical abuse.

'This decision was not taken lightly, and we are working closely with the police to find a resolution and help reduce these incidents.'



## Security guards are set to go easy on shoplifters



Security guards are set to go easy on shoplifters who steal to eat amid cost-of-living crisis and refer thieves to foodbanks in pilot scheme backed by police.

The police have given their backing to a scheme that will go easy on shoplifters amid the cost-of-living crisis. Stores in West Derby, Liverpool which are losing £50,000 a month to thieves will be the first to launch the pilot scheme amid rising inflation and

there are hopes it could be rolled out nationwide.

## Man dies after being restrained by members of the public outside York jewellery shop



A man has died after being restrained by members of the public outside a jewellery shop in York city centre. Police were called to Mappin & Webb jewellers on Coney Street, after a number of reports of a disturbance at the shop. Samuel Diatta, 39, a local man, was being restrained by a shop worker and members of the public.

And after suffering medical difficulties, he was taken to York District Hospital where he died. Three men, two aged in their 40s and one aged in his 50s were arrested in connection with the incident and after being questioned in custody were released on bail.

## 19-year-old man charged with terrorism and explosives offences after arrest in Cheshire



A teenager has been charged with possession of explosives and terrorism offences, following his arrest in northwest England. Vaughn Conrad John Dolphin, from Aldridge in Walsall, was arrested on the night of 27 June at an address in Cheshire on suspicion of terror offences, West Midlands Police said.

Police listed a total of 10 charges levelled against him on Monday, including eight counts under the Terrorism Act and two under the Explosive Substances Act. The 19-year-old will appear at

London's Westminster Magistrates Court to face the charges, the force said.

He is accused of being in possession of explosive substances and faces six counts of possessing documents likely to be useful to someone committing or preparing an act of terrorism, police said.

## Sadiq Khan lays wreath as London remembers victims' of 7/7 bombings on anniversary



Sadiq Khan has paid tribute to those who tragically lost their lives during the July 7 bombings 17 years ago. As he marked the day, Mr Khan laid a wreath at the memorial on Thursday for the 52 people who lost their lives on the fateful day. Honouring their memory, Mr Khan said London "will always stand united against the evils of terrorism".

In a statement, the mayor added: "Today is a day for remembrance as we honour the 52 people whose lives were taken and the more than 700 who were injured by the abhorrent terrorist attacks on our city on 7 July 2005.

"It's important to also pay tribute to the heroes who came to London's aid that day.

## Man charged with terror offences after being stopped at Luton Airport



Terrorism police have arrested a man who was arriving in Britain on suspicion of being a member of the banned militant "Tamil Tigers" organisation.

Officers from the Counter Terrorism Command of the Metropolitan Police arrested the man, in his 30s, after he arrived at Luton Airport.

The suspect was initially stopped by officers under the Terrorism Act 2000 on Tuesday, the Met has revealed.

He was arrested on suspicion of being a member of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), more widely known as the Tamil Tigers, and also on suspicion of supporting a proscribed organisation.

The man was taken to a local police station, where he was later released under investigation.

## Man with 'extreme' right wing, homophobic and racist views had 'step by step instructions on how to make home explosives'



A man with extreme right-wing views was found with 'step-by-step instructions on how to make home explosives' and a banned 'push dagger'. Scott Mason, 36, has been jailed following a counter-terror probe. He is said by cops to harbour right right, racist, homophobic and anti-Semitic views. Mason, of Rainhill in Merseyside, has been locked up for three years after pleading guilty to four offences - including being in possession of information likely to be useful to a terrorist.



## Manchester Arena bomber's brother convicted for failing to give evidence to inquiry

The Manchester Arena bomber's older brother has been convicted over failing to give evidence at the inquiry into the terror attack. Ismail Abedi, now 28, did not attend his court hearing. He left the UK in August last year and is not believed to have returned. His youngest brother, Salman Abedi, murdered 22 victims in an Isis-inspired bombing at Manchester Arena in May 2017.

## Extreme Right-Wing Terrorism Is On An "Upward Trajectory"



A damning new report by the secretive Intelligence and Security Committee has warned that MI5 desperately needs increased funding in order to stave off a worrying growth in extreme right-wing terrorism.

The ISC, which was responsible for the high-profile Russia Report, and tasked with oversight of the UK Intelligence community, says in a report published this week that the threat posed by Extreme Right-Wing Terrorism is on an "upward trajectory" with young men being radicalised by online material and groups exploiting grievances and conspiracy theories.

The committee, made up of a cross party group of MPs and Peers, has stressed they are "seriously concerned" that despite this increase in threat, MI5 have not received any additional resources to tackle the issue since absorbing responsibility for tackling it in 2020.

Out of 25 attacks prevented by the intelligence community and Counter Terrorism Policing (CTP) between 2017 and 2020, just under 30 per cent of them were from the extreme right wing. Out of 20 children arrested by CTP last year, 19 were linked to the extreme right wing. The report warns that perpetrators are predominantly young men who are being radicalised online, often on messaging and gaming sites, and some right-wing groups are actively seeking to recruit from within the military and police service.

The demographic of extreme right-wing terrorists is complex, with individuals often exhibiting mixed, and unstable, ideology. In March, the Head of Counter Terrorism Policing raised concerns about the increase in young men searching and selecting violent narratives from different ideologies.



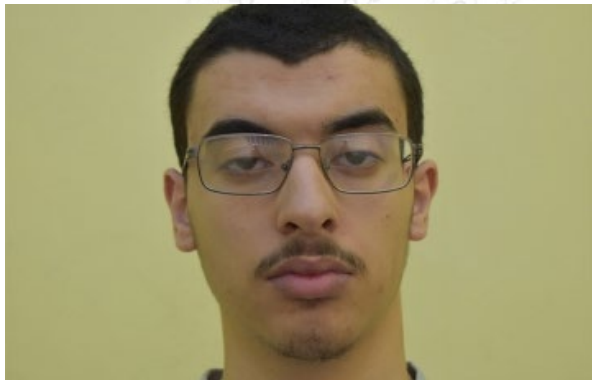
## Boy, 15, accused of 'researching Isle of Wight Festival as terror attack target'

15-year-old boy has appeared in court accused of planning a so-called Islamic State-inspired terror attack after allegedly researching the Isle of Wight Festival as a potential target. The teenager had a knife in his rucksack when he was arrested by counter-terrorism police following a tip-off from the FBI that he was planning to attack a non-believer who he thought had insulted Islam, Westminster Magistrates' Court heard.

The boy, from Cowes on the Isle of Wight, appeared in the dock to deny a charge of preparation of terrorist acts under Section 5 of the Terrorism Act 2006.

Prosecutors say he researched the music festival, held between June 16 and 19 on the island, which was attended by around 90,000 people and featured acts including Lewis Capaldi and Kasabian.

## Hate-filled terrorists will be isolated in separate cells to stop them brainwashing other prisoners



Terrorists will be placed in separation cells straight away to stop them spreading hatred in prisons. The most dangerous radicalisers will be -isolated as soon as they are sentenced under toughened-up rules ordered by ministers. Justice Secretary Dominic Raab will introduce the change following a recommendation from a recent independent report on terror in prisons.

Hashem Abedi, the brother of Manchester Arena bomber Salman, is understood to have been kept in a -separation centre over radicalisation fears.

Currently, offenders are housed with fellow inmates allowing them to extend their hateful ideology in custody.

Frontline staff previously had to apply for the dangerous inmates to be moved as a last resort after picking up tell-tale signs of radicalisation.

## Met strip-search five children every week without first arresting them



Five children are being strip searched by Met Police officers every week without even being arrested first. Data obtained by LBC shows 799 children aged between 10 and 17 were strip-searched whilst not in custody, from 2019 to 2021. The vast majority were for suspected drugs offences, and in just under half of the cases there was no outcome or arrest.

The figures also expose huge racial disparities; more than half of the children strip-searched were black (436), three-quarters of them were from ethnically diverse backgrounds (607), while only one in five (179) were white.

Scotland Yard sparked national outrage after news emerged earlier this year of a 15-year-old black schoolgirl from Hackney, known as Child Q, being strip-searched, without having been first arrested for any crime.

The searches of 10 other children have also been referred to the police watchdog to investigate.

## Cannabis factory found in former east London police station



A large cannabis factory has been found in a former police station in east London. The drug farm was uncovered at the old Isle of Dogs police station in Manchester Road. Police are still working at the site and no arrests have been made. "The Isle of Dogs police station was sold to a private company on February 25, 2022, and is no longer Metropolitan Police Service property."





## Security Industry News

### Fraud cases set to soar amid ongoing cost of living crisis

UK Fraud prevention service Cifas is warning that consumers and businesses face a growing risk of identity fraud as criminals prepare to target consumers during the cost-of-living crisis. The warning comes as 200,000 cases of fraudulent conduct were filed to the National Fraud Database in the first six months of 2022. That's a rise of 11% when compared to last year.

As revealed in Cifas' latest Fraudscape report, a large part of that rise has been soaring levels of identity fraud, with over 136,600 cases recorded in 2022 (up by one third on 2021). Although the main sectors targeted were plastic cards and bank accounts, there has also been a significant rise in telecom products being targeted.

The rise in the cost of living is providing criminals with new opportunities to steal personal and financial information. Already, Cifas is seeing a rise in consumers being targeted by phishing e-mails purporting to be from utility companies and claiming to provide savings on energy bills, as well as offering fuel vouchers, fake jobs and money-making opportunities. These e-mails are becoming increasingly sophisticated, as are the links within them designed to harvest personal and financial information.

### Solicitors urged to help stem “rising tide” of ransomware payments



Solicitors are being asked to play their part in keeping the UK safe online by helping to tackle a rise in payments being made to ransomware criminals. In a joint letter, the National Cyber Security Centre and the Information Commissioner's Office ask The Law Society to remind its members of their advice on ransomware and emphasise that paying a ransom will not keep data safe or be viewed by the Information Commissioner as a mitigation in regulatory action. In the letter, the National Cyber Security Centre – which itself is a part of GCHQ – and the Information Commissioner's Office state that they have seen evidence of a rise in ransomware payments and that, in some cases, solicitors may have been advising clients to pay in the belief that it will keep data safe or lead to a lower penalty.



## Quartet of fraudsters convicted for £21 million loss in cryptocurrency



Four offenders have been convicted for fraudulently obtaining and laundering Bitcoin and other cryptocurrency worth tens of millions of pounds from an Australia-based cryptocurrency exchange. Stephen William Boys (aged 58), Kelly Caton (44), Jordan Kane Robinson (aged 23) and James Austin-Beddoes, 27, were found guilty of fraud at Preston Crown Court as well as converting and transferring criminal property. All five were associates of James Parker, who masterminded the conspiracy from his home in Blackpool over a three-month period between October 2017 and January 2018. Parker identified and then exploited a loophole on the cryptocurrency trading platform, which allowed him and his associates to dishonestly obtain credits worth £21 million at that time.

## Counter Terrorism Summer vigilance campaign



# COUNTER TERRORISM POLICING

Counter Terrorism Policing have published its Summer Vigilance campaign toolkit. The campaign aims to encourage the public to report anything which 'doesn't feel right' and to 'trust their instincts' while enjoying the festivities this summer.

Several different assets are being produced to reach people celebrating the Women's Euros, Commonwealth Games and other sporting, stadium and crowd events on a national and local level. This campaign complements the #BeSafeBeSound campaign which offers the same key messages but is more suited to festivals and music events.

A toolkit of all communication material is available on the Protect UK platform and can be found here.

<https://homeoffice.us15.listmanage.com/track/click?u=4f02ccc5fcb79e244e219a709&id=d71e72bc16&e=cbad6a9159>

## Autumn marauding terrorist attack briefings

The Centre for the Protection of National Infrastructure (CPNI) will be providing four virtual marauding terrorist attack briefings on the following dates and times:

- 25 October 2022 (09:30 – 12:30)

- 12 December 2022 (09:30 – 12:30)
- 26 January 2023 (09:00 – 12:30)
- 01 March 2023 (13:00 – 16:30)

The purpose of the briefing is to provide a high-level understanding of topics and actions related to a marauding terrorist attack. The briefing's aims are to:

- raise awareness of the modus operandi of attackers
- appreciate the timing and difficulty of managing an attack situation
- understand emergency services' response to marauding terrorist attack
- identify tasks of security control room during an incident and how to prioritise these
- highlight effective public announcements during a marauding terrorist attack
- understand how barriers can delay and discourage attackers.

## NaCTSO publishes crowded places guidance

The National Counter Terrorism Security Office (NaCTSO) has published Crowded Places Guidance. This document provides protective security advice for a number of sectors and scenarios and provides guidance on how different sectors can act to help make their businesses, institutions or organisations safer.

<https://homeoffice.us15.listmanage.com/track/click?u=4f02ccc5fcb79e244e219a709&id=d7e9e03e1f&e=cbad6a9159>

## Events guidance for suppliers of security

As part of our drive to support public safety at festivals and events, we have issued updated guidance to ensure that people providing security services at events are compliant with the law. Please read our events guidance for suppliers of security.

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## SIA Message “Hiring for events”

The SIA remind you that those who use labour supplied by other parties remain responsible for ensuring that the supplied licensed operatives hold a valid and genuine SIA licence. You must undertake appropriate due diligence. We are encouraging all suppliers of security to continue to ensure that the SIA licence produced at ‘check-in’ is physically checked and is valid.



features. These include:

We encourage you to use a UV (ultraviolet) light where possible as a quick and easy method to check licences. The SIA licence features several easy-to-check security



- on the front of the licence, you should be able to see holograms when the licence is tilted backwards and forwards.
- the expiry date of the licence is embossed on the bottom of the photograph (not printed on) – you should be able to run your finger over the date and feel that it is raised.
- on the back of the licence there is a QR code and a bar code. When scanned the QR code should take you to the SIA licence conditions, and the bar code should bring up the same licence number as shown on the licence.
- a UV light should reveal 'SIA' in the top right and bottom left of the licence when scanned across the front. On older licences there will be a watermark pattern on the back of the licence that can only be revealed by the UV.
- The address on the rear of the licence should show an 'E' post code.

## Security Twenty 22 conference and exhibitions

Professional Security Magazine's schedule of planned conference and exhibitions are below.

- 06 September – Belfast - Europa Hotel
- 08 September – Dublin - Crowne Plaza Blanchardstown
- 03 November – London Heathrow - Radisson Red Hotel

## International Security Expo

- 27 - 28 September - Olympia London

## 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/threat-report-22nd-july-2022>

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/report/threat-report-8th-july-2022>



## Demonstrations held / planned

### Protest in Bristol against killing of Ukrainian POWs

Ukrainians in Bristol have marched in demonstration against a rocket attack that killed dozens of Ukrainian prisoners of war (POWs).

The protest started on College Green, in the city centre. Russia and Ukraine have blamed each other for an attack on a prison in the occupied part of the Donetsk region. Protesters say they "cannot be silent" about the 29 July incident. The march is calling on the UN and the International Committee of the Red Cross to provide security guarantees to POWs.

### Protest staged along threatened Dumfries to Edinburgh bus route



A protest has been staged along the route of a bus service due to be discontinued in about six weeks' time. Campaigners say the Dumfries to Edinburgh service is a "vital link" for the communities it serves. They staged a protest at a number of stops along the route to try to avoid it being taken away.

The councils involved in funding the service is in discussions and have said they are committed to finding a solution. The 101/102 service runs between southwest Scotland and the capital and serves a number of towns and villages including West Linton, Biggar and Moffat.

### Fuel protests: Arrests for slow driving during motorway delays

More than a dozen protesters were arrested for driving too slowly during demonstrations on motorways in England, Wales and Scotland over fuel prices. The go-slow action mainly targeted three-lane motorways with convoys of vehicles crawling along two lanes - leaving the "fast" outside lane free. Twelve people were arrested during a protest on the M4, which led to the Prince of Wales Bridge, between England and Wales, being closed. Another man was arrested near the A38.

Protesters, organised under the social media banner Fuel Price Stand Against Tax, drove in a series of convoys at 30mph (48.3km/h) to cause gridlock on major roads and motorways.



## Protests cause traffic queues in Scotland

Protesters have targeted main roads in parts of Scotland as part of a UK-wide demonstration over the impact of high fuel prices. Two tractors caused long tailbacks on the A92 heading north into Aberdeen on Monday, and there were also protests at the Kessock Bridge in Inverness. Fuel prices have risen to record highs in recent weeks. Police Scotland said it was aware of protests across Scotland and urged motorists to be careful.

## Bristol Drag queen children's story hour disrupted by protests



An event where a drag queen was due to read to children in Bristol has been postponed after protests outside. The event at Henleaze Library, Bristol, went ahead without the host and a librarian read to children instead.

Bristol City Council said the group "needed lessons in tolerance and difference," and said it would not tolerate discrimination.

Avon and Somerset Police arrested a woman in connection with an alleged assault on a man during the protest. Around 30 protesters arrived earlier, with a similar number of counter-protesters arriving soon after.

"Officers attended to facilitate peaceful protest and enable library staff and visitors, the event organisers and the wider community to go about their lawful business," said a police spokesperson.

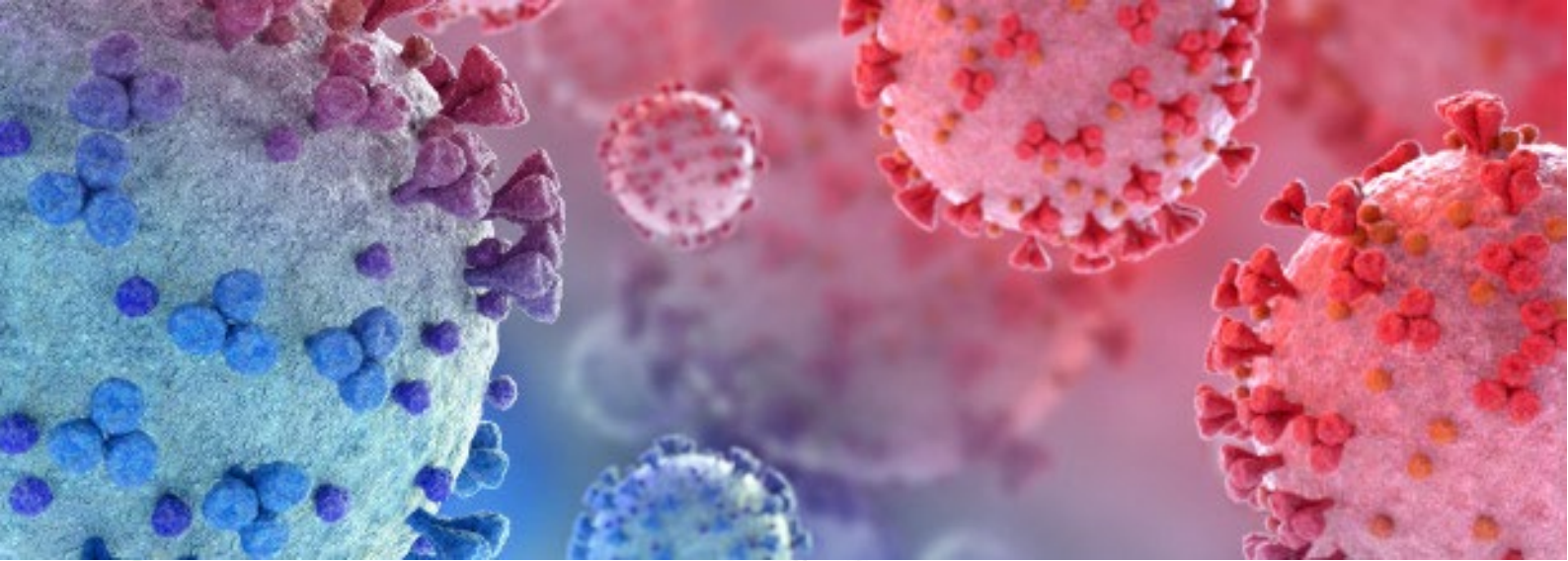
## Anti-dairy activists pour milk on Harrods floor



Vegan activists have poured milk on the floor in Harrods and "occupied" the cheese aisle in Waitrose in a protest over the dairy industry. Protesters tied to Animals Rebellion, a group of activists linked to Extinction Rebellion, staged the demonstrations in supermarkets around London on Wednesday.

Footage and pictures posted on social media showed activists

removing cartons of milk from shelves in M&S and Waitrose on Oxford Street after pouring the product on the floor in Harrods.



## Coronavirus Covid-19 Related News

Nothing of significance to report

