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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

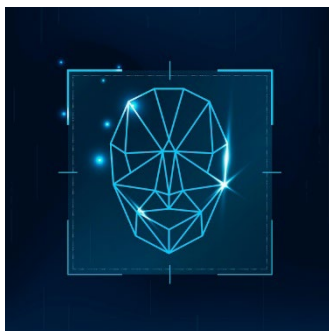
Co-founder of right-wing terror group convicted at Winchester Crown Court

The co-founder of National Action, a small and secretive right-wing group which espoused hateful violent rhetoric, has been convicted of being a member of a proscribed organisation. Alex Davies, 28, was found guilty by a jury at Winchester Crown Court. Davies was found guilty of being a member of a proscribed terrorist group between 17 December 2016 and 27 September 2017, which is contrary to Section 11 of the Terrorism Act 2000.

National Action was jointly founded by Davies in 2013 but joined the list of extremist groups proscribed by the Government in December 2016 after it drew greater attention to itself by openly celebrating the murder of a Member of Parliament.

The Crown Prosecution Service's Counter-Terrorism Division is responsible for prosecuting all terrorism crimes and terrorist-related offences in England and Wales. Terrorism offences are distinct from other types of crime in that individuals who commit them have political, religious, racial and/or ideological motivations. The team works alongside the specialist Counter-Terrorism Police.

ICO issues £7.5 million-plus fine to facial recognition business Clearview AI



The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) has fined Clearview AI Inc the substantial sum of £7,552,800 for using images of people in the UK – and elsewhere – that were collected from the Internet and social media to create a global online database that could be used for facial recognition. The ICO has also issued an Enforcement Notice ordering the company to stop obtaining and using the personal data of UK residents that's publicly available on the Internet and to delete the data of UK residents from its systems.

The ICO's action follows on from a joint investigation conducted alongside the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner, which focused on Clearview

AI Inc's use of people's images, data scraping from the Internet and the use of biometric data for facial recognition.

Trio of fraudsters sentenced over £1,000,000-plus VAT scam



Lee Hickinbottom, Tabatha Knott, and David Hickinbottom – have been sentenced for defrauding the taxpayer of over £1 million in a VAT-focused criminal scheme that exploited Government systems designed to support businesses. Lee Hickinbottom, 49, was sentenced to eight years' imprisonment after being convicted of multiple counts of cheating

the public revenue (i.e. HMRC and DWP). Tabatha Knott, 34, was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment suspended for two years after being convicted of one count of cheating the public revenue (HMRC) and one count of money laundering. David Hickinbottom, 36, was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment suspended for two years after pleading guilty to one count of cheating the public revenue.

The criminal enterprise involved the defendants using a company's VAT registration to make fraudulent VAT repayment claims towards the end of its life and after it had gone into liquidation. Businesses who have charged customers prices less VAT than they have paid on purchases can then put claims to the HMRC to repay the difference.

Between September 2013 and November 2014, Serenity Travel Ltd over-claimed £43,177 in VAT repayments. Knott was the director of this company but was assisted by Lee Hickinbottom.

Electrical business fined €20,000 in wake of security officer's death

An electrical company has been fined €20,000 (with prosecution costs of over €12,000) for failing to carry out necessary research on the rolling electric gate which fell and fatally injured a 44-year-old security officer who was on duty at the Navan Retail Park in County Meath, Ireland back in 2016. The body of Victor Alonge was discovered underneath the rolling gate on the morning of 25 July 2016. He had been crushed to death by the one tonne gate after he tried to close it manually subsequent to the electric motor having failed.

In a hearing conducted at the Trim Circuit Court in February, E.E.S Enterprise Electrical Services of the Tallaght Business Centre pleaded guilty to failing to carry out necessary research on the gate or the manner in which it was erected to ensure its safety within the four months leading up to the tragedy.

Presiding Judge Terence O'Sullivan made not of the fact that the company was fully insured prior to the incident taking place before imposing the substantial fine of €20,000 and administering prosecution costs of over €12,000.



Jail for man with lethal gun and ammunition



A man has been jailed for seven years after a self-loading pistol and ammunition were seized from him on the M1 in Hertfordshire. Albanian national Klejdi Kazani, 21, was under investigation by the Organised Crime Partnership (OCP) – a joint National Crime Agency and Metropolitan Police Service unit – when he was arrested in August last year. OCP investigators tracked him while he was travelling on the M1 from Birmingham to London and shared intelligence with West Midlands Police, who moved in to stop the car.

Officers recovered a converted blank-firing Turkish Retay 84FS self-loading pistol hidden under the front passenger seat. The weapon was able to fire live ammunition as its barrel blockage had been removed.

Jailed drugs smuggler used luxury yacht for £160m cocaine plot

A British man has been jailed for 18 years after admitting trying to smuggle two tonnes of cocaine worth £160m into the UK. Andrew Cole, 33, of Norton Road, Stockton on Tees, was aboard the luxury yacht, Kahu, when it was stopped 80 miles off the coast of Plymouth in an operation led by the National Crime Agency and supported by Border Force and the Australian Federal Police. Cole was the link between senior members of an international organised crime group and a UK group that had planned to take delivery of the drugs near the English Channel.



Gun supplier used 3D printer to make weapons for organised crime groups



A gun supplier from Birmingham who used a 3D printer and ammunition press to make viable weapons from parts ordered on the dark web has been jailed for 27 months. Haroon Iqbal, 32, from Bramble Dell in Birmingham, made two orders for parts to be sent from the US. Iqbal first requested internal parts of a Glock 17 from a seller, ordering it to arrive within a cover load of

electronics and using a different identity. The order was sent but intercepted on its arrival in the UK on 22 January 2022, and found to include the internal parts for the Glock.

Queen's troops arrested over drug offences days before Platinum Jubilee parade

Six soldiers have been arrested on suspicion of drugs and money-laundering offences just days before they were due to take part in the Platinum Jubilee parade. The serving members of the Irish Guards were held on suspicion of dealing cocaine and running a loan shark operation.

Human trafficking gang jailed for 'exploiting over 300 women in 5 brothels across London'



A human trafficking gang have been jailed for trafficking and exploiting 'over 300 female victims' from Poland into London. The trafficking gang was run by husband-and-wife team Sebastian Zimoch, 48, and Anna Zimoch, 46, who were convicted of conspiracy to arrange or facilitate human trafficking and conspiracy to control prostitution for gain. Gregor Borowka, 44, Michael Lozinski, 52, and Rafal Lacki, 41, were convicted also convicted for the same charge at Isleworth Crown Court. Lozinski alone was also convicted of a second count of controlling prostitution for gain in relation to a massage parlour business called Massage Bunnies.

CCTV shows teen killers chase Shaun Wright-Phillips' nephew, 16, with knife

Three men were jailed for a total of 61 years after they were found guilty of murdering the nephew of ex-Manchester City footballer Shaun Wright-Phillips. Rhamero West, 16 had just completed his first day at college when he was chased by his attackers who used a long-bladed knife "like a baton in a relay race". Ryan Cashin, 19, Marquis Richards, 17, and Giovanni Lawrence, 20, "hunted Rhamero son down like a pack of wolves" before attacking him "without a motive".



The catering student was struck four times with one of the wounds severing an artery in the back of his left thigh which resulted in a fatal loss of blood.

The three men were jailed with Cashin and Lawrence receiving life sentences, with minimum terms of 24 years and 21 years respectively before they can be considered for parole. Richards will be detained in custody for at least 18 years.

Police watchdog probes strip-search of a third child by the Met



The Metropolitan Police is being investigated by the police watchdog over the strip-search of a third child. The force has come under fire recently for two controversial cases of its officers strip-searching two teenage girls, known as Child Q and Olivia. Both girls were strip-searched by Metropolitan Police officers while they were menstruating. Acting Commissioner Sir Stephen House told the London

Assembly Police and Crime Committee last week that there was a further case he could not discuss. The Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC) said: "We can confirm that, following a complaint, we are investigating the strip-search of a child."

Only one UK police force hits key 999 ten-second response target



All but one British police forces are failing to reach a key 999 call response target according to new data. Police are tasked with answering 90% of 999 calls within 10 seconds of them being made. However according to new Home Office statistics just one force, Avon and Somerset Police, is hitting the target.

All other forces failed to hit their objective between November 2021 and April 2022, with a national average of just 71% of calls being answered within 10 seconds. The worst performing force, Humberside Police, only managed to answer two percent of calls within the targeted period.

After Avon and Somerset, the best performing forces were Lincolnshire, Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire, which each hit the target on 89% of calls.

Katie Price faces jail for breaching restraining order against ex-husband's fiancée



Katie Price has been warned she faces jail for breaching a restraining order against her ex-husband Kieran Hayler's fiancée Michelle Penticost. The former glamour model admitted breaching a restraining order against Ms Penticost over a message in which she accused the pair of having an affair. She sent abusive text messages branding Ms Penticost, the new fiancée of her former husband Kieran Hayler, a "c***ing w***e piece of s****" and a "gutter s**g".

Price, 44, who was known professionally as Jordan, was banned from contacting Penticost directly or indirectly on June 3, 2019, under the terms of a five-year restraining order.

She was fined £415 for hurling a foul-mouthed "tirade of abuse" at her during a row in a school playground.

Male nurse jailed after filming up gowns of unconscious female patients



A nurse who filmed up the gowns of unconscious female patients has been jailed for 12 years by a judge who said he had "brought shame" on the profession. Paul Grayson, 51, also recorded staff using the toilet at Sheffield's Royal Hallamshire Hospital. Sentencing him, Judge Jeremy Richardson QC said: "You have betrayed every ounce of trust reposed in you. "You have already been stripped of your status as a nurse by your professional body. So, you should be. "You have brought shame on an honourable professional by your egregious criminal conduct." Sheffield Crown

Court heard how Grayson, who had more than 25 years' experience in nursing, targeted four patients as they recovered from surgery.

He also filmed five nurses using a toilet at the hospital and videoed two other young women who were not connected to the hospital using hidden cameras.

Weston-Super-Mare man prosecuted for working illegally at Oktoberfest



Security Industry Authority

On Friday 06 May Chadd Thomas Zamir Heath of Weston-Super-Mare, pleaded guilty to working unlicensed at North Somerset Magistrates' Court. Heath was fined £300. The court also ordered him to pay court costs of £1,000 as well as handing him a victim surcharge of £34. This prosecution follows a routine SIA licence inspection at the Oktoberfest event at Weston-Super-Mare on 01 October last year. Our investigators approached the entrance gate and saw three

men wearing security jackets. The investigators asked to see their security licences. Two men were correctly displaying their licences, which were verified by the investigators. The third man – Mr Heath – wasn't displaying a licence, for which our investigators challenged him.

Aylesbury Company Director prosecuted for providing unlicensed security

On Friday 13 May, a company director pleaded guilty to supplying an unlicensed door supervisor at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court for attempting to use a counterfeit licence to work at the Isle of Wight Festival last September. Ratu Baleidraul, director of Islanders Protection Security Services Ltd was fined £300, ordered to pay £1,624 court costs and a victim surcharge of £34. The company was also fined £250, ordered to pay £800 court costs and a victim surcharge £34. We brought the prosecution, which follows our investigation into the attempted use of a counterfeit licence at the Isle of Wight Festival.

Teesside security bosses ordered to pay £6,000 from proceeds of crime



On 10 May 2022 two Teesside company directors were together ordered to pay £6,000 following a Proceeds of Crime order handed to them at Teesside Crown Court. The court order follows an earlier guilty plea by Kenden Security Ltd directors Anthony Woods and Bruce Campbell for four offences against the Private Security Industry Act. They must pay the sum within three months or Woods will face a six-month jail sentence.

Woods and Campbell were additionally fined £250 and £150 respectively. The company was also fined £250. The directors are required to pay within three months or risk seven days imprisonment. We brought the prosecutions against the company and its directors, primarily for falsely purporting to be SIA approved contractors.

Colwyn Bay security firm ordered to pay £1,900 from proceeds of crime

On Friday 13 May 2022, Caernarfon Crown Court handed a £1,892.78 court order for the recovery of proceeds of crime (POCA) to a Colwyn Bay family business, ALG Security Services Ltd. The proceeds of crime order must be paid within three months otherwise its director, Robert Leonard Gaze faces a 14-day jail sentence.

The court also fined ALG Security Ltd £900 and they are required to pay £200 court costs plus a victim surcharge of £90. Robert Gaze was fined £675 and ordered to pay £200 court costs and a victim surcharge of £67. The order follows the prosecution of ALG Security Services Ltd, and its director Robert Leonard Gaze, who pleaded guilty at Llandudno Magistrates' Court on 13 August 2021 to a series of offences under the Private Security Industry Act. We brought the prosecution against ALG Security and Gaze as well as three unlicensed people.

Sainsbury's security guard 'punches' boy in face after accusing him of stealing



A TikTok post has been shared widely on social media. Showing a Sainsbury's security guard appearing to punch a boy in the face. In the footage, the security guard accuses the boy of stealing. The guard can be heard saying "I punch him?" and then said: "It's all on camera, so then he punched me first. He is stealing. Sainsbury's has launched an "urgent" investigation after the footage was posted online. The incident is reported to have unfolded at an Elephant and Castle store.

Boy, 13, arrested on suspicion of sharing Islamist terrorist material

A 13-year-old boy has been arrested on suspicion of sharing Islamist terrorist material. The teenager was detained in west London by officers from the Metropolitan Police Counter Terrorism Command. He was taken into custody before being released on bail until mid-June.

Commander Richard Smith, head of the Counter Terrorism Command, said they had seen a rise in the number of teenagers being drawn into terrorism.

Police saw the number of terrorism arrests for all age groups except children fall during the pandemic. And in the year to March 2021, 13% of suspects arrested for terrorism offences were aged under 18, compared to 5% the previous year.

Darlington boy, 14, sentenced for terrorism offences



A boy who talked about carrying out a right-wing terrorism attack on an orphanage has been sentenced. The boy, from Darlington, was 13 when he said he wanted to carry out a school shooting and owned manuals detailing how to make explosives and weapons, Newton Aycliffe Youth Court heard.

He is one of the youngest convicted terrorists in the UK. The boy was ordered to complete a "high-intensity" referral order for 12 months after admitting three charges.

Met Police make arrests in London and Essex in terror probe

Two teenagers have been arrested on suspicion of terrorism offences as part of an ongoing investigation into alleged Islamist extremism.

The Metropolitan Police said an 18-year-old man was arrested in Essex on suspicion of encouraging terrorism. He remained in police custody after a warrant was granted to allow detectives to question him for a further six days.

A 17-year-old girl was also arrested at an address in east London and a 13-year-old boy was arrested in west London on suspicion of sharing Islamist terrorist material. The force said all three arrests were made as part of a wider investigation into alleged Islamist extremism.

Fourteen security staff working at Croydon NHS hospital are arrested



Fourteen security staff at an NHS hospital have been arrested after allegedly sharing CCTV footage of themselves being over-forceful with members of the public. Scotland Yard said its detectives were investigating the 'improper use of CCTV' by contractors working in security for Croydon University Hospital in South London. Police revealed they found the footage on a mobile phone while investigating an 'unrelated matter', and all 14 arrested people have been bailed until June.

Government urged to 'act fast' to remedy bouncer shortage

UK nightclubs have warned they are "running out of time" to find bouncers amid staff shortages which could impact the safety of customers on nights out. Bosses at the Night Time Industries Association (NTIA) and UK Door Security Association have cautioned that lives could be at risk without government intervention.

The trade groups said that 75% of members surveyed – including nightclubs, bars, and pubs – felt that security staff shortages were impacting on their ability to protect the public.

The summer is approaching very quickly, and we need a government intervention to remedy the situation before we are potentially subject to another tragedy where lives are lost, and we are left to take action retrospectively

Several people 'collapse' at Sainsbury's sparking evacuation of supermarket

A Sainsbury's store in the West Midlands has been evacuated amid reports of 'people collapsing'. Seven people are being treated for 'breathing problems' by paramedics at the scene in Longbridge. There is a big emergency response to the incident, which West Midlands Fire Service categorised as 'Hazardous Substances' on their website. One onlooker said: 'The police have said there's been an incident involving some sort of gas. People were on the floor gasping for air after collapsing. Although no official explanation has been given either by Sainsbury's or the emergency services, eyewitnesses claimed the incident might have had something to do with an air conditioning unit.



Security Industry News

Skills Board focuses on driving higher levels of professionalism in UK security

A new Skills Board has been launched by the Security Industry Authority (SIA) and the City Security Council (CSC) in order to address the need for higher standards of professionalism in the private security industry. The Skills Board will consult with and comprise senior leaders and security professionals from across the industry. Together, they will agree on strategic priorities and commit to deliver what is hoped to be transformational change in support of all those working in the industry.

The Board is chaired by Jason Towse (managing director of business services at Mitie), while the vice-chair is Gemma Quirke, chief operating officer of Wilson James. It will be managed and administered jointly by the SIA and the CSC.

Places of Worship Protective Security Fund open for applications



Mosques and Muslim faith schools have been given access to £24.5 million for security measures to protect their places of worship and schools and make our streets safer, security minister Damian Hinds has announced. Muslims continue to experience an increased threat of hate crime. In 2020-2021, 45% of religious hate crimes recorded by the police service in England and Wales were targeted against Muslims.

From now, places of worship can bid for funding to put in place security measures to help tackle this threat. This could include the installation of CCTV cameras and perimeter fencing to ensure that adequate measures are in place to protect worshippers. Muslims will also be able to register their interest in security guarding services at mosques to ensure that their communities can worship safely and without fear.

In addition, £3.5 million is available for other faith communities through the Government's Places of Worship Fund. Applications are now open and all places of worship who feel they are vulnerable to hate crime are encouraged to apply. This scheme runs alongside the Jewish

Community Protective Security Grant, which provides protective security for the Jewish community and was recently renewed for this year.

This latest round of funding marks the Government's ongoing commitment to protecting people's right to practise their faith without fear and to make the nation's streets safer.

Festival safety advice

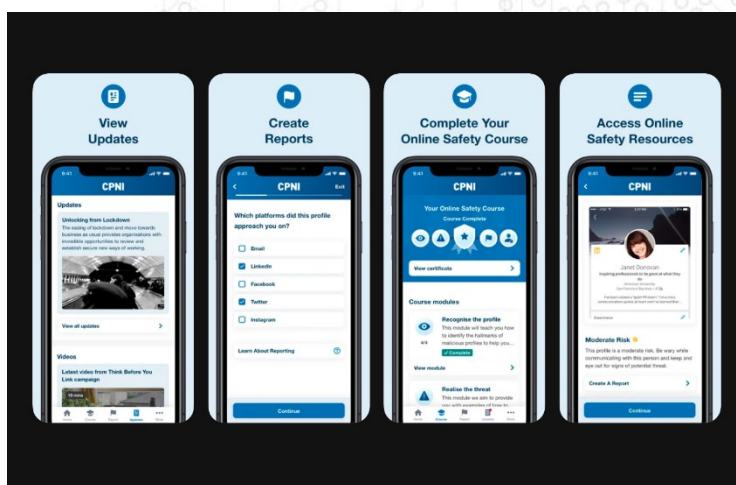


Police set up the #BeSafeBeSound campaign in 2019 for sharing simple safety and security advice for music-lovers. This year, that stands to see the first post-covid festivals, Counter Terrorism Policing is working on the campaign reaching as many people as possible.

Creamfields, Radio 1's Big Weekend (in Coventry at the end of May, starring Ed Sheeran) and The O2 in London are among those supporting the campaign. They will be sharing #BeSafeBeSound

safety advice on big screens and social media. Police state there is no intelligence to indicate an increased threat to festivals or music events. Counter Terrorism Policing's National Co-ordinator for Protect and Prepare, Chief Superintendent Michael Orchard, is urging the public to follow and share safety advice.

Think before you link app



A 'Think before you link' app has been launched. It's for users of social media and professional networking sites, such as LinkedIn and Facebook, to better identify the hallmarks of fake profiles – used by foreign spies and other malicious actors. In the first half of last year alone LinkedIn stopped 11.6m fake accounts at registration. Estimates based on University of Portsmouth research findings suggest that around 16.8m

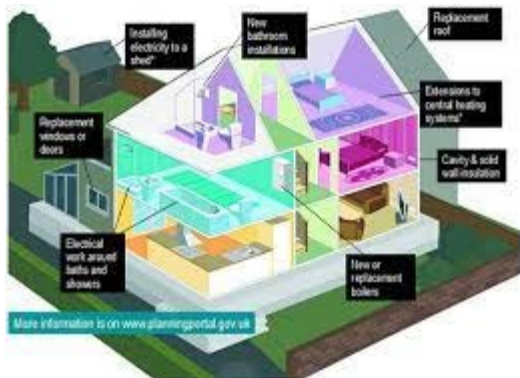
LinkedIn users may have accepted unknown contacts, with 1.6m of them working in industries classified as sensitive.

The research was carried out by Prof Mark Button and Dr David Shepherd of the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Portsmouth. It involved a survey of 1,000 UK professionals who use either LinkedIn or Facebook for professional networking. The survey data was collected in April.

The app is part of the UK official Centre for the Protection of National Infrastructure's (CPNI) 'Think Before You Link' campaign. It has been developed with behavioural scientists to include features such as a profile reviewer, which will help you identify potentially fake profiles and report anything they deem suspicious.

<https://www.cpni.gov.uk/security-campaigns/think-you-link>

Competent Persons Scheme programme



The Competent Persons Scheme team within National Counter Terrorism Security Office (NaCTSO) forms part of the Government's publicly accessible locations programme. NaCTSO has begun the two-year programme to provide the business community with the assurance that they can successfully mitigate their risks posed by terrorist threats and fulfil their duties under the new Protect Duty. The team has delivered a 'proof of concept' using a combination of available market research; the findings from last year's Protect Duty

consultation and the Manchester Arena Inquiry. The programme is looking at two potential markets:

1. Security advisors: a person who will provide appropriate advice to businesses in matters relating to counter terrorism protective security/preparedness.
2. People at work: a person responsible for determining and implementing appropriate security practices. This may be a business owner or a senior manager or a more security specific role such as security or operations manager.

The Competent Persons Scheme has commissioned further market research into the requirements. The research seeks to understand the current knowledge, qualifications, or skills within the two markets. It will also find out views on potential future areas of growth and the appetite for possible Competent Persons Scheme solutions.

Security Twenty 22 conference and exhibitions

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

- 08 June – Cardiff – Mercure Hotel
- 12 July – Manchester – Kimpton Clocktower Hotel
- 06 September – Belfast – Europa Hotel
- 08 September – Dublin – Red Cow Moran Hotel
- 03 November – London Heathrow – Radisson Red Hotel

<https://www.professionalsecurity.co.uk/security-events-and-conferences/security-twenty-home/>

National Counter Terrorism Security Office (NaCTSO) trails new ProtectUK website

ProtectUK is now available. ProtectUK is the new counter-terrorism platform with accessible up-to-date guidance. The primary audiences for ProtectUK are businesses and licence holders. The ProtectUK website is free, and it's supported by the ProtectUK app, which is available from the Google Play store and the Apple Store on your smart phone. The ProtectUK app provides guidance on:

- threat level
- personal safety
- news and bulletins
- awareness products and videos

New film for security staff: Unattended or Suspicious Items

The Centre for the Protection of National Infrastructure (CPNI) has produced a short new film for security staff on how to deal with an unattended bag once it has been identified. Businesses and organisations can maximise safety and security using existing resources such as See, Check and Notify (SCaN).



Training empowers staff to correctly identify suspicious activity and what to do when they encounter it. You can find further guidance regarding planning and delivering effective premises searches on the 'Building and area search'

<https://www.cpni.gov.uk/building-and-area-search>

Leicester security operatives face realistic terror scenarios



On Tuesday 17 May, Leicester's Mosh Nightclub was the scene of a set of simulated emergency exercises for the club's management, staff, and security team. The exercise saw the club's security operatives challenged by four realistic scenarios under the guidance of Leicestershire Police, Leicester Fire and Rescue Service, and NaCTSO (National Counter Terrorism Security Office). The exercise was designed for front line security operatives to enable them to put into practice their ACT Awareness e-learning as well

as the newer ACT Security e-learning.

The initiative, which is part of the UK-wide Operation SENTRY, was led by us. Its purpose was to ensure preparedness in the unlikely event of a mass casualty event at a Leicester club.

The emergency planning exercise at Mosh Nightclub continues a programme of similar exercises and follows on from events in Chesterfield and London in autumn 2021 and Glasgow in April this year. A pilot event took place at Buxton in Derbyshire in October 2019.

Volunteer police officers to be armed with Taser stun guns

Volunteer police officers in England and Wales will be authorised to use Tasers, the home secretary has announced. Priti Patel said in a speech to police that special constables should be able to use the electric stun guns if they complete the specific training. The Home Office said it



would ensure they are not "at a disadvantage" when facing attackers. But Amnesty International called it a "dangerous expansion" in their use. There are around 8,900 volunteer officers in England and Wales, who have the same powers and uniforms as paid officers.

Deployment of Tasers among volunteer officers will be an operational decision for each of the 43 individual police forces.

Barlinnie gets first prison body scanner in Scotland



The Scottish Prison Service has introduced its first body scanner in HMP Barlinnie as part of efforts to cut down on smuggling contraband. The instant internal images can reveal weapons, mobile phones and drugs. All Scottish jails are now photocopying prisoners' mail to prevent letters soaked in substances entering cells. Barlinnie governor Michael Stoney said there had been a big reduction in prisoners being taken to hospital as a result of drug-induced fits.

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Demonstrations held / planned

Three arrested at Shell AGM as protesters chant 'We will stop you'

Three people have been arrested after Shell was forced to pause its annual general meeting in London after it was interrupted by environmental protesters chanting: "We will stop you." About 40 climate protesters attending the event as shareholders told the oil and gas company's board: "We will expose you. We know who you are. We know what you have done. We will remember."

Having bought shares in Shell to gain access to the meeting, they repeatedly chanted "Shell must fall" and "shame on you" at the assembled executives at Methodist Central Hall in Westminster, accusing the board of spending "more money on green advertising than green technology".

Queen's Speech 2022: 'Public Order Bill won't deter us,' says Insulate Britain protester

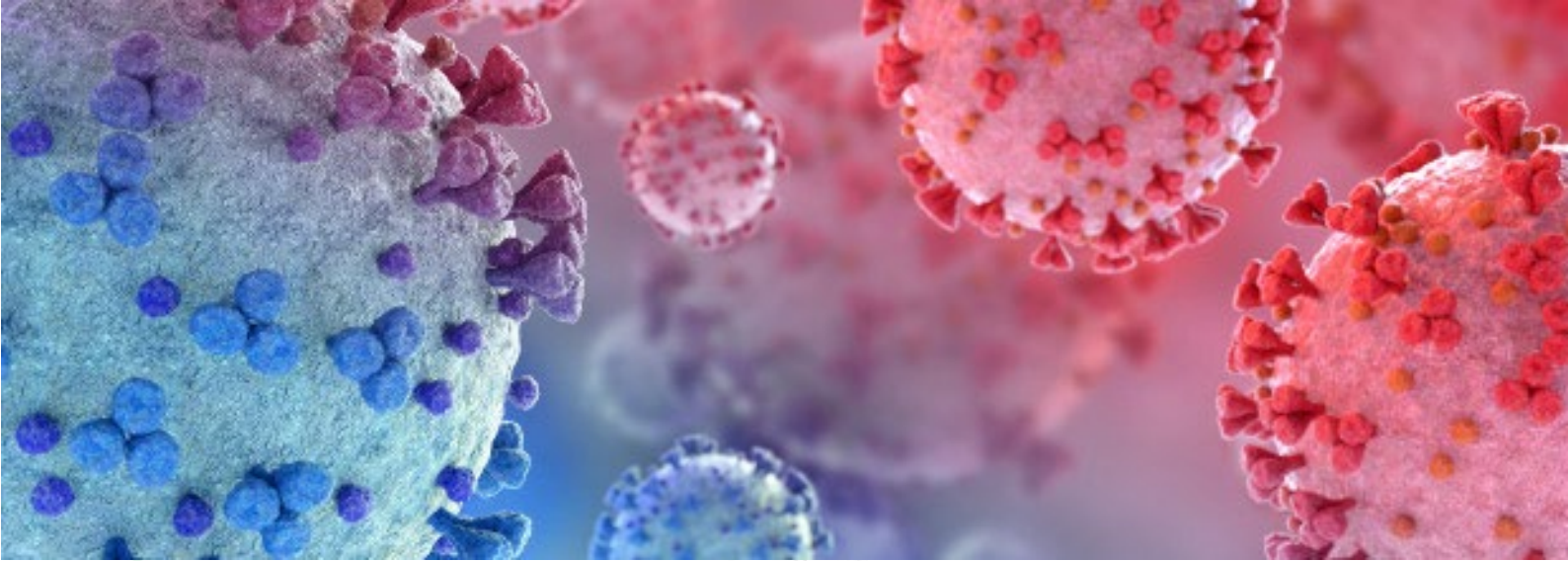


Cameron Ford, 31, told how he plans to continue taking to the streets even if the Public Order Bill is passed the Insulate Britain activist who could be jailed for participating in roadblocking demonstrations has said the Government's plans to crackdown on "guerrilla protests" won't deter him or his fellow campaigners from taking to the streets.

Extinction Rebellion disrupt Africa Oil Conference in Mayfair

On Tuesday May 17 at around 8am, a coalition of groups including Extinction Rebellion Africa, Sustaining the Wild Coast, StopEACOP, Africans Rising, The Green Connection, Oceans Not Oil, Jubilee for Climate, 350.org and Greenpeace disrupted the Africa Energies Summit, a high-level conference attended by oil executives and African heads of state.

Three people gained access to the conference suite in the 5-star May Fair Hotel in London that is hosting the Africa Energies Summit, billed as the "go to conference for Africa's energy industry." They hung banners saying, 'End Oil Colonialism' and 'Justice for Africa' from the £351-a-night hotel's porch and lobby, blocking the delegates' entrances and disrupting proceedings with audio recordings of African activists' protestations about new oil deals.



Coronavirus Covid-19 Related News

Man, who stabbed landlords to death over Covid lockdown fears jailed for 33 years

A tenant who became paranoid about the Covid lockdown and stabbed his landlords to death in a "brutal and frenzied" attack has been jailed for at least 33 years. Daniel Briceno Garcia, 46, killed Sonia Butron Calvi, 66, and Edgar Aguilera Daza, 60, at the home they shared with five others in Stockwell, south London, on April 1, 2020. The couple were found lying in a "bloodbath" at the property by police officers, the Old Bailey was told.



Briceno Garcia had become worried about Covid and paying rent during the pandemic after the lockdown was imposed.

Jurors at the Old Bailey deliberated for just 45 minutes before finding him guilty of two counts of murder. He had admitted manslaughter but denied murder, claiming he was mentally ill at the time.