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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

500-plus criminals and immigration offenders removed from UK

Upwards of 500 foreign criminals and immigration offenders have been removed from the UK by the Home Office during September. In total, 533 people were returned, including 105 to Albania on three dedicated charter flights and scheduled flights. The Home Office also returned 26 Romanian nationals and nine individuals to Zimbabwe on separate charter flights.

The foreign national offenders removed had received combined prison sentences of more than 337 years and were convicted of crimes including sexual and violent offences, supplying Class A drugs and facilitating illegal entry to the UK.

More than 300 people who had no right to remain in the UK, including three Albanian nationals who entered the UK illegally – one via a small boat and through other clandestine means – have also been removed.

Company fined in wake of “serious injuries” sustained by security officer



A meat production company has been fined £440,000 at Plymouth Magistrates' Court after a security officer on duty at an abattoir was seriously injured by a vehicle passing through the site's main gates.

The 63-year-old officer, who was working for an independent security company at the time, was on duty at the gated entrance of the Dunbia (UK) abattoir located at Hatherleigh, near Okehampton in Devon early on the morning of 29 November 2018.

Her duties included operating the gates to allow delivery vehicles to enter and exit the site. The officer sustained serious leg and head injuries requiring surgery when she was hit by a vehicle towing a trailer leaving the site. The officer was holding the gate open at the time. An investigation conducted by the Health and Safety Executive found that the system of work was unsafe and that the company's risk assessments did not extend to the security officers on site. Risks had neither been adequately assessed nor controlled.

Hacker jailed for stealing files from famous musicians



Hacker who stole unreleased Ed Sheeran songs has been jailed for 18 months (Picture: PA)

A computer hacker who stole unreleased music from famous musicians and subsequently sold the audio files on The Dark Web in exchange for cryptocurrency has been imprisoned. Adrian Kwiatkowski offered to sell two unreleased songs by British pop star Ed Sheeran and 12 unreleased songs by American musician Lil Uzi Vert on illegal websites in exchange for bitcoin after hacking the performers' digital accounts. A search of the defendant's Apple Mac laptop uncovered 565 audio files, which included the songs by Vert and Sheeran. Kwiatkowski pleaded guilty to three charges of unauthorised access to computer material, 14 charges of making for sale an article infringing copyright, one charge of converting criminal property and two charges of possession of criminal property. He also admitted to receiving bitcoin cryptocurrency in exchange for the audio files.

23-year-old Kwiatkowski was jailed for 18 months in the wake of a case hearing at Ipswich Crown Court.

Migrants set to share hotels with public as Channel crisis worsens

Migrants are set to share hotels with the public under plans being considered by Suella Braverman to regain control of the Channel crisis.

Home Office officials are drawing up proposals for spot bookings of rooms rather than reserving entire hotels as part of a series of measures to tackle "catastrophic overcrowding" in the main asylum processing centre for Channel migrants at the disused Manston airfield in Kent.

The proposal was disclosed as pressure on the Home Secretary intensified after new questions emerged about her reappointment following her resignation for breaching the ministerial code and her handling of the migrant crisis.

Overcrowding at the processing centre worsened on Sunday after hundreds of migrants had to be transferred to Manston after their quayside reception centre at Tug Haven in Dover was petrol bombed by a man who then killed himself.

An estimated 1,900 migrants crossed the Channel at the weekend, taking the total for 2022 to more than 40,000, compared with 28,500 for the whole of 2021.

Two men killed after shooting in south London



Police were called to reports of gunshots in Railton Road, Brixton. A badly damaged car was pictured at the scene, while an eyewitness said they saw emergency services giving CPR to a person on the ground. Armed officers attended the scene, along with ambulance crews, and found two men injured.

They were both pronounced dead at the scene.

The Metropolitan Police have said no arrests have been made.

UK counter-terror strategy to be reviewed amid rise of 'self-initiated' terrorism and hateful online ideology

The Government's counter-terror strategy is set to be reviewed amid a rise of "self-initiated" terrorism and hateful online ideologies which can permeate into the lives of young people.

The review is in response to ever-changing threats in the UK and abroad, with a shift towards terrorists operating independently from organised groups with increasingly personal ideologies, the Home Office has said.



It will consider recent incidents of homegrown terrorism including the Manchester Arena bombing in 2017. Such attacks have highlighted the threat posed by individuals who have been radicalised online or through other means outside of traditional extremist networks. The Government plans to step up its efforts to counter online hate speech and other dangerous ideologies that can spread quickly and easily through social media platforms.

Robber and masked thugs taken down by shop workers



A number of criminals got more than they bargained for when they targeted shops and their brave owners. Liverpool Crown Court heard that Wayne Daniels returned to a shop on London Road armed with a knife after a row about change. However, he was fought off by the proprietor brandishing wooden poles. Daniels - who appeared via video link to HMP Altcourse - admitted making threats with a bladed article, threatening to destroy property and breaching a suspended sentence and was jailed for two years.

Man in court on terrorism offences

An 18-year-old from Leicester has appeared in court charged with terrorism offences. According to police, Adam Dadhiwala was arrested as part of a pre-planned operation. He was arrested in March as a part of an intelligence-led operation. Appearing at Westminster Magistrates' Court, he gave no indication of a plea to four charges of dissemination of terrorist publications.

Terrorists moved to new prison due to staff shortages



Hashem Abedi, the brother of the Manchester Arena bomber, and other terrorists have moved prison, after one of the three specialist "separation" units designed to prevent them radicalising other inmates was shut due to staff shortages. The inmates who have been moved have been transferred to a separation unit at HMP Full Sutton in East Yorkshire. The temporary closure of the separation unit at HMP Woodhill in Milton Keynes was confirmed by the Ministry of Justice.

NI man jailed for terrorism offences

A man has been jailed in Northern Ireland after pleading guilty to terrorism offences. The charges relate to the search of a house in Ballyclare as part of a probe into suspected criminality linked to the South East Antrim Ulster Defence Association.

William (Billy) Simms was jailed for two years at Belfast Crown Court for possession of items for use in terrorism and possession of a prohibited weapon. Simms pleaded guilty to the charge of possessing articles in February 2021.

Security alert leads to evacuation of East Midlands Airport



East Midlands Airport was evacuated, after a suspicious item was found. The passenger terminal was evacuated, and passengers moved away from the terminal while an item was checked. According to airport officials, the measure was a precaution, as an item being carried through security by a passenger was checked. An East Midlands Airport spokesperson said. The passenger terminal was evacuated as a precaution while further checks were carried out on an item being carried

through security by a passenger.

Man in court on terrorism charges

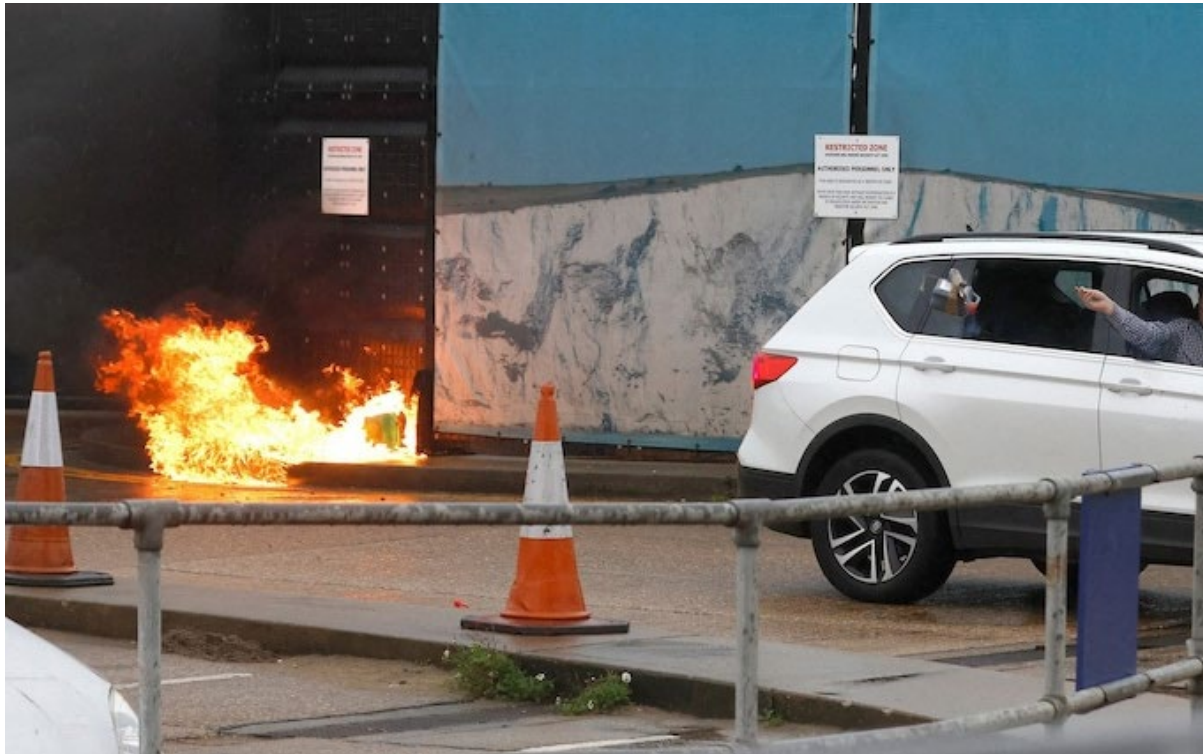
A man from Preston has appeared in court, accused of sharing Islamic State videos on social media. Mohammed Afzal, 18, appeared at the Old Bailey by video link.

He is accused of sharing material on Instagram that showed an execution and fighters in combat between March and September. He is also accused of collecting instructions on making explosives.

Afzal is charged with four offences of disseminating a terrorist publication and a further four offences of collecting information useful to a terrorist.

He has been remanded in custody and is due to appear at Liverpool Crown Court on 10 February.

Incendiary devices thrown at migrant centre in Dover



Two people have been injured after two or three devices were thrown into a Home Office migrant centre in Dover. The suspect was found dead at a petrol station after the attack. Kent Police said enquiries remain ongoing. Following the attack, the site remained open, but 700 people from inside the facility were relocated to Manston.

On Twitter, Home Secretary Suella Braverman said: "I am receiving regular updates on the situation. My thoughts are with those affected, the tireless Home Office staff and police responding. We must now support those officers as they carry out their investigation."

Bournemouth man prosecuted for working as door supervisor while suspended

David Dankwa-Smith has been fined for working illegally as a door supervisor at a nightclub in Bournemouth. David Dankwa-Smith pleaded guilty at Poole Magistrates' Court to working as an illegal door supervisor at a Bournemouth nightclub. He did this while his SIA licence was suspended. He was fined £330 and required to pay £1,070 court costs and a victim surcharge of £34.

Dorset Police advised us that Dankwa-Smith was suspected of additional criminality.

DJ 'thrown into van with girlfriend then beaten to death before burned body found in woods'



Masked men threw a radio DJ and his girlfriend into a van and beat him to death before dumping his burned body in the woods, Koray Alpergin was snatched as he returned to his Enfield home with his partner on October 13, prosecutors allege. His body was found burned, bruised and cut in Loughton, Essex, two days later, with friends of Mr Alpergin, the 43-year-old owner of

Bizim FM, reporting him and girlfriend Gozde Dalbudak, 33, missing.

Ali Kavak, 25, Erdogan Ulcay, 55, and a boy, aged 17, appeared at the Old Bailey charged with murder. They are also accused of kidnap and were remanded in custody ahead of a plea hearing on January 6, with a provisional trial date set for September next year.

Burglar who 'hog tied' elderly couple in found guilty of murder

A burglar accused of torturing an 86-year-old charity worker to death and leaving her ex-mayor husband, 88, fighting for his life, has been found guilty of murder in an attack described as “savage” and “beyond any justification”. Mrs Walker’s lifeless body was found in her kitchen by emergency services after suffering a fatal brain injury at the hands of burglar Vasile Culea, 34. She had been gagged, and had a pillowcase and a bin liner placed over her head. Mr Walker was left fighting for his life following the attack.

Violent biker gang invade quiet UK village



A violent biker gang invaded a quiet West Sussex town, attacking three men and leaving one with stab wounds. Eyewitnesses reported seeing three members of the Vikings Motorcycle Club being attacked on the A24 in Findon Valley near Worthing. Earlier, the Vikings rode through Brighton heading West towards Surrey, according to witnesses.

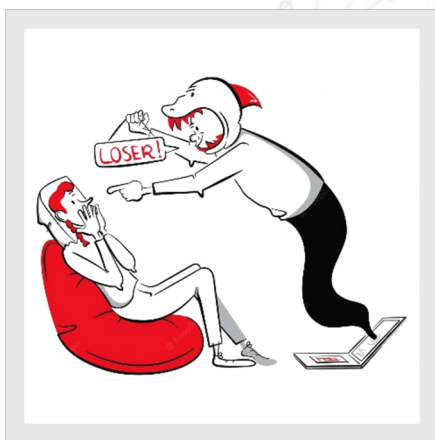
It is believed they were attacked by members of a rival biker gang when they stopped in Findon after becoming separated from the rest of the group. One man had serious stab wounds, according to a statement by the police. The seven men arrested remain in custody and enquiries are continuing.

Boy, shot in the back and legs as machete gangs clash

A teenage boy was rushed to hospital after being shot in the back and legs moments after machete-wielding gangs clashed on the streets of east London. The 17-year-old boy was found by police suffering multiple gunshot wounds in St Stephens Road, Bow.

It came minutes after officers were called to Old Ford Road, towards Roman Road in Bow to reports of youths "armed with machetes" and the sound of a gun being fired. Police arrived to a second call where they found the teenager with a gunshot wound to his back and legs. He was treated at the scene by police and paramedics and was taken to hospital. The shooting prompted police crackdown on the area with Scotland Yard extending the use of the extra search powers.

Hate crimes recorded by police up by more than a quarter



The number of hate crimes recorded by police in England and Wales has risen by 26% - to 155,841 in the year to March 2022, Home Office figures show. More than two-thirds - 109,843 - were racist hate crimes.

But crimes against transgender people saw the biggest rise, with 4,355 reports, up 56% from the previous year. The Home Office said the overall rise could be due to better recording by police - and fewer had been recorded under Covid restrictions in 2020-21.

The rise in crimes against transgender people could also be because "transgender issues have been heavily discussed on social media over the last year", it said. Hate crimes targeting people's sexual orientation also increased - by 42%, to 26,152.

Albanian people-smuggling gang 'dismantled' by UK and Spanish police



An Albanian people-smuggling gang that transported migrants to Britain via Spain has been "dismantled" after a series of arrests, the National Crime Agency (NCA) announced.

Seven suspects were arrested, including two group leaders who were about to fly out of Madrid Airport to Albania, for keeping people in dangerous conditions as they were transferred in ferries and along

freight shipping routes. They will face prosecution in Spanish courts with further five arrests made in the Basque region.

Migrants were transferred at a cost of between £2,600 to £13,000 through the northern Spanish cities of Bilbao and Santander into Portsmouth, Southampton and Liverpool.

Charity Commission probes Brighton Mosque after trustee's terrorism conviction



The Charity Commission has launched an investigation and appointed an interim manager to the Brighton Mosque and Muslim Community Centre. The regulator opened the inquiry due to concerns resulting from a failure to resolve a dispute. On September 28, an interim manager, Andrew Wilkinson of Shakespeare Martineau LLP, took charge of the management and operation of the charity to the exclusion of the parties in dispute. He will identify and appoint new trustees to the charity, among other duties. In May 2022, the mosque in East Sussex was issued with an official warning after a former trustee, Abubaker Deghayes, was convicted of encouraging terrorism.

Insider threat warning as rising number of far-right extremists flagged

A rising number of people serving in Britain's armed forces are being flagged to a counter-terrorism programme over suspected far-right extremism, figures show. Neo-Nazis, white nationalists and anti-Muslim radicals make up the largest known group of extremists in the British army, navy and Royal Air Force.

The figures were revealed after a parliamentary committee warned of an "insider threat" to the military from far-right terrorists. A report by parliament's Intelligence and Security Committee, released in July, said there were "individuals seeking to join the military, and groups seeking to recruit within the military".

In the year to April, at least 10 servicemen and women were reported to Prevent for "extreme right-wing-related activity", double the number the previous year. The armed services have not flagged anyone over "left-wing, anarchist and single issue" terrorism, or Northern Ireland-related concerns in the past three years.

Man with 'fixation' on accessing royal grounds admits Buckingham Palace trespass



A man with a "fixation" on accessing royal grounds has admitted trespassing at Buckingham Palace. Daniel George Robert Brydges, 33, admitted trying to gain entry to the Palace on 18 and 22 December last year, and a further charge of criminal damage on 18 December. The Queen was at Windsor Castle on both occasions.

Brydges appeared at Westminster Magistrates' Court and attempted to hide his face behind a folder as he left the court. Brydges, of Laburnum Grove, Portsmouth, was bailed until his sentencing at Westminster Magistrates' Court on 9 November.

£4.3 m worth of drugs seized, 230 arrested in 'best ever' county lines operation



More than 230 suspects have been arrested and £4million worth of drugs seized after Scotland Yard's "best week ever" in the war on county lines gangs. Around 70 criminal networks supplying crack, cocaine and heroin from London to smaller UK towns and cities were dismantled between October 3 and 9. Detectives also recovered £334,500 in cash, a firearm, 12 vehicles and 56

weapons - including knives, machetes, a samurai sword, a meat cleaver and six knuckle dusters. Officers also safeguarded 215 young males and 34 women exploited to courier drugs as far away as Scotland, Hull, Brighton, Devon and Cornwall.

Channel migrants: 116 children missing from UK hotels

More than 100 unaccompanied child migrants remain missing after disappearing from UK hotels over a 14-month period, data reveals.

BBC News has discovered that 116 children disappeared between July 2021 and August 2022, after temporarily being put in hotels by the Home Office. Charities fear the children, some as young as 11, risk being exploited.

The Home Office said it had "no alternative" but to use hotels while long-term accommodation was found. The government has been placing children who arrive in the UK in approved hotels since July last year, after local councils said there was not enough capacity to house them in suitable accommodation.

Some 1,606 children who arrived alone between July 2021 and June 2022 were placed in hotel accommodation by the Home Office, according to its own figures.

Smugglers claim boat shortages affecting crossings

People smuggling gangs in France claim there is a growing shortage of small boats to make the crossings, a BBC investigation has discovered.



An undercover reporter was told it would cost up to £2,800 per person to reach the UK. Migrants were also filmed using a free bus service to get to French beaches. Commons leader Penny Mordaunt said it was an "appalling" issue and said the home secretary would want to look at the BBC's findings. So far this

year more than 35,000 people have made the crossing, compared to just over 28,000 for the whole of 2021.

Parent 'stabs another with screwdriver' in front of horrified schoolchildren



In a shocking moment a parent is stabbed in front of screaming primary school children on the way home in east London.

The headteacher of Old Palace Primary School in Bow, east London has asked police for heightened patrols around dropping off and picking up time after a string of incidents involving parents.

In shocking footage, two men wrestle to the floor outside the school gates with one man appearing to be armed with a screwdriver landing heavy blows. One parent tries to break up the fight shouting: "There's children around." A father suffered puncture wounds as others tried to drag the attacker off him. His injuries were later assessed as non life-threatening, police said. The stabbing came on World Smile Day for the pupils where the children were supposed to demonstrate "a random act of kindness" to the school community. Scotland Yard said a 44-year-old man was arrested at the scene on suspicion of grievous bodily harm.

Second man charged after three 'have-a-go heroes' knifed in attempted Bishopsgate robbery



A second man has been charged after an alleged attempted robbery and knife attack in central London, which left three people needing hospital treatment and three more injured.

Tyrone Dean, 23, of Willow Walk, Haringey, north London, has been charged with two counts of robbery and three counts of grievous bodily harm in relation to the incident on

October 6, City of London Police said. He also faces two counts of attempted grievous bodily harm, two counts of possession of an offensive weapon and possession of a class B controlled drug.

A 20-year-old woman has also been charged with assisting an offender. She has since been bailed, while Dean is being held in custody. Another man, Louis Parkinson, 25, from Catherall Street, Highbury, north London, was also previously charged over the alleged attack.

He is accused of conspiracy to commit robbery, causing grievous bodily harm with intent, possession of an offensive weapon and possession of a Class B drug.

Four police officers injured, and 13 arrests made after crowd trouble



The Met have confirmed four police officers were injured, with two needing hospital treatment, after crowd trouble at West Ham's London Stadium during a Europa Conference League match. West Ham bagged qualification for the knockout stages with a 2-1 victory over Anderlecht side, but the win was tarnished by fan disorder towards the end of the game.

Riot police intervene after sections of the home support were targeted with objects thrown from the away end, including seats and flares.

It's expected UEFA will launch a formal probe into the unsavoury scenes, which also saw a fan being apprehended after running onto the pitch.

A statement from the Metropolitan Police said: "Four officers were injured, two requiring hospital treatment, after disorder at the London Stadium during the match between West Ham and Anderlecht.

Police issue urgent appeal after man, 57, stabbed in random attack



being treated as an act of terrorism.

A man is fighting for his life in hospital after being stabbed in a "random" attack close to the Tower of London. Scotland Yard issued an urgent appeal for the public's help to trace a man fleeing the scene with a backpack after the attack in Trinity Square. The victim, 57, suffered multiple knife wounds and was taken to hospital with potentially life-threatening injuries. Police said the attack is not

Crime-fighting mums join forces to keep London borough's streets safe

A group of mothers in a crime-ridden borough of north London have taken it upon themselves to fight crime in their neighbourhood, claiming police are not doing their jobs. Dozens of concerned mums in Enfield come together after school every day, amid longstanding fears for the safety of local children, to walk the streets and talk to kids in a bid to drive down crime.

MP is given a 'terror alert' over fears he could use money to attack her from jail



Labour MP Jess Phillips has revealed how she was warned that a man convicted of death threats against her could use a big lottery win to attack her from jail. She said that counter-terror police informed her that Rakeem Malik, 56, could try to mount an attack 'against me while still in prison', using his lottery winnings. The Mail on Sunday understands that Malik, who is already serving a life sentence for attempted murder when he made the threats, won £100,000 on a lottery scratch card while on mental health day release from an NHS secure unit. It is

understood he was in a secure mental health unit at the time of the scratch-card purchase and transferred his winnings into a jail account.

Ashley Roberts 'stalker' who 'claimed Pussycat Doll was his girlfriend' appears in court



A man said to have claimed Ashley Roberts was his girlfriend has appeared in court charged with stalking the singer. The Pussycat Dolls star is believed to have been pursued by the fan who turned up at the radio station where she is a DJ on "a number of occasions and loitered outside". Lewis Langley, 47, also reportedly went to an address he thought was Ashley's to ask for clothing back. The most recent incident just a day before Langley appeared in court.

He is also charged with stalking another woman, going to her house "on a number of occasions asking for clothing back

from Ashley Roberts, who you claimed was your girlfriend, and you believed resided at that address".

Met Police Officers getting away with breaking law

Hundreds of Met Police officers have been getting away with breaking the law and misconduct, a report has found. Report author Baroness Casey found many claims of sexual misconduct, misogyny, racism and homophobia were badly mishandled. One serving officer had 11 misconduct notices for allegations involving assault, sexual harassment and fraud. Met Police Commissioner Sir Mark Rowley says he is "appalled" at the findings and the situation "cannot continue".

The Met chief - who was appointed last month - said the report showed "patterns of unacceptable discrimination that clearly amount to systemic bias" towards black and Asian officers and staff.

Admitting that its findings showed hundreds of his officers should have been sacked, he also apologised to the public and the force's "honest and dedicated officers" who he said had been let down.

Cybersecurity scams to beware of ahead of Black Friday and the holiday shopping season

Scams to beware of in the next month, as searches for Black Friday deals increase more than 400%. Black Friday is just a few weeks away, and online retailers are readying themselves to drop deals in an effort to encourage early bargain hunters to spend their hard-earned cash. The online sales also provide a great opportunity for criminals to take advantage of people who are trying to save money during the cost-of-living crisis. Technically, Black Friday doesn't start till Friday, November 25. However, every year, retailers expand the season into October.

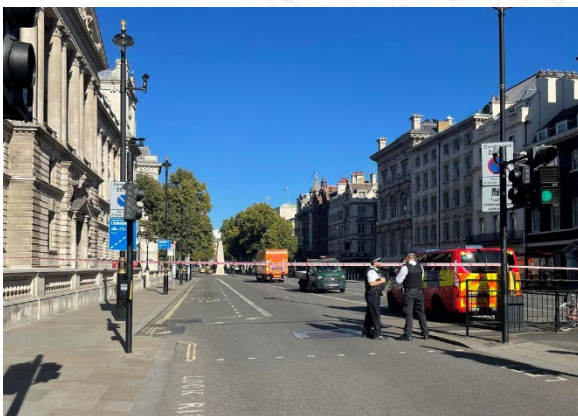
Three arrested after 'bomb hoax' on EasyJet flight from Stansted



Three men have been arrested after a bomb hoax was reported on an EasyJet flight bound for Amsterdam from Stansted. Police with sniffer dogs boarded the A319 passenger plane after being called to security concerns. The runway had to be closed for 50 minutes as the aircraft was moved to a "secure area" while scores of other jets circled above waiting to land. Specialist officers boarded and searched the aircraft before declaring it safe.

Essex Police said they arrested three men on suspicion of making a bomb hoax. They remain in custody.

Whitehall evacuated after suspicious package



Whitehall was shut down by police with some civil servants stuck inside no.10 as hundreds were evacuated after reports of a suspicious package near Downing Street. Specialist officers have since assessed the item and it has been declared as non-suspicious. A photographer saw police using a bomb disposal robot and a bang was heard. After the incident was confirmed as a false alarm, social media users began using it as an opportunity to joke about the economic turmoil in Britain which has

seen its fourth chancellor in as many months.

Rise' in Albanian migrants crossing the Channel this year



The cost of the UK's asylum system has topped £2bn per year, amid a surge in the number of migrants crossing the Channel and a backlog to processing claims. The number of Albanian migrants crossing the Channel has seen an "exponential rise" over the last year, MPs have heard.

The Home Affairs Committee was told that "one to two percent" of the entire male population of Albania - around 10,000 men - arrived on small boats this year alone. MPs were also told that the Home Office has only processed 4% of asylum applications made by migrants who crossed the Channel last year, with the cost of housing those awaiting a claim rising to almost £5.6m a day.



Security Industry News

Circa £200,000 set aside by Government for testing smart device security

Organisations can now apply to the Government for funding to support research into the cyber security of office devices which can connect to the Internet – such as printers, cameras and room booking systems to ensure that they are properly protected against would-be hackers.

Thousands of UK businesses rely on these products, collectively known as enterprise Internet of Things (IoT) devices, to increase productivity and enable hybrid working. The Government's funding is aimed at new research to uncover vulnerabilities in these commonly used enterprise IoT products and assess the cyber resilience of the devices themselves.

ICO fines Interserve Group £4.4 million for major data protection breach

The Information Commissioner has warned that companies are “leaving themselves open to cyber-attack” by ignoring crucial measures like updating software and training members of staff. The warning comes as the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) issued a fine of £4,400,000 to the Interserve Group, the Berkshire-based construction company, for failing to keep the personal information of its staff secure. This is a breach of data protection law.



The ICO found that the company failed to put appropriate security measures in place to prevent a cyber-attack, which enabled hackers to access the personal data of up to 113,000 employees through a phishing e-mail.

Council granted funding for Prevent programme

Blackburn with Darwen council has been awarded £600,000 to fight terrorism and radicalisation. The county of Lancashire is one of the most at-risk areas in the country for individuals to be drawn into terrorism and the council is the lead authority running the Prevent programme in the area.

The programme aims to stop people becoming involved in terrorism. Cllr Damian Talbot, head of public health and prevention said: "Blackburn with Darwen has been recognised as a centre for excellence for this type of work."

New British Standard on modern slavery

The British Standards Institution has published its brand-new standard: BS 25700: Organizational responses to modern slavery. The new standard provides guidance for businesses addressing the risk of modern slavery. This includes:

- prevention
- identification
- response
- remediation
- mitigation and reporting.

SIA licence identity



The SIA recently ran an investigation operation supported by the National Counter Terrorism Security Office (NaCTSO) to help event organisers and licensed premises understand how best to vet and assess SIA licence holders hired to protect sites.

The success of the operation and our investigations meant that nearly 50 licences were seized. These seizures have been primarily linked to festivals, one-off events and large outdoor events.

Our licence holders have an important job to identify potential threats to public safety, including terrorism. Therefore, due diligence must be undertaken to ensure staff are suitable to take on this role.

In view of this we collaborated with NaCTSO and focussed on the issues flagged by sites and premises. We successfully briefed over 120 Counter Terrorism Security Advisors across England, Wales and Scotland about the use of SIA licences and their security features. The Counter Terrorism Security Advisors ensured that organisers of events and those concerned with licensed premises in their regions also received similar briefings, supporting the security culture within various industries and in turn, helping to counter terrorism.

The SIA licence features several easy-to-check security features, which include:

- 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. 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 ultra-violet light;

- the address on the rear of the licence should show an 'E' post code.

Control room operators' course



The Centre for the Protection of National Infrastructure has developed a five-day, security control room course for operatives.

The aim of the course is to understand the ways in which security managers can develop effective command and control within the security control room and plan and prepare their site to respond effectively during a

terrorist incident. To register interest for the individual course please click on the link.

<https://www.scrcourse.co.uk/event/7a0f186f-b135-48f5-a268-721e635d3d25/regProcessStep1>

Police failing to deal with rising fraud 'epidemic', report finds

The justice system has been left ill-equipped to deal with a growing "fraud epidemic" as most resources are allocated to fighting "traditional" crime, MPs have said.

Just 2 per cent of police funding is dedicated to combating fraud despite it making up 40 per cent of reported crimes in England and Wales, the House of Commons Justice Committee found.

Slow progress on waste crime

Despite the anti-social, pollution and cost impacts of waste crime, the Department for the Environment (Defra) and the Environment Agency are making only "slow and piecemeal" progress in carrying out the 2018 Resources and Waste Strategy, says the Public Accounts Committee of MPs (PAC). The MPs in a report say there is still no strategy or plan for achieving a target of eliminating waste crime by 2043. Local government reported 1.1 million incidents of fly-tipping during 2020–21 to Defra. However, Defra recognises that some local authorities provide incomplete figures, and that coverage of fly-tipping on private sector land is not good enough, the PAC reported.

<https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm5803/cmselect/cmpubacc/33/report.html#>

National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC)

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



National Cyber
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<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/report/threat-report-14th-october-2022>

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/report/threat-report-28-october-2022>



Demonstrations held / planned

Protesters spray Rolex store in Knightsbridge

Two Just Stop Oil protesters have sprayed the front of Rolex's London store with orange paint from a fire extinguisher, after a similar protest at luxury car showrooms. The two eco-protesters defaced the front of the high-end jewellers in Knightsbridge.

Animal Rebellion protesters target London department stores



Animal rights activists have poured out milk in two high-end London department stores in a protest against the use of dairy products. Two activists from Animal Rebellion targeted Fortnum & Mason and Selfridges. The pair entered Fortnum & Mason on Piccadilly, took milk from the shelves and emptied it on to the floor of the shop. The same activists then entered Selfridges on Oxford Street, where they were filmed pouring milk over a cheese display.

25 protestors arrested at Just Stop Oil protest in central London

The Metropolitan Police say they have arrested 25 people at a Just Stop Oil protest in central London. Demonstrators have glued themselves to the road at the top of Whitehall near Trafalgar Square. The Met said 25 people had been arrested for wilful obstruction of the highway.

Campaigners protest with dead fish to highlight 'tragedy' of salmon industry

Campaigners have staged a protest at the Scottish Parliament blindfolded and gagged with dead fish to highlight the "environmental tragedy" of salmon fishing. The Ocean Rebellion activists staged the action in the pools outside Holyrood, carrying briefcases with "War on wild fish", "farmed salmon" and "dirty money" emblazoned on them, in a bid to highlight the "deliberate blindness" of the Scottish Government. Dressed in pinstripe suits, campaigners also made a last-minute plea to SNP conference delegates and leaders to end the "war" on wild fish.

Protester grabs Princess of Wales's hand

The Princess of Wales was confronted by a protester who told her that "Ireland belongs to the Irish" during a walkabout of Northern Ireland. The incident occurred while Kate Middleton and her husband Prince William were greeting members of the crowd during a visit to north Belfast, with a video shared on social media showing the Irish woman confronting the royal.

Climate protester pleads guilty after pouring human faeces on Captain Tom Moore statue



A climate protester has pleaded guilty to causing criminal damage after pouring human faeces over a memorial statue of Captain Sir Tom Moore. Madeleine Budd, 21, of Kedleston Avenue, Manchester, was arrested in central London after the stunt that was carried out for the pressure group End UK Private Jets. It comes after a video posted online showed human waste being poured onto the life-sized statue of the Second World War veteran in Thistley Meadow, Hatton, south Derbyshire. Budd was charged with criminal damage by the Derbyshire Police, she pleaded guilty to causing criminal damage.

Royal Mail workers walk out in first of 19 days of strikes

Royal Mail workers are holding the first of 19 strikes in a long-running dispute over pay and conditions. The Communication Workers Union (CWU) said 115,000 members across the UK walked out in a 24-hour strike on Thursday, starting at 04:00 BST.

General Secretary Dave Ward said workers faced the "biggest ever assault" on jobs, terms and conditions "in the history of Royal Mail". Royal Mail said further strikes would "weaken" its financial position.



The planned 19 days of industrial action include Black Friday week and Cyber Monday, as well as 13, 20, and 25 October, and 28 November. Letters will not be delivered, and some parcels will be delayed, the Royal Mail has warned. This is the sixth strike for postal workers and comes after a summer of unrest which saw rail workers and criminal barristers walk out amid disputes with their employers.

Demonstrators block Downing Street gates in protest at PM's climate approach



Crowds of Extinction Rebellion protesters arrived in Whitehall, waving flags, setting off flares, chanting and banging drums. Hundreds of Extinction Rebellion supporters descended on Westminster to protest against Liz Truss's approach to the environment during what was a difficult day for the Prime Minister. Crowds of climate demonstrators arrived in Whitehall in central London, carrying colourful flags, setting off flares, chanting and banging drums.

Many were carrying placards with slogans such as "Employee of the month" above a Shell logo and a picture of Ms Truss as well as "Polluters must pay, listen to the people" and "People and the planet before profit".

UK climate change protesters throw soup at van Gogh's 'Sunflowers'

Climate change protesters threw soup over Vincent van Gogh's painting "Sunflowers" at London's National Gallery on Friday, causing minor damage to the frame. A video posted by the Just Stop Oil campaign group, which has been holding protests for the last two weeks in the British capital, showed two women throwing two tins of Heinz tomato soup over the painting, one of five versions on display in museums and galleries around the world. Police said both women had been arrested for criminal damage and aggravated trespass.

Just Stop Oil protester sprays paint over Met Police headquarters

A Just Stop Oil protester sprayed orange paint over the New Scotland Yard sign at the Met Police headquarters in London this Friday (14 October) while protesting against the arrest of the five environmental activists.

“We are holding peaceful protesters in prison and all they are doing is standing up to a corrupt Government and corporations,” protester Lora Johnson said.

The Metropolitan Police said in a statement that arrested 24 protesters on “suspicion of conspiracy to commit criminal damage”.

Met tells drivers not to 'self-police' when eco-mob block roads

A police chief has told drivers who encounter Just Stop Oil protests not to engage in 'self-policing'. Commander Karen Findlay says she's now considering applying for court injunctions against repeat offenders gluing their hands or sitting on roads to block drivers, including emergency vehicles. Over 200 officers per day are policing the demonstrations, diverting 7,000 Metropolitan Police hours from elsewhere.

But, speaking to the Standard, Ms Findlay warned frustrated road users against “self-policing” by dragging activists away or pushing them with their vehicles. She said: “We are in no way tolerating criminality or anti-social behaviour. We are really alive to the impact on people coming to London.

Just Stop Oil protesters dragged off road



Climate change protesters have been physically dragged off London roads by fuming members of the public to allow traffic through, as one driver shouted his wife “needed to get to hospital”.

Around 20 supporters of Just Stop Oil created a roadblock on Shoreditch High Street, delaying hundreds going about their day. The disruption became too much

for one driver who was seen revving his engine towards the sat protesters blocking their path.

Another took matters into his own hands and physically dragged several off the road, although many crawled back into their position.

Climate activists set off fire alarm at World Health Summit

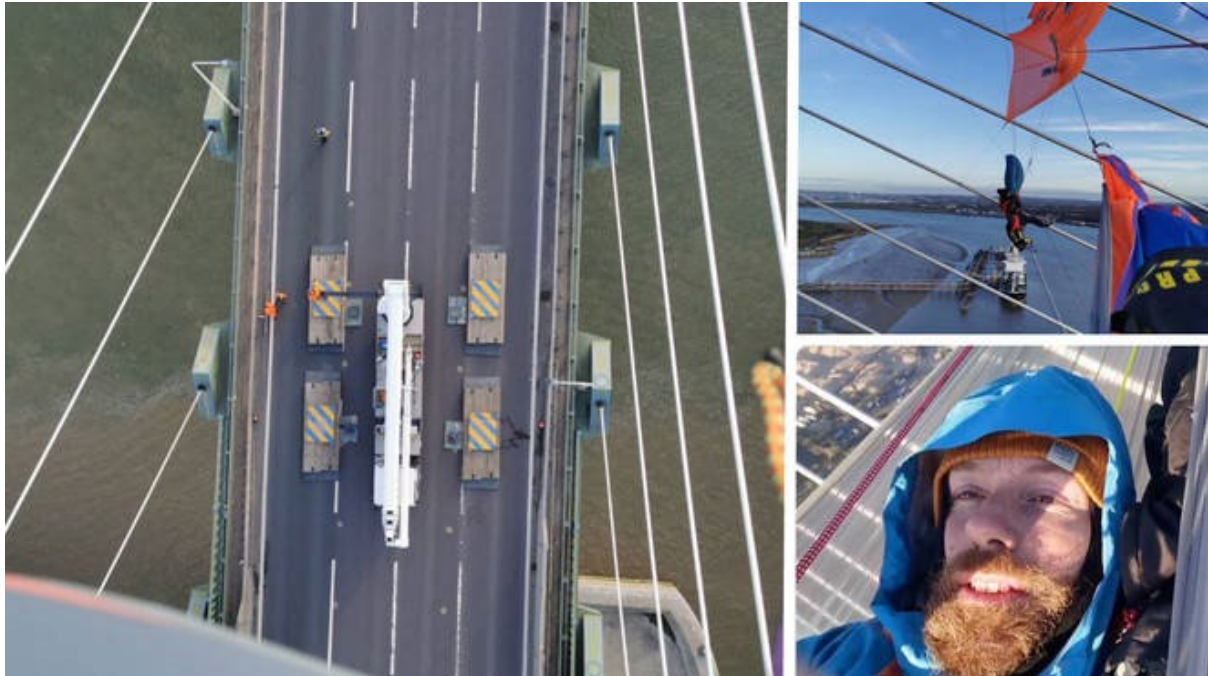
The protesters gathered and demanded immediate national and international action for an escalating climate crisis. They set off the fire alarm in the building while others stuck themselves to the entrance with glue.

Four protestors arrested after milk poured on the floor of Marks and Spencer

Police have arrested four people after protesters poured milk on the floor of a Marks and Spencer shop, and also allegedly over two employees who ‘challenged them about their behaviour’. Norfolk Police said officers were called after reports that four people had entered

the M&S food hall shop in Norwich, picked up cartons of milk from the fridge and then poured them over displays of milk, meat and pizza.

Eco-activists who spent 36 hours dangling on Dartford Bridge arrested



Two Just Stop Oil protesters who have been dangling from the Dartford Crossing for more than 36 hours have been arrested. The pair 'agreed' to cooperate with police requests for them to come down after officers brought in a giant cherry picker to get them down. In a joint statement, Morgan and Marcus said: "We successfully disrupted oil supplies to Kent & the South East for 36 hrs. We are stepping down now but other supporters of Just Stop Oil will be stepping up day after day, causing disruption & putting their liberty on the line to demand that the government ends new oil & gas."

Just Stop Oil protesters spray Harrods with orange paint

Just Stop Oil protesters have sprayed orange paint on Harrods in central London marking the group's 20th consecutive day of action in the capital. Activists stopped traffic in Knightsbridge



by sitting in the road with banners - some gluing themselves to the road and locking themselves together - before two protesters sprayed the outside of the world-famous department store.

Video appeared to show those responsible for spraying the paint being led away by security staff, while protesters were also dragged out of the road by bystanders including a man who said, "people

have got places to be".

The Metropolitan Police later confirmed 17 people were arrested on suspicion of wilful obstruction of the highway at Brompton Road. Two were also arrested on suspicion of causing criminal damage.

Road-blocking protesters have not yet caused major disruption – police chief

Protesters blocking main roads in central London have not yet caused major disruption despite “enormous” policing resources being taken up dealing with the demonstrations, the new head of the Metropolitan Police has said.

Commissioner Sir Mark Rowley told the London Assembly Police and Crime Committee that officers have to wait until protests by Just Stop Oil and Animal Rebellion are deemed to meet a legal threshold of causing major disruption before they can be shut down. His officers are in touch with Transport for London, local councils and the emergency services several times per day to check the level of disruption caused.

Sir Mark said: “Over the last 11 days, all of those partners have been of a view that it doesn’t cause serious disruption.”

Arrests as Just Stop Oil protesters block traffic at famous Abbey Road crossing



Four protesters have been arrested after Just Stop Oil activists blocked traffic at the famous Abbey Road crossing in London. The controversial climate activist group said four demonstrators glued themselves on to the crossing - which featured on the cover of The Beatles' 1969 album Abbey Road. It prompted anger from motorists who sounded their horns as they were unable to pass the protesters. Video footage posted on social media showed the protesters, wearing orange high-vis jackets, holding a banner on the crossing reading Just Stop Oil.

The Metropolitan Police said officers went to the scene and four protesters were arrested for wilful obstruction of the highway.

Protest held after man 'attacked' outside Chinese consulate in Manchester



Hundreds of people gathered in St Peter's Square for the 'Say No to China' protest. The protest was arranged after an incident (October 16) at the Chinese consulate, in Denison Road, Rusholme.

On that occasion, a protest had been called to mark the start of a twice-a-decade congress of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) - at which the party's general secretary Xi Jinping has since won a historic third term as the President of the People's Republic of China.

During that protest, a Hong Konger named Bob Chan says he was 'dragged' into the consulate grounds and assaulted. Mr Chan claims he was 'hurt' in what he describes as an 'unprovoked attack'. An investigation into the incident by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) still continues.

Just Stop Oil protesters target Ferrari and Bentley showrooms

The Metropolitan Police arrested two people on suspicion of criminal damage in relation to the protest in London's Mayfair. Just Stop Oil activists have sprayed paint on the facade of two luxury car showrooms in central London.

Protesters began spraying paint from a fire extinguisher over the premises of high-end dealers Ferrari and Bentley on the corner of Berkeley Square and Bruton Street.

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