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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

Crime gang members jailed for drugs and money laundering offences

Several organised crime gang members have been imprisoned in the wake of a trial held at



Southwark Crown Court for “industrial scale” cannabis production, money laundering and fraud. My Ha Do was found guilty of five counts of offences including the supply of drugs, fraud and money laundering and has been sentenced to three years’ imprisonment. Hanh Tuyet Nguyen was found guilty of five counts of fraud and money laundering offences and sentenced to two years’ imprisonment. Huyen Phuong Thi Phan was

found guilty of one count of money laundering and duly sentenced to 18 months’ imprisonment.

The fourth gang member, namely Thi Ngoc Nguyen, was convicted of two counts of money laundering and sentenced to ten months’ imprisonment suspended for 18 months. All four defendants are originally from Vietnam and were members of an organised criminal gang.

Ha Do was at the top of the hierarchy of the crime gang involved in the large-scale growing and supply of cannabis. In addition to the drugs offending, the police investigation and prosecution team uncovered evidence of arranging sham marriages and the production of false identity documents for the movement of Vietnamese individuals for people trafficking purposes.

Ha Do was also revealed to be a key player in the gang’s money laundering offending as she directed the movement of funds and gave advice on how to avoid banks’ money laundering controls and regulations.



Security partners join forces in nightclub counter-terrorism exercise

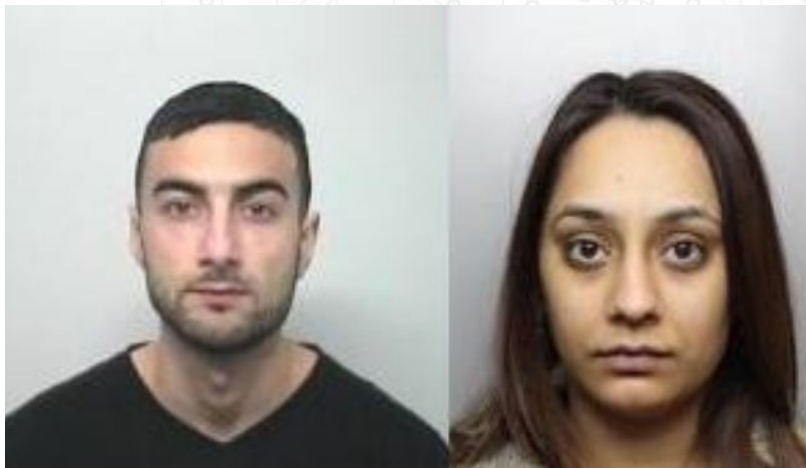
A counter-terrorism emergency planning exercise held recently in a London nightclub witnessed security operatives dealing with realistic terror scenarios presented by actors. The Security Industry Authority ran the safety resilience exercise at the Steel Yard, on Allhallows Lane near Cannon Street Station. The event was organised in partnership with the City of London Police, the London Ambulance Service, the London Fire Brigade and Counter Terrorism Policing. The First Aid Nursing Yeomanry – FANY(PRVC) – were on hand as role players to help give the impression of a busy club night.



The training event confronted security personnel with a series of real-time simulations of possible emergency scenarios involving volunteer actors. The simulations included an attack being conducted with a bladed weapon and a suspicious package being left on the premises.

Bradford insurance clerk found guilty of terrorism offences

An insurance clerk from Bradford has been found guilty of nine terrorism offences, including entering funding arrangements, fundraising and possession of articles for terrorist purposes.



Mohammad Owais Sabir was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment and a one-year extended license. Bradford insurance clerk found guilty of terrorism offences. Aged 26, Sabir was arrested in September last year and again on 22 February 2022

after the police service investigated his financial transactions.

The Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) proved that conversations and financial transactions found on Sabir's devices seized after the initial arrest showed that he was aiming to further the aims of Daesh by teaching the message to others.

Sabir also sent money to help free Daesh members and supporters from detention and expressed an ongoing desire to travel to 'perform Hijra' in the name of Daesh but was not able to do so.

British man, 22, who 'got drunk and fought easyJet cabin crew' faces charges in Greece

A 22-year-old British man has been charged with several offences in Greece after an alleged fight with easyJet cabin crew which caused an emergency landing. The 22-year-old was flying from London to Cyprus when he allegedly tried to fight crew members and other passengers. The easyJet service to Paphos had to be diverted to Thessaloniki, authorities said, after the man had allegedly exhibited unruly behaviour and fought with the crew.



He has been charged with a raft of offences, including endangering transportation and the safety of the aircraft.

'Knife-wielding gang attempts to steal watches from group in Mayfair' as ride-by moped thefts rise

A "knife-wielding" gang of thugs allegedly tried to steal watches from a group of friends in Mayfair, as ride-by moped thefts sweep across the capital. Amid a wave of violent thefts of



watches in central London, the Met said they responded to an attempted robbery in Bruton Street, Westminster.

The suspects - who were riding a moped - were not located. According to reports online, the group of friends were "attacked with a machete" by "moped-riding thugs", who were believed to be trying to pinch their watches.

The man and two women, who left Socialista bar in the early hours, realised they were being followed and took their watches off, hiding them in one of their bags. The man ran off in a different direction in a bid to distract the suspects. It's alleged the thugs threatened to kill one of the victims, however police have not confirmed these reports.

Four stabbings, two shootings, one car death: Met pledges extra cops on the streets after lawless weekend in London

The capital has been rocked by a series of violent crime over the weekend, including two shootings, four stabbings and a 'machete brawl', as the Metropolitan Police say the public will see 'more officers' on the streets. Two shootings took place over the weekend including on Kensington High Street, located in a borough thought to be one of the wealthiest in the country, where a man believed to be in his twenties was fatally shot in the early hours of Sunday morning - a 29-year-old man has been arrested on suspicion of murder.



A 24-year-old man was taken to hospital after being shot in Hackney, East London.

Four stabbing incidents also took place across the capital this weekend.

A 47-year-old man was rushed to hospital on Sunday after being stabbed in South London, with the man's injuries being described as non-life changing and non-life threatening, and separately a 20-year-old man was stabbed in Ilford in east London - his injuries are said to be 'potentially life-changing'.

In Nunhead, in south east London, a 16-year-old teenage is fighting for his life after being stabbed, and a man, 21, has been arrested for attempted murder.

In Bow, East London a teenager was stabbed to death, and another suffered serious injuries after a "disturbance involving a large number of people".

A fight involving around 100 people was reported to have broken out, with some individuals armed with machetes, leaving a 17-year-old boy dead while a boy believed to be 18 remains in a critical condition in hospital. A murder investigation has been launched, but no arrests have been made so far.

Man arrested after Sikh priest, 62, 'left for dead' in Manchester attack



A 28-year-old man has been arrested following the serious assault of a Sikh priest in Manchester - who remains in hospital two months on. The man was taken into custody and continues to be questioned by officers, Greater Manchester Police said. The victim, a 62-year-old man, was left unconscious in the middle of the road following the attack, which took place in Tib Street in

June. He was later taken to hospital, where he has remained since. He is said to have suffered life-changing injuries during the assault.

Two women sexually assaulted while queuing to see the Queen



Two women were sexually assaulted while queuing near Parliament to see the Queen's lying-in state, a court has been told. Adio Adeshine, 19, is alleged to have exposed himself and pushed into the two after approaching from behind.

The alleged incident came on the first day of the lying-in state, when Westminster Hall opened to the public

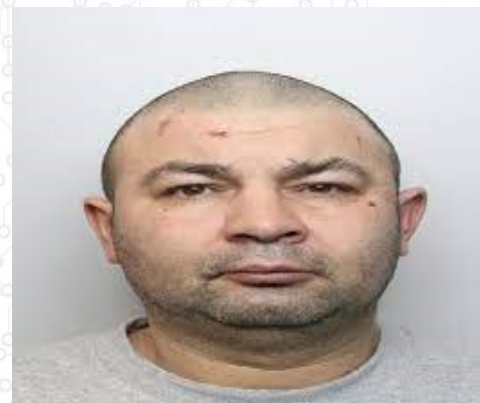
just after Liz Truss and other key figures in politics had paid their respects.

Mr Adeshine is said to have gone into the Thames to try and escape police before being arrested when he got out of the water. He has been remanded in custody after appearing at Westminster Magistrates' Court.

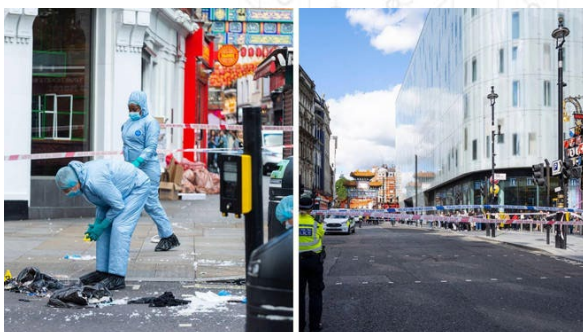
Moldovan killer who came to Britain jailed for 26 years for rape and attempted murder

A convicted Moldovan killer who came to Britain after spending 10 years in jail for murdering his girlfriend has been convicted of the 'evil and depraved' rape and attempted murder of a stranger he left for dead in an alleyway. Sergiu Boianjiu, 38, who lived in Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, was found guilty of attempted murder and rape at Northampton Crown Court.

He had been caught on CCTV cameras in February raping a young woman before repeatedly stamping his head on her.



Man, 24, charged after two police officers stabbed in Leicester Square



A man has been charged by detectives investigating the stabbing of two police officers in Leicester Square. "Mohammed Rahman, 24, (31.12.97) of Westbourne Park Road, W2 was charged on Saturday, 17 September, with attempted murder and Section 18 GBH with intent. "The attempted murder charge relates to a male police constable, the GBH to a female police constable. "He was also charged with

assault (ABH) and two counts of threatening a person in a public place with a bladed article. "These charges relate to three other police constables. "In addition, he was charged with robbery and possession of a bladed article."

Two boys, aged 15 and 16, appear in court charged with murder of Khayri Mclean

Two teenagers have appeared at Leeds Magistrates Court charged with the murder of Khayri Mclean, who was stabbed outside his school in Huddersfield. The attack on Khayri, 15, took place near the entrance to North Huddersfield Trust School at around 14:55 BST on 21 September. Khayri later died in hospital. Two teenage boys, aged 15 and 16, appeared at Leeds Magistrates Court on Monday 26 September. The boys cannot be named for legal reasons.



Met chief slaps down suggestion counter-terror police should be made a separate unit



New Met Police chief Sir Mark Rowley has dismissed as "nonsense" any suggestion that the UK's counter-terror policing operation should be moved out of London. Asked by Nick Ferrari at Breakfast on LBC today, Sir Mark described the idea as "ill-informed nonsense, frankly." He said: "It may look an unusual arrangement to someone outside who has no understanding of policing whatsoever. Sixty

per cent of the terrorists that are being 'worked on' live in London.

"The majority of terrorist attacks take place in London. The London-centric nature of terrorism in this country means that separating it out from the Met would create a massive problem to try and co-ordinate a policing terror organisation and the Metropolitan police because they would have to work so closely together you'd say why did we ever separate it out."

CCTV shows moment thug smashes man's head before stealing his luxury Tag Heuer watch

A man in his 50s was walking through Bayonne Park when he spotted the suspect approaching several members of the public. He continued to walk out of the park when he was struck on the head by the suspect and fell to the floor. The suspect slammed the victim's head against the floor while ordering the victim to remove his Tag Heuer watch. The victim tried to fight back but the suspect began to punch him and kick him repeatedly in the face. He then removed his watch before running off. The suspect returned minutes later to steal the victim's Motorola mobile phones too and then ran off southbound again on Paynes Walk.



Perrie Edwards and fiancé Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain's mansion 'raided while they were at home with baby son'



Little Mix singer Perrie Edwards and her footballer fiancé Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain's mansion was 'raided by burglars while they were home with their son'. The singer and the footballer, both 29, were left "terrified and heartbroken" by the 'brazen' thief who took off with "a lot of valuable items," The Sun, reports. The couple were inside the property with their 13-month old son Axel when they alerted police to the burglary.

Dudley nightclub managers and staff prosecuted for supplying illegal security

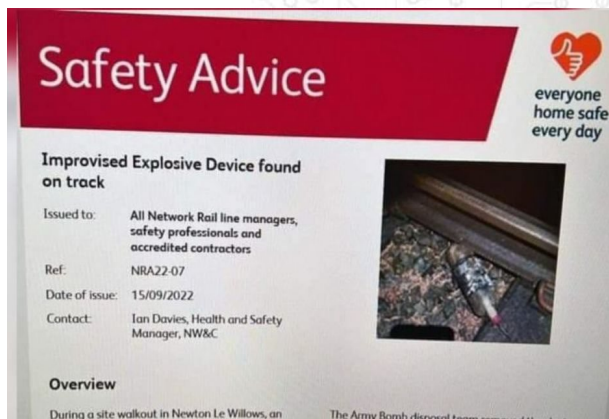
A Dudley man and a woman were prosecuted for offences under the Private Security Industry Act at Dudley Magistrates' Court. They had previously pleaded not guilty to working as unlicensed managers supplying security at Monty's Bar in Dudley on 12 November 2021.

Emma Spittle of Sedgley - one of the managers of Monty's Bar - was fined £228, required to pay costs of £416 and a victim surcharge of £34. Ms Spittle was responsible for deploying security at the venue and was therefore required by law to hold an SIA licence.



Another manager of Monty's Bar, Jason Cooper from Dudley, was also fined £290 and required to pay court costs of £416 and a victim surcharge of £34. Mr Cooper was responsible for completing the checks on the security staff. Despite having this responsibility, he did not hold an SIA licence himself.

Fears over suspected explosives found on Newton-le-Willows railway



Two items thought to be homemade bombs were found on a stretch of railway, closing the line for over four hours. The items found by maintenance workers on the Newton-Le-Willows line in Merseyside, were found to be flammable with "evidence of spirits".

The RMT union said an Army bomb disposal team was called to deal with the "incendiary type devices". They were eventually deemed to be no risk and were removed, British Transport Police said.

Security operation surrounding Queen's funeral 'biggest the UK has ever seen'



The day of the Queen's funeral marked the climax of what is being regarded as the biggest security operation the UK has ever seen. Huge crowds, royalty and a long list of world leaders and other dignitaries all needed to be kept safe as part of the mammoth job facing thousands of police officers.

Metropolitan Police Deputy Assistant Commissioner Stuart Cundy said "nothing can compare" with the "hugely complex" task, describing it as the "largest policing operation" in the Met's history.

London mum furious with Mercury Mall after son mugged at knifepoint

A mum of a teenage boy who was 'robbed at knifepoint' in a mall in East London has blasted the shopping centre after thieves were allowed to re-enter the mall and threaten her son after stealing his mobile phone.

Warning parents in the Romford area to be 'extra careful' due to a recent spike in mugging incidents, local mum Lynne, who did not give her surname, said her 14-year-old son's phone was stolen by three hooded males 'wearing balaclavas' at The Mercury Mall.



Police issue CCTV image after security guard attacked and money box snatched in street



Police have issued a CCTV image of a man who may have information after a money box was snatched from a security guard. The victim was pushed to the ground in College Road, Handsworth. The thief fled in a stolen Ford Focus parked on nearby Somerset Road. The box and car were found in Woodend in Hamstead. "The man made off in a

stolen Ford Focus waiting nearby on Somerset Road. The Ford and empty cash box were later found on Woodend, Hamstead.

King Charles: Woman charged with breaching the peace

A woman has been charged with breaching the peace during the Accession Proclamation for King Charles III in Edinburgh. Police Scotland said the 22-year-old, who has not been named, is due to appear at Edinburgh Sheriff Court at a later date. A force spokesperson said: "A 22-year-old woman was arrested outside St Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, on Sunday 11 September 2022 in connection with a breach of the peace."



"She was charged and was released on an undertaking to appear at Edinburgh Sheriff Court at a later date."

Man tackled to the ground in The Mall by police just before the King's arrival

A man was arrested by police after climbing over a barrier and running onto The Mall, shortly before the King and Queen were driven along the route. The incident occurred around lunchtime close to Buckingham Palace as large crowds gathered to greet King Charles III.



The man, who was wearing jeans, trainers and a black T-shirt, was tackled by five uniformed police officers who quickly wrestled him to the ground and handcuffed him. Shocked onlookers who were lining The Mall applauded as the man was arrested and led away for questioning.

Terror-related arrests in UK rise by 11% over past year



The Home Office has released quarterly figures on terrorism-related arrests in the UK and stops and searches by the Metropolitan Police. Terror-related arrests have increased by 11% over the past year, according to Home Office figures. Police forces in the UK arrested 203 people for terrorism-related activity in the year ending June 30, 2022 – 20 more than in the previous 12-month period.

Man arrested on suspicion of terrorism offences over IRA's 1996 Manchester bombing

The man was arrested on Thursday evening at Birmingham Airport. He remains in custody where he is being interviewed by counter terrorism officers. It has been 26 years since the IRA detonated the biggest bomb in England since the Second World War. The IRA targeted shoppers in Manchester's Arndale Centre the day before Father's Day, on a bright Saturday on 15 June



1996. Detective Superintendent Andrew Meeks, the Head of Investigations for Counter Terrorism Policing in the North West said: "We have been reinvestigating for several years with a team of dedicated detectives re-examining the original case files and pursuing new lines of inquiry."

"Following the arrest, we have contacted individuals who were victims of this horrific

attack to ensure that they're updated, as we know for many people this will bring back memories of that terrible day and we are doing all we can to support our communities and those who were affected."

Police fear rise in UK crime as the economic turmoil hits families



The thin blue line is bracing itself for a massive spike in crime as the cost-of-living crisis bites. Police chiefs are drawing up contingency plans to deal with a feared breakdown in public order as millions of families struggle to make ends meet. A leaked national strategy paper, drawn up in the summer, reveals increasing concern among senior officers that "economic turmoil and financial instability" has the potential to

"drive increases in particular crime types".

Bournemouth company director prosecuted for supplying illegal security

A security firm and its director were prosecuted at Poole Magistrates' Court for supplying unlicensed security to a Bournemouth sports bar. Company director Terence Macartney, from Wareham, pleaded guilty and was fined £415. He was also ordered to pay court costs of £1,529 plus a victim surcharge of £42. A guilty plea was also entered for Macartney's business, Maxim Security Ltd. The company was fined £1,000 and ordered to pay court costs of £1,529 plus a victim surcharge of £100. A manager from Maxim pleaded not guilty to supplying illegal security and has elected to be tried in a crown court.



Security Industry News

Security sector pays tribute to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Organisations within the security sector have paid tribute to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, who passed away on Thursday 8 September at Balmoral aged 96 having presided over the nation for 70 years and 214 days – the longest reign of any British monarch and, indeed, the longest recorded of any female head of state in history.

“No room for complacency” warns ABI on insurance fraud decrease

The sustained crackdown on insurance fraud is paying dividends, with a fall in both the number and cost of dishonest claims uncovered last year. That’s according to data published by the Association of British Insurers (ABI). However, the average detected fraud stands at a record total of £12,283 for the period due to the slower fall in their total value. The figures highlight that, in 2021 (when compared to 2020):



- At 89,000, the number of fraudulent claims detected fell by 5% to their lowest level since 2007. Standing at £1.1 billion, their total value dropped by 2% to the lowest level since 2012
- Motor insurance claim frauds continued to be the most common, albeit that last year witnessed a drop in their total volume and value. There were 49,000 frauds detected, which is down 7%, although their value (at £577 million) fell by only 1%. The number of organised motor frauds uncovered (ie 10,617) rose by 8%. At least in part, this escalation reflects initiatives by the Insurance Fraud Bureau designed to tackle ‘crash for cash’ staged motor scams
- While the number of property insurance frauds dropped to 18,000 compared to 24,000 in 2020, their value rose to £124 million (up 9%). This was driven by a rise in the value of commercial frauds uncovered.
- At 12,978, the number of fraudulent liability insurance claims uncovered dropped by 10%. Their value – recorded at £378,000 – fell by 8%

NAHS focused on NHS staff safety amid rise in workplace violence



The National Association for Healthcare Security (NAHS) is encouraging renewed focus on National Health Service (NHS) lone worker protection against a backdrop of rising risks and continuing pressure on health service staffing levels. The organisation, which boasts more than 700 members across the healthcare sector, is championing improved information sharing and Best Practice development with the support of CriticalArc and other industry partners.

Partnership forged between MI5 and The Alan Turing Institute

MI5 and The Alan Turing Institute have made public the details of a partnership designed to bring together expertise from both organisations and apply Artificial Intelligence research in confronting national security challenges. The partnership comprises one element of The Alan Turing Institute Defence and Security Programme, which itself was launched back in 2017 to ensure a safe, secure and prosperous society, including the application of Artificial Intelligence ethics for defence and security-related projects.



The decision has been taken by MI5 to unveil this partnership in order to enable closer working with The Alan Turing Institute and its academic stakeholders.

MI5 often draws on new technologies to help identify and mitigate the threats posed to the UK's national security and keep the country safe, including the use of data science and Artificial Intelligence.

As the national institute for data science and Artificial Intelligence, The Alan Turing Institute specialises in the development of high performing and ethical Artificial Intelligence and offers MI5 the opportunity to make the most of the organisation's research and expertise in developing its own Artificial Intelligence tools.

Further, the new partnership also means that MI5 will be able to contribute more openly to the development of Artificial Intelligence in the UK for the benefit of the wider public.

IPSA publishes findings of Approved Contractor Scheme survey

The International Professional Security Association (IPSA) has published the findings of its "pioneering survey" conducted across the last four months in a determined bid to understand the "true value" of the Security Industry Authority's (SIA) Approved Contractor Scheme (ACS). Having been approached by multiple members and organisations who have moved to challenge the perceived benefits of the voluntary scheme delivered by the industry regulator, IPSA

launched the survey to gauge the true impact of the ACS on security organisations and their front line officers.

The SmartWater Group undergoes rebrand to become DeterTech



Award-winning risk management concern The SmartWaterGroup has undergone a rebranding process to become DeterTech. The changed identity for the business was unveiled this week on Stand 5C31 at Security Essen. The new brand – and its associated purpose, value and behaviours – “reflects the full breadth” of the company’s offer as it embarks upon a geographic expansion.

Operating across the UK and mainland Europe, DeterTech works with hundreds of clients spanning several key vertical sectors, among them critical infrastructure, construction, retail, leisure and hospitality and transportation. Its close working relationships with local law enforcement partners, combined with a full portfolio of innovative and intelligence-led solutions, ensures that the business can assist clients to better understand the risks facing them and select the most appropriate solutions for mitigation.

Professional Security moves to acquire Phoenix Security

Leeds-based security company Professional Security has further strengthened its position in the hospitality security sector with the acquisition of Phoenix Security. It’s the company’s largest acquisition deal to date. Phoenix Security was established back in May 2000 by managing director Steve Howe. The business currently employs over 1,200 door supervisors working across the UK, from Aberdeen down to Southampton.



Across the years, Phoenix Security has established an impressive client portfolio, listing McDonalds, Stonegate, KFC, the Revolution Bar Group, Turtle Bay, Lane 7, Roxy Leisure and Mojos among its customer base.

The acquisition deal will see Professional Security integrate the full Phoenix Security operations team into its four regional operational teams that cover the length and breadth of the UK.

Established in 2005, Professional Security works with several hospitality customers including many of the most influential independent, regional and national operators in the UK. The business has been through a transformational change over the last few years and now runs established hospitality and security guarding operations. Deployments include contracted services in England, Wales and Scotland.

New crackdown on fraud and money laundering to protect UK economy



Wide-ranging reforms designed to bear down on kleptocrats, organised criminals and terrorists looking to abuse the UK's open economy have been introduced to Parliament by the Conservative Government. The Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill will strengthen the UK's reputation as a place where legitimate businesses can thrive, while in parallel driving dirty money out of the nation. Through the package of reforms, anyone who registers a

company in the UK will need to verify their identity, which then tackles the use of companies as a front for crime or foreign kleptocrats.

The reforms to Companies House – representing its biggest upgrade in 170 years, in fact – will also see the organisation armed with new powers to check, challenge and decline incorrect or fraudulent information, in turn making it a more active 'gatekeeper' over company creation.

Investigation and enforcement powers of Companies House will also be upgraded, thereby enabling the organisation to cross-check data with public and private partners, as well as reporting suspicious activity to security agencies and law enforcement bodies.

SIA Licence renewals



You can't renew a licence unless you currently hold an active licence in that sector. This is because the legal permission granted by the licence ceases to exist when the licence expires. Once your licence expires it cannot be renewed, because there is nothing there for us to renew.

If your licence has expired and you wish to work in a licensable role, you need to apply for a new licence. The process is the same: we use the same

application form, require the same documents and charge the same application fee.

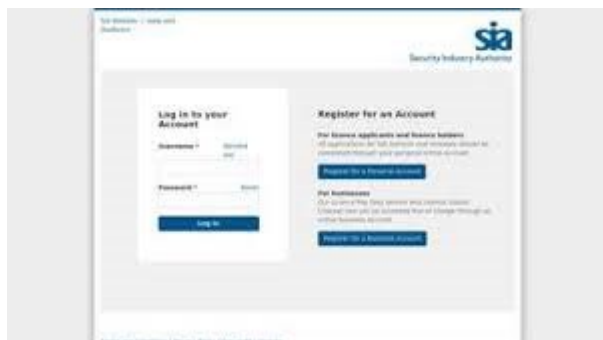
The SIA will accept your renewal application up to four months in advance of when your current licence expires. If we have your email address on file we will send you a reminder that your licence is about to expire and explain what you need to do to renew it.

However, they would like to remind you that:

1. Your licence expiry date is quoted in the letter we sent you when we granted it; it is also printed on the licence card and is featured in your entry on our public register of licence holders.
2. You are responsible for ensuring that you apply for your new licence in good time. We cannot be held responsible if you apply late and are unable to work as a result.

They strongly recommend that you renew your licence as soon as you can. Remember: there is no standard timescale for licence applications. The time taken to process your application will be affected by many different factors and so each application will be processed according to its own individual timescale.

SIA online account help page



We have replaced the “Contact the SIA” link on the SIA online account homepage with one titled “Help”. The new page, which went live on 28 September, contains guidance on frequently asked questions, which we will update regularly. We are now asking applicants to categorise their reason for contacting us so that we can make sure that the help we offer is tailored to customer needs. This change is part of our new contact

strategy, which aims to make our interactions with customers more efficient. Applicants should now find it easier to get access to frequently asked questions and supporting information from within their online account, without having to navigate elsewhere.

SIA Last month in numbers

In August the SIA recorded the following statistics:

- Number of applications: 13,404
- Number of paid applications: 11,919
- Average time it took the SIA to make a decision to grant or refuse an application: 09 working days
- Number of applications granted: 12,217
- Number of applications refused: 39
- Number of licences revoked: 78
- Number of licences suspended: 85

Outstanding Security Performance Awards 2023

Nominations for the Outstanding Security Performance Awards (OSPAs) 2023 are now open. These independent awards provide an opportunity to highlight the companies, people, projects and technologies that have made a significant contribution in safeguarding people, places, and property from all areas of potential crime and disorder.

Entry is open until 04 October 2022, and you can view the criteria for the 17 categories here. Nominations will be scored by a panel of independent experts who have been chosen by supporting security associations and special interest groups to represent them. Winners will be revealed at a special event on 23 February 2023 at the Royal Lancaster Hotel London.



**Outstanding Security
Performance Awards**

Security Minds Matter

New industry led collaboration to promote the importance of good mental health and wellbeing in the private security industry. Security Minds Matter is a project aimed at everyone working in the private security industry, in particular employers who have a duty of care for their staff.

The project aims to:

- Share best practice on mental health and well being
- Signpost individuals and employers to additional support
- Provide resources such as toolkits and guidance
- Stimulate conversation and debate on this important issue

Caroline Corby appointed as a non-executive director

The Minister for Safeguarding has approved the appointment of Caroline Corby to the role of Non-Executive Director from 19 September 2022.



Caroline is currently the Chair of the Parole Board for England and Wales and the Chair of the Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience from previous public sector roles, notably in criminal justice and healthcare settings. Caroline has been appointed to the SIA for a term of three years and six months.

Top-up training introduced for close protection operatives

From 01 October 2022 all Close Protection licence holders will need a first aid qualification and the new top-up training before they renew their licence. The new top-up qualification will include:

- physical intervention skills
- knowledge of door supervision responsibilities
- terror threat awareness.

Operatives must make sure that their first aid qualification has at least one year to run before they take the top-up training. The new requirements will help to ensure that Close Protection operatives have the most up-to-date skills to keep themselves, their clients, and the public safe.



Steve McCormick, the SIA's Director of Licensing and Standards said:

"The introduction of top-up training is an important and transformational change required to improve the skills and knowledge for operatives renewing their licence. This work to increase the skills of every licensed operative through strengthened training and qualifications is a crucial component in increasing public trust and confidence in the industry. This trust is critical to delivering on our commitment to improved public protection."

On 01 April we introduced an updated close protection qualification for new applicants into the sector. This top-up training will bring the skillset of existing licence holders into line with the new requirements.

We recognise that many Close Protection licence holders work primarily as Door Supervisors. We will enable Close Protection operatives to renew to a Door Supervision licence if they

prefer. The Door Supervision top-up training is shorter than the Close Protection top-up training, so will be cheaper. Operatives are advised to consider their day-to-day duties and how they are deployed before renewing.

Autumn marauding terrorist attack briefings



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

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

The purpose of the briefing is to provide a high-level understanding of topics and actions related to a marauding terrorist attack. The briefing is based on the suite of guidance documents produced by the CPNI. Before attending a briefing, we strongly recommend that you read the marauding terrorist attack guidance documents.

Providing security in healthcare settings (updated)

There have been a number of fatalities involving security operatives in healthcare settings. This note reinforces the need for additional training.

The SIA grants licences for individuals to work in specified activities across the security industry. To obtain a licence an individual must achieve a nationally recognised qualification. The SIA does not know where an individual will work. The licence-linked qualifications provide the base level of knowledge only and will not fully train an individual for deployments in specific sectors. For many roles, it is highly likely that further, more specialist training will be required. This is particularly true where an operative is deployed in an environment that may require specialist skills to manage risk.



It is for employers and venues to perform a proper risk assessment for a particular deployment. A risk assessment may identify that a security operative requires additional training to safely perform a role. This training should be provided to an operative before deployment. Refresher training should also be offered.

In addition to this, there are specific considerations for security operatives working in a healthcare environment. Security in a healthcare environment:

All security operatives that perform licensed activities who are supplied under contract must have the right SIA licence to work. An SIA licence ensures that an operative has a basic qualification and has met our fit and proper person checks.

The SIA and the National Association of Healthcare Security (NAHS) recognise that it is highly likely operatives working in a health care environment will require further training.

If an operative comes into contact, or transports, patients, then they will need to have further training. Best practice is for this further training to be certified as complying with the Restraint Reduction Network (RRN) standards.

This training will recognise the particular challenges of managing interventions in the health care environment and apply important principles that operatives must consider when performing their role in a clinical environment.

The RRN and NAHS expect the use of restrictive practices in healthcare settings to be clinically led.

NHS England is looking to make these rules a requirement for NHS funded services.

Information on best practice and guidance can be found on the Restraint Reduction Network website

<https://homeoffice.us15.listmanage.com/track/click?u=4f02ccc5fcb79e244e219a709&id=f0aca02c3c&e=cbad6a9159>

New safer restraint video for Door Supervisors

Security operatives play a vital role in protecting members of the public often in the most demanding circumstances. Physical intervention should only be used as a last resort, please watch the SIA video to help you continue to protect the public while keeping yourself safe.

<https://homeoffice.us15.listmanage.com/track/click?u=4f02ccc5fcb79e244e219a709&id=152418b1a1&e=cbad6a9159>

National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC)

The NCSC supports the most critical organisations in the UK, the wider public sector, industry,



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

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/report/threat-report-2nd-september-2022>

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/report/threat-report-30th-september-2022>



Demonstrations held / planned

Call for calm after mob disorder erupts outside religious centre in Leicester

A call for calm has gone out after police were pelted with bottles following mass disorder between Muslims and Hindu groups in Leicester. Officers were seen battling to hold back crowds amid tensions involving mainly young men from sections of the Muslim and Hindu communities.

The latest disturbance flared up in the city following trouble after an India versus Pakistan cricket match. Video showed how an orange flag was pulled down outside a religious building, thought to be the Shivalaya Hindu community centre.

Protester sets fire to his arm during Laver Cup opening session

On the opening day of the Laver Cup at the O2 Arena in London, a protester entered the court and set his arm on fire during the match between Stefanos Tsitsipas and Diego Schwartzman. After Tsitsipas took the first set, the protester walked onto the court wearing a shirt that read "End UK Private Jets" in capital letters. After sitting inside the service box, he poured a liquid on his right arm and then set his arm on fire with a lighter.



Ten arrests after eco activists chuck white paint over Houses of Parliament

The Metropolitan Police said 10 members of Animal Rebellion were detained, including some who glued themselves to the pavement outside the parliamentary estate shortly before Liz Truss's first Prime Minister's Questions. The group staged similar protests throughout London earlier this month.

Climate activists leave tunnel demanding end to new oil and gas projects



Essex Police said three men are in custody after they weimate activists have ended their occupation of a tunnel dug beneath an Essex Road after 13 days.

Several Just Stop Oil campaigners were in the tunnel underneath St Clements Way in Grays – a key delivery route for the nearby oil terminal – since August 23, protesting against what they see as government inaction over the climate crisis.

