



UK Threat Level: **SUBSTANTIAL**

# **SECURITY INTELLIGENCE UPDATE**

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## About Us

Sentinel Group Security (SGS) was formed in July 2005 and became a fast-growing security services provider within United Kingdom and Ireland. We first partnered with our customers to provide specialised and effective security solutions including open-source intelligence reporting, security vulnerability assessments and training. Our capability is defined by our employees and the high level of skills and experience they possess and the procedures they adopt.

### Intelligence led security

With a 360° approach to threat detection and intelligence service provision. Outside of dealing with major incidents, the SGS National Operations Centre proactively assesses the various security threats that your business, people, assets, and brand might face by monitoring social and conventional media to identify:

- On-going threats
- Specific industry threats
- Future trends
- Best practice



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## United Kingdom's National Security Threat



### Introduction

The main threats to national security are terrorism, espionage, cyber threats and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, many of which impact on the UK's national infrastructure.

National infrastructure sectors represent core strategic interests for foreign intelligence services, whose targeting against the sectors is likely to include espionage for economic, political, military, or commercial gain.

While the threat from terrorism to the UK as a whole is high, and historically both international and Northern Ireland terrorist groups have targeted UK infrastructure, the current terrorist threat to the national infrastructure can be characterised as generally limited and often aspirational.

The exception is transport which continues to face enduringly high levels of threat from international terrorism. In addition, the emergency services and defence sectors, specifically police and military personnel, also face a high level of threat from both international terrorism and dissident republic groups in Northern Ireland, for whom they are

a priority target for attack.

Generally higher levels of effective and visible protective security at national infrastructure sites are likely to act as a deterrent to terrorists, who increasingly favour 'soft' targets which allow them to achieve their aims with greater chance of success. Nevertheless, with the continual diversification of the threat, the ambition and capability of terrorist groups to target UK infrastructure is likely to continue to evolve. <https://www.cpni.gov.uk/national-security-threats>

## United Kingdom's Threat Definitions



### International terrorism

International terrorism from groups such as the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) and Al Qaida present a threat from many others. They hold territory in places without functioning governments, making it easier for them to train recruits and plan complex, sophisticated attacks. Drawing on extreme interpretations of Islam to justify their actions, these groups often have the desire and capability to direct terrorist attacks against the West, and to inspire those already living there to carry out attacks of their own.

### Northern Ireland-related terrorism

Northern Ireland-related terrorism continues to pose a serious threat to British interests. Although the Provisional Irish Republican Army (PIRA) has ceased its terrorist campaign and is now committed to the political process, some dissident republican groups continue to mount terrorist attacks, primarily against the security forces.

### Domestic extremism

Domestic extremism mainly refers to individuals or groups that carry out criminal acts in pursuit of a larger agenda, such as "right-wing extremists". They may seek to change legislation or influence domestic policy and try to achieve this outside of the normal democratic process.

<https://www.mi5.gov.uk/counter-terrorism>



## Cyber

“Cyberspace” is the term used to describe the electronic medium of digital networks used to store, modify, and communicate information. It includes the Internet but also other information systems that support businesses, infrastructure, and services.



Cyberspace lies at the heart of modern society; it impacts our personal lives, our businesses and our essential services. A secure online environment is essential to HM Government, which is providing an ever-increasing number of online services to UK citizens and businesses as part of a major digital services transformation programme. The ability to conduct online transactions securely is central to the delivery of public and commercial services and communications. However, some individuals and groups use cyberspace for malicious purposes. We call these people 'hostile actors' and they exploit cyberspace to conduct espionage operations or launch damaging computer network attacks.

Cyber security affects both the public and the private sector and spans a broad range of issues related to national security, whether through terrorism, crime or state and industrial espionage.

<https://www.cpni.gov.uk/cyber>

## Espionage

The potential impact of successful State-sponsored espionage against the UK is both wide reaching and significant. The threat of espionage (spying) did not end with the collapse of Soviet communism in the early 1990s. Espionage against UK interests continues and is potentially very damaging. Several foreign intelligence services (FIS) seek to gather intelligence on a broad range of subjects, including foreign policy, defence, financial, technological, industrial and commercial interests.

<https://www.cpni.gov.uk/espionage>

## Serious and Organised Crime



Serious and organised crime is defined in the 2018 Serious and Organised Crime Strategy as individuals planning, coordinating, and committing serious offences, whether individually, in groups and/or as part of transnational networks.

The main categories of serious offences covered by the term are:

- child sexual abuse
- modern slavery and human trafficking
- organised immigration crime
- illegal drugs
- illegal firearms
- organised acquisitive crime
- cybercrime
- fraud
- money laundering, bribery, corruption and sanctions evasion.

<https://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/>

# United Kingdom Current Threat Levels

## Introduction

Members of the public should always remain alert to the danger of terrorism and **report any suspicious activity to the police on 999** or the anti-terrorist hotline: **0800 789 321**. If your information does not relate to an imminent threat, you can also contact them at <https://www.mi5.gov.uk/contact-us>

## What the threat levels mean

Threat levels are designed to give a broad indication of the likelihood of a terrorist attack.

### LOW

- Means an attack is unlikely

### MODERATE

- Means an attack is possible, but not likely

### SUBSTANTIAL

- Means an attack is likely

### SEVERE

- Means an attack is highly likely in the near future

### CRITICAL

- Means an attack is highly likely in the near future

## Current national terrorism threat levels

The threat to the UK (England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland) from terrorism is **SUBSTANTIAL**.

The threat to Northern Ireland from Northern Ireland-related terrorism is **SEVERE**, mined consistently extremely high.





## Open-Source Security Incident News

### Serco fined £2.25m after custody officer killed by prisoner



Security contractor Serco has been fined £2.25m for health and safety failings that led to a prisoner kicking one of its custody officers to death. Lorraine Barwell, 54, was killed in the summer of 2015 by Humphrey Burke, now 28, a prisoner she was escorting.

The day she was attacked, Burke was due to be sentenced at Blackfriars Crown Court for arson and attempted robbery. In January, he was given an indefinite hospital order for manslaughter by

diminished responsibility.

At the Old Bailey, Mr Justice Jeremy Baker also ordered Serco to pay the Health and Safety Executive's costs of £433,596.

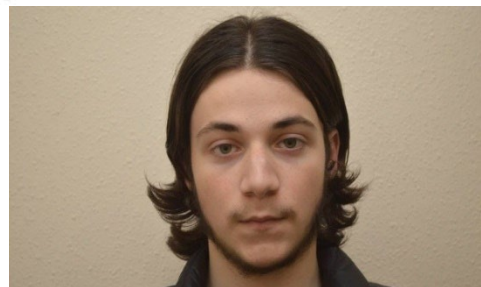
Sentencing the firm, he said: "I am satisfied that had it not been for Serco's breach of duty towards its employees, Lorraine Barwell would not have died in the circumstances in which she did." Serco is contracted by the Ministry of Justice to provide security services in courts. Ms Barwell, who had worked for the security firm for more than 10 years, is believed to be the first prison custody officer to be killed on duty. <https://www.bbc.co.uk>

### Islamist terror plot teen will serve at least six years

A 19-year-old man has been given life with a minimum term of six years for planning to stab police and soldiers.

Police believe Matthew King, who converted to extreme Islamism during lockdown, could have been hours away from carrying out an attack when they arrested him.

King will serve a discretionary life sentence of a minimum of six years, minus the 367 days he spent on remand. The judge praised King's mother for reporting her suspicions to police.



In January this year, King pleaded guilty at the Old Bailey to the preparation of terrorist acts between December 2021 and 17 May 2022. <https://www.bbc.co.uk>

## PFA seeks advice on legal protections for players during pitch invasions



The Professional Footballers' Association has sought legal advice over whether players attacked by supporters can use reasonable force to defend themselves. It comes amid heightened concerns of further incidents during the English Football League playoff second legs and the final fortnight of the Premier League season, after the Newcastle manager, Eddie Howe, was confronted by a Leeds supporter.

It is understood there is growing concern among some PFA members over an apparent lack of legal protections for players – and also what would constitute “reasonable force” if a player feels under threat during a crowd invasion. <https://amp-theguardian-com>

## Unlicensed security operative prosecuted for working illegally with a cloned licence

Ibukun Chiedu Joseph was handed a six-month jail sentence suspended for 18 months at Westminster Magistrates' Court.

The court also ordered Mr Joseph to do 120-hours community service and pay a £128 victim surcharge. Mr Joseph's sentence follows his guilty plea for using a cloned licence multiple times between June 2021 and January 2022 at NHS premises in North London.

Our investigators were alerted by MNX Security that there was a licence irregularity from a man who was seeking to work for them.

Our investigators carried out an inspection of a building where security was deployed in January 2022. They asked Joseph about the licence in his possession, and he ran off straight away leaving behind his shoes, mobile phone and the cloned licence. <https://sia.gov.uk>

## Two men prosecuted for working illegally in Cardigan

Two men from Cardigan pleaded guilty to working illegally as door supervisors at a Cardigan wine bar between September and November last year. Tristan Edwards was fined £400, ordered to pay £250 prosecution costs and a £160 victim surcharge. He now has criminal record.

Daniel Cope was sentenced to a £120 fine, £250 prosecution costs and a £48 victim surcharge and also now has a criminal record. <https://sia.gov.uk>

## A man from Cardigan prosecuted for working illegally at a local wine bar



David James pleaded guilty to working illegally as a door supervisor at a Cardigan wine bar between September and November last year.

Mr James was sentenced at Haverfordwest Magistrates' Court where he was handed a £360 fine, ordered to pay £250 prosecution costs and a £144 victim surcharge. He now has a criminal record.



Dyfed Powys police officers carried out inspections of a wine bar in Cardigan between 23 and 25 September 2022 and they found that the bar was deploying unlicensed security. <https://sia.gov.uk>

## Met police to stop attending emergency mental health calls



The Metropolitan police will no longer attend emergency calls related to mental health incidents, the force's commissioner has said.

In a letter seen by the Guardian, Sir Mark Rowley says he will order his officers not to attend thousands of calls they get every year to deal with mental health incidents.

Rowley has given health and social care services a deadline of 31 August before the force starts its ban, which will only be waived

if a threat to life is feared.

The Met chief believes the move is necessary and urgent because officers are being diverted from their core role of fighting crime and patients who need medical experts are being failed when a police officer attends instead. <https://amp-theguardian-com>

## Investigations into '80 robberies a day' closed last year

Investigations into some 80 robberies a day were closed last year without a suspect being identified, the Liberal Democrats have claimed.

The party also said it had commissioned research which showed 30,000 muggings across England and Wales went unsolved in 2022.

The Lib Dems have accused Home Secretary Suella Braverman of becoming "embroiled in endless scandals" while criminals are "let off the hook".

The Home Secretary herself faced claims she had been left "off the hook" after it was confirmed she would not face an independent investigation into allegations she broke the ministerial code when it came to how she handled her speeding ticket. Prime Minister Rishi Sunak defended his decision not to launch a formal investigation into his home secretary, saying he spent "time going through" what had happened.

Ms Braverman asked officials if she could attend a private speed awareness course after a speeding offence.

Research from the House of Commons Library shows more than one in two robbery reports (54%) went unsolved, the Lib Dems said. <https://news.sky.com>



## Man arrested after car crashes into Downing Street gates



A man has been arrested after a car crashed into the Downing Street gates. The Met Police said he was held on suspicion of criminal damage and dangerous driving, but the incident is not being treated as terror related.

One witness said he saw officers pointing Tasers at a man, who was held "face to the floor" as he was detained.

No-one was injured in the incident. No 10 has confirmed Rishi Sunak was in Downing Street at the time. The area in Whitehall, the main road which runs through the heart of several government offices, was partially evacuated following the incident. The car was loaded onto a police recovery vehicle and removed from the scene.

Officers had been seen searching the vehicle and removing a mobile phone in an evidence bag. A forensics officer was seen inspecting the car, and sniffer dogs were also spotted at the scene.

<https://www-bbc-co-uk>

## Man arrested after security guard stabbed in Blackpole

A man has been arrested on suspicion of attempted murder after a security guard was stabbed in Blackpole. Specialist officers were called to the Sainsbury's petrol station.

Officers had already been called to the nearby Blackpole Inn where a customer had been threatened with a 'bladed weapon' but not injured.



Once at the garage, the man was detained nearby while the injured security guard was taken to the Worcestershire Royal. <https://worcesterobserver.co.uk>

## TikToker stalked Chelsea footballers



A woman has pleaded guilty to stalking two Premier League footballers and harassing a third.

TikToker Orla Sloan, 21, admitted to stalking Chelsea midfielder Mason Mount, 24, for more than four months and pleaded guilty to causing "serious alarm or distress" to Brighton midfielder Billy Gilmour after stalking him for over a month.

Sloan also admitted to harassing Chelsea left-back Ben Chilwell. Sloan, from Exeter, subjected

Mount to a "bombardment of messages" between 19 June and 28 October 2022 according to prosecutor Jason Seetal.



She had previously slept with Mount after they met at a party at his England teammate Chilwell's house in November 2020, the court heard.

Sentencing has been adjourned and Sloan has been granted unconditional bail. <https://news.sky.com>

## Top Scots referee chased through shop by yob

One of Scotland's most high profile referees has been chased through a high street store and found a pile of human excrement at the front door of his family home as part of a toxic backlash to VAR.

SFA chief executive Ian Maxwell has revealed how the current big named whistler has been targeted by vile yobs while calling for managers to turn down the heat on the raging debate over the implementation of the new technology. Maxwell confirmed that an end of season summit will be convened with all top flight clubs to review the first six months of the Clydesdale House set-up after a raft of complaints from managers. <https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk>



## Sleeping man found with knife at airport

A sleeping man was found in possession of a knife with 'AK-47' written on the blade while snoozing inside airport toilets.

Drunk Marcin Majszak had to be woken up by police as he took a nap inside a cubicle at Newcastle International Airport while he waited for a flight to Poland. A court heard that officers had reason to search the 45-year-old dad and discovered a lock knife in his pocket.



Majszak claimed he thought the weapon was from World War Two, despite it having AK-47 written along the blade, and had planned to take it to Poland to sell. But his money-making scheme instead landed him in the dock after he was arrested for possessing an offensive weapon. <https://www.chroniclive.co.uk>

## Investigation after girl 'grabbed by the throat' by security guard

A teenage girl was reportedly grabbed by the throat by a security guard during an under 18s event.

Footage has emerged online of a girl allegedly being choked by a security worker at Rainton Arena. The incident occurred during an under 18s event called 'WE ARE BOUNCE' at the venue in Houghton-le-Spring. Rainton Arena told ChronicleLive that a security company was hired for the event. They said Northumbria Police has been made aware of the incident and the child's parents have been contacted and shown all CCTV.

They said the event organisers are all parents and they "will not accept this type of behaviour towards anyone". <https://www.chroniclive.co.uk>

## Police arrest man after suspected ammonia attack



A man has been arrested following a suspected ammonia attack in Gateshead.

Northumbria Police were called to reports of an assault following a verbal altercation on South Grove, Ryton. It is understood a man sprayed another man with ammonia before fleeing the area.

Officers arrived at the scene with no-one found to have suffered serious injuries. A 32-year-old man was subsequently arrested on suspicion of causing grievous bodily harm with intent. He has since been released on bail with inquiries ongoing. <https://www.chroniclelive.co.uk>

## Converted weapons and live ammunition found in gun factory

A weapons factory used to convert blank-firing guns into lethal firearms has been discovered in a raid.

National Crime Agency (NCA) investigators who searched an industrial unit in Merton, south London, discovered an array of tools and machinery, including parts used in the manufacture of weapons, ammunition, and blank firers ready to be converted.



More than a hundred rounds of live ammunition, around a thousand rounds of blank firing ammunition ready for conversion and three potentially functioning converted weapons were also recovered, according to the NCA.

Investigators also found several 3D printing machines suspected of being used to make gun components. The army bomb squad were called in at one point to ensure the safety of the location after a quantity of suspected explosive powder was found.

Officers from the agency's armed operations unit had earlier in a car recovered what was believed to be a functioning converted weapon and magazines filled with 9mm ammunition.

The seized weapons are now being assessed and analysed by forensic experts. Evan Girdlestone, 47, from Colliers Wood, has been charged with firearm offences under the Firearms Act in connection with the raid. He was due appear before magistrates in Croydon. <https://news.sky.com>

## Judge praises Asda security worker



Benjamin Connor, 47, who has been described as a “danger to the public,” was arrested near to the Asda store at the city’s St Nicholas Gate shopping complex after the security guard saw him removing the knives from their packaging.

A Carlisle Crown Court judge sentenced Connor after hearing that his poor mental health was a key feature in his offending.



At an earlier hearing, Connor, formerly of Parton in west Cumbria, admitted four offences: possessing four knives illegally in the Asda car park at St Nicholas Gate, Carlisle, on March 21, and three counts of breaching a sexual harm prevention order by having a secret phone and software.

Despite being the subject of a sexual harm prevention order, Connor had an undeclared iPhone on September 19 last year while living at approved accommodation in Carlisle city centre.

He also – again in breach of his court order - acquired a “private web browser,” and used a virtual private network to access “dark web” applications. Connor was put on the Sex Offender Register in 2020 for possessing indecent child images. He had committed an identical offence three years earlier. <https://www.newsandstar.co.uk>

## Man jailed for sharing terrorist material online



A man from West London has been jailed for sharing terrorist propaganda on social media following a counter-terrorism investigation by the Met.

Mohammad Zubair Khan was found to have shared Daesh videos glorifying terrorism on various online platforms over an 18-month period.

The Met's Counter Terrorism Command investigated after officers found that Khan had posted an extremist video on Twitter in May 2021. He was then arrested in November 2021.

In November 2022, Khan admitted to multiple terrorism offences at the Old Bailey. He has now been sentenced to four years' imprisonment and one year on licence. <https://counterterrorbusiness.com>

## Government tables amendments to NI Troubles legacy legislation

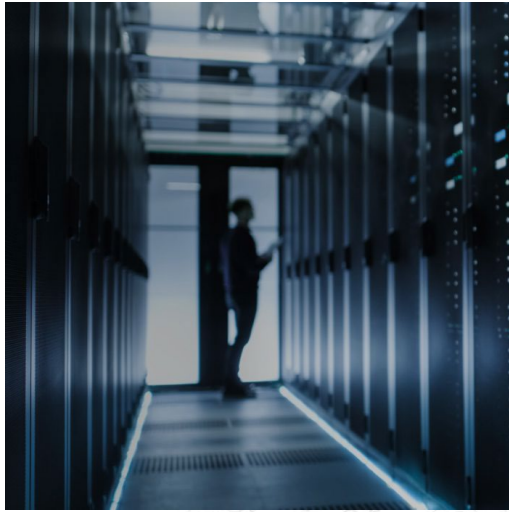
The government has formally introduced amendments to legislation seeking to address the legacy of the Troubles in Northern Ireland. The legislation aims to deliver better outcomes for all those most affected by the Troubles.



Amendments include: allowing ongoing criminal investigations, inquests, the consideration of prosecution decisions, and the publication of reports, to continue until May 2024; the revocation of immunity if an individual is subsequently convicted of terrorism offences or offences connected to terrorism committed after immunity was granted; and expressly confirming that the Commissioner for Investigations, when exercising operational control over the conduct of reviews, must comply with obligations imposed by the Human Rights Act 1998.

The Report Stage of the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill is scheduled to proceed in the House of Lords later this month. <https://counterterrorismbusiness.com>

## New regulations for military cyber security



New regulation has been introduced to counter threats of cyber-attack on military air systems and to assess and mitigate potential impacts on air safety.

The Military Aviation Authority (MAA) has now equipped the regulated community with Cyber Security for Airworthiness (CSA) regulation to ensure our safety-related systems are appropriately protected from this non-traditional, emerging threat to air safety.

RA 5890 – Cyber Security for Airworthiness and Air Safety – Type Design and Changes / Repairs to Type Design introduces responsibilities for TAAs / TAMs to ensure that air system cyber security risk

assessments are conducted. Identified cyber threats shall be suitably mitigated to combat the potential negative impact on CSA and air safety.

RA 1202 – Cyber Security for Airworthiness and Air Safety introduces responsibilities for ADH / AM(MF) / SRO to ensure that cyber security threats to airworthiness and Air Safety are identified, suitably mitigated, and managed through life. <https://counterterrorismbusiness.com>

## Two sentenced for terrorism offences



Two people from Yorkshire have been sentenced for terrorism offences, after being found guilty.

At Leeds Crown Court, Darren Reynolds from Sheffield was sentenced to 12 years imprisonment and Christine Grayson from York was given a 12-month custodial sentence.

Following a five-week trial, Reynolds was found guilty of direct/indirect encouragement of terrorism to others to the commission,

preparation, or instigation of acts of terrorism and Dissemination of a Terrorist Publication. The 60-year-old was also found guilty of possession of material containing information likely to be useful to a person committing an act of terrorism.

Reynolds posted and shared extreme right-wing material and collected illegal neo-Nazi material that included images and videos that were racist and antisemitic.

Grayson was found guilty of one offence of Conspiracy to Commit Criminal Damage. The 59-year-old believed conspiracy theories involving 5G mobile phone masts and used her views to justify her plan to damage and potentially destroy local 5G masts. <https://counterterrorismbusiness.com>



## Specialist security officers use exclusive powers for first time escorting generators into nuclear plant

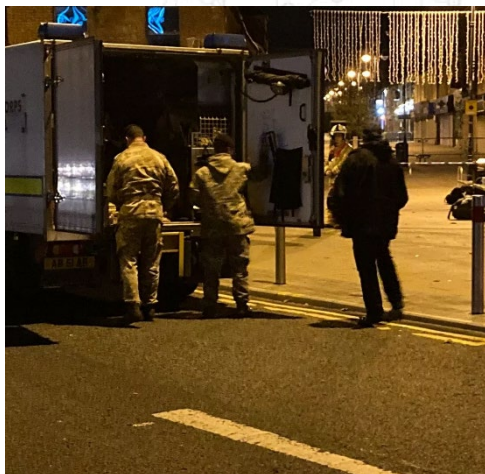
G4S recently became the UK's first and only non-police service to gain accreditation to allow specialist security officers to stop and manage traffic as they escort moving Abnormal Indivisible Loads (AILs) on the roads.

Moving two emergency diesel generator tanks was nothing short of slow progress – due to its size and weight (they weigh 64 tonnes and measure more than seven metres wide – about the average width of four cars) but G4S's Enhanced Security Officers (ESOs) have put their new police accreditation into practice.



The ESOs who were already working at Hinkley Point C have now become the only non-police officers in the UK to be provided with traffic management powers under the community safety accreditation scheme (CSAC). <https://www.infoologue.com>

## Doorman jailed after planting fake bomb



A pub doorman who planted a fake bomb so he could play hero has been jailed after police found his DNA on the device.

Stephen Edward Oliphant raised the alarm in November 2021 after claiming he found the suspicious device in a toilet basin at the Hat and Feathers pub in Seaham. The pub was evacuated as officers and a specialist bomb disposal team rushed to the scene but they quickly identified that the 'device' was in fact a hoax, made from several items including a bingo dabber.

Forensic analysis showed Oliphant's DNA on the individual components, more of which were found

when his home was later searched in Stanley Street, Houghton-le-Spring. The 25-year-old denied any involvement but after being faced with the evidence, admitted he had planted the item so he could look like a hero. <https://www.chroniclelive.co.uk>

## Teen planned sick far-right terror attack

A right-wing British teenager has been convicted of preparing to carry out a chilling act of terrorism designed to 'accelerate a race war'. Luke Skelton, of Washington, Teesside, was found guilty of one offence under Section of the Terrorism Act 2006 after targeting police stations. Skelton, an autistic former student, wrote that people would die "in the thousands" in his final note. The 19-year-old faces prison following his two-week trial and is due to be sentenced on June 19, his plot is among at least 37 foiled in Britain in the past six years.

Skelton was charged in November 2021 following an investigation by Counter Terrorism Policing North East, supported by Northumbria Police.



The court heard that Skelton had searched online for explosives and watched Nazi propaganda material. He also wrote a document called "final note" referencing his intention to start a "race war" and had written a manifesto.

The court heard that staff at Gateshead College, where Skelton was a student, had grown concerned about his behaviour and referred him to the Government's Prevent programme, which aims to stop people from becoming terrorists. However, Skelton "disengaged" from the

programme after eight sessions. <https://www.mirror.co.uk>

## UK men offered £10K to pose as dads in visa scam



British men are taking payments of thousands of pounds to pose as fathers for migrant women's babies, a BBC investigation has found.

They are being offered up to £10,000 to add their names to birth certificates - enabling a child to get UK citizenship and giving mothers a residency route. Scammers are using Facebook to tout for business and claim to have helped

thousands of women in this way. Facebook says such content is banned by its rules.

The investigation, by BBC Newsnight, found that the fraud is happening in different communities around the UK.

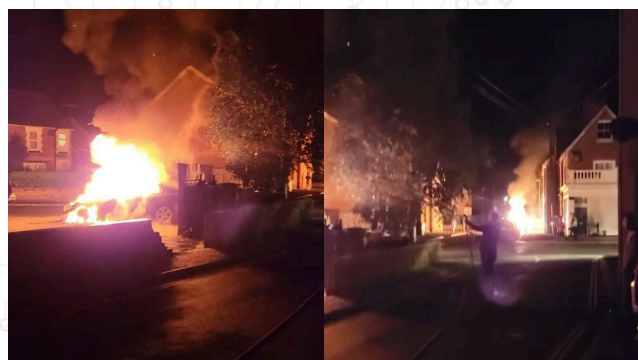
It uncovered agents operating across the UK who find British men to be fake fathers. <https://www.bbc.co.uk>

## Dorset streets 'like a warzone'

Residents have described a scene "like a warzone" after a night when a dozen car fires were reported around Dorset.

The vehicles were set alight in the early hours across three areas of the southwest English county.

Emergency services were called to the scene of multiple fires in Broadstone, Wimborne and Merley. A property was also affected by one fire. Dorset Police are now probing to "identify those responsible" for the fires as Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue aid with their investigation. <https://news.sky.com>



## Woman 'being held hostage is shot'

An hour-long standoff between police and the alleged kidnapper came after cops attended the home in Dartford. Two rounds of gunshots were then heard before police rushed in to the property.





<https://www.lbc.co.uk>

Kent Police said the woman was taken to hospital with wounds consistent with those of someone who had been shot. "Officers, along with a trained police negotiator, attended and attempted to engage with a man inside the address.

"A man and a woman were later taken to a London hospital with serious injuries and later died.

## Lawless London

Three people including a 16-year-old schoolboy were stabbed to death in London within a few hours.

The teenager was reportedly ambushed and murdered by a group of killers 'waiting for him' outside Kelscott school in Walthamstow, east London. An 18-year-old was also killed close to Dagenham Heathway tube station on Friday evening.

And a man in his late 20s was stabbed to death at a property on Mare Street, Hackney. Two men in their 40s and 50s plus one woman in her 50s were arrested on suspicion of murder after the Mare Street killing. . <https://www.lbc.co.uk>



## Paralegal who passed CPS intelligence to criminal gang

A former Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) employee who was found guilty of passing highly sensitive intelligence material to organised crime gangs has been sentenced to nine years in prison.

Rachel Simpson, 39, from Newport, admitted 29 counts of unauthorised access of a computer system and two counts of misconduct in a public office when she appeared before Cardiff Crown Court. <https://www.lbc.co.uk>

## Nigerian politician jailed for nine years for trafficking



A wealthy Nigerian politician and his wife have been jailed for plotting to traffic a young man to the UK to harvest his organ for their sick daughter in a legal first. Following a landmark modern slavery case, multi-millionaire Senator Ike Ekweremadu, 60, his wife Beatrice, 56, and medical "middleman" Dr Obinna Obeta, 51, were found guilty at the Old Bailey in March.

Their victim, a poor street trader in Lagos, was brought to the UK to provide a kidney for the Ekweremadus' 25-year-old daughter Sonia.

He fled in fear of his life and walked into a police station exactly a year ago to report what had happened after the Royal Free Hospital called a halt on the private £80,000 procedure.  
<https://www.lbc.co.uk>

## Drunk thugs who murdered Good Samaritan jailed for life

Two men who murdered a Good Samaritan as he tried to stop them from attacking a 17-year-old girl have been jailed for life. Reece Radford, 26, was stabbed to death after he came across Dereck Owusu and Louis James attacking a teenage girl at a bus stop in Sheffield. Reece, who had a seven-month-old daughter, was kicked a number of times before James stabbed him in the chest.



Both have been jailed for life, with Owusu getting a minimum of 15 years and James 25 years.  
<https://www.lbc.co.uk>

## Man charged after police tasered him in east London

Louie Turnbull, 46, of no fixed address, was charged on Tuesday with being the owner of a dog that was dangerously out of control and being in possession of a dog whilst disqualified from owning or keeping a dog.

Footage from the scene shows the moment police officers tasered Turnbull and shot his dog after a tense stand-off in Tower Hamlets.

Officers are shown holding off a man who shouts and pleads at them as he holds the two animals by a canal in Tower Hamlets.

The dogs bark during the confrontation before one is shot dead by an officer. Police then taser the man as another officer tries to grab the other dog. <https://www.lbc.co.uk>

## Man charged with damaging Ulez cameras

Joseph Nicolls has been charged with criminal damage, malicious communications, handling stolen goods and aiding or abetting the destruction of, or damage to, property valued over £5,000, the Metropolitan Police said. The cameras detect when a car enters the Ulez, with the motorist then facing a bill to pay if their car doesn't meet the mayor's environmental standards in London.



The Ulez has proved divisive, with some people and business owners saying the zone could prove financially ruinous.

The 42-year-old man has been charged with criminal damage and destruction of - or damage to - property. <https://www.lbc.co.uk>

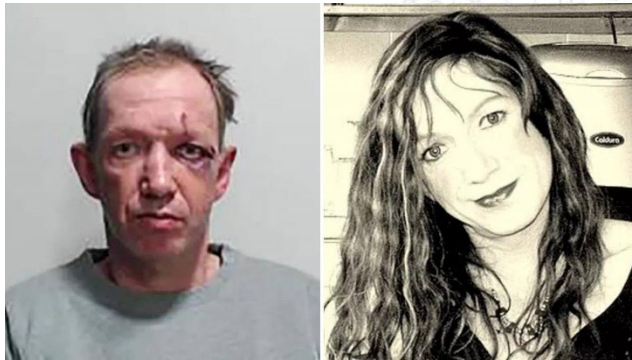


## Man in his 70s punched repeatedly.

Police have issued CCTV of a man they want to trace after a watch robbery in south London. The victim, in his 70s, had a black and white Rolex Daytona Panda, worth up to £50,000 stolen in the violent robbery in Croydon.

The victim was approached while getting into his car on Grosvenor Road SE25. He was punched repeatedly by a man who then stole his Rolex. <https://www.lbc.co.uk>

## Paedophile predator abducted and sexually assaulted a girl for more than 24 hours



A man has pleaded guilty to abducting a primary school girl while dressed as a woman before repeatedly sexually assaulting her over more than a day.

The butcher, who was born Andrew George Miller but identifies as Amy, pleaded guilty to four charges - abduction, sexual assault, watching pornography in the presence of the child under the age of 13, and possessing 242 indecent images of children. Miller, a butcher, is in the process of transitioning from male to female, but has asked to be referred to by male pronouns. <https://www.lbc.co.uk>

## Albanian criminals offered £1,500 to agree to be sent home

Albanian prisoners are being paid as much as £1,500 to go back to their home country after being convicted in the UK. Some have been released ahead of serving their minimum sentence and paid a sum if they agree to return to the Balkan state - though ex-inmates said they planned to come back to Britain within days. More than 1,000 have been returned to Albania since the Government signed an agreement with Tirana in December last year. About half of those were voluntary, with the rest either failed asylum seekers or foreign offenders. <https://www.lbc.co.uk>



## Architect, 70, fights off gang of moped thieves

Ben Derbyshire, a well known architect formerly president of the Royal Institute for British Architects, wrestled with the thieves as they targeted his £2,500 bike outside a cafe in Hackney in east London.



They had been trying to steal his chained-up bike using an angle-grinder, but Mr Derbyshire rushed out to confront the mob, gripping his beloved bike and hanging on to it as they tried to wrest it from his grasp.

The gang - in blacked out gear and riding mopeds, were thwarted by Mr Derbyshire until his son and the owner of the cafe rushed to his aid - the thieves then give up and leave empty-handed. <https://www.lbc.co.uk>

## Man, 21, pleads guilty to planning terror attack



Edward Little had been charged with preparing to commit acts of terrorism after he allegedly bought a firearm to kill a Christian preacher and her camera crew at Speakers' Corner in London's Hyde Park.

Little, from Pelham Street, Brighton, initially pleaded not guilty to all charges, changing his plea to guilty where charges linked to Christian preacher Hatun Tash were concerned.

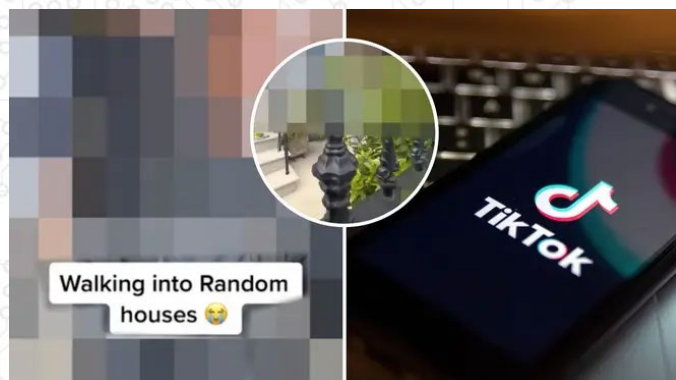
He also admitted researching Hyde Park, where he planned to carry out the attack, collecting

money to purchase a gun and travelling to buy it.

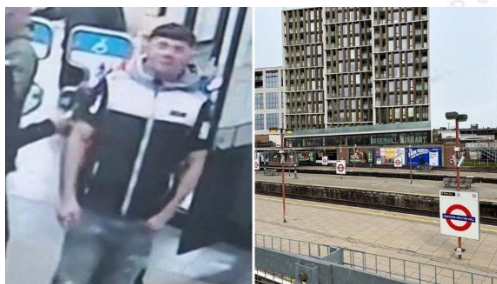
Little was on his way into London in a taxi with thousands of pounds in cash when he was stopped and arrested on September 23 last year. <https://www.lbc.co.uk>

## Police probe disturbing TikTok trend

The shocking trend has been highlighted in one video shared widely across social media, which sees three youths walk into a family home - with a toddler visible in the background. In a staggering invasion of privacy, the footage shows the boys - believed to be in their teens, with one dressed in what looks to be school uniform - make themselves at home as the shocked homeowner attempts to guide them out of the property. The clip, which looks to be shot in London, is now said to be under investigation by the Met. <https://www.lbc.co.uk>



## Thug left rail worker with fractured skull



Police are looking for a violent thug who fractured a rail worker's skull after launching into an unprovoked assault at a station in London. The "appalling" attack took place at Harrow on the Hill station in north-west London. Police were called to a report of member of railway staff being punched at the ticket gates of the station.

The man was knocked out and suffered a bleed on the brain and a fractured skull. He is still in hospital, where staff are assessing his injuries. <https://www.lbc.co.uk>



## Youths terrorise motorists and clamber on bus



A gang of youths terrorised motorists and targeted a bus and police car in north-west London. Two suspects were arrested and police issued a dispersal order after the large group of teenagers gathered on Engineer's Way near Wembley Stadium.

Shocking videos posted on social media show the teens causing chaos as they blocked traffic, kicked cars, and climbed on buses.

Further clips show them targeting a police van as it drove away, with one individual climbing on to the back of it while another youth ran alongside. <https://www.lbc.co.uk>

## Children's mental health worker who sexually groomed patients on Snapchat convicted

A mental healthcare assistant who groomed vulnerable underage patients at the clinic where he worked into sending sexualised images has been convicted.

Daniel Knight, 32, from Burton-On-Trent in Staffordshire, was investigated by the National Crime Agency after one of his victims submitted a report via the Click CEOP tool.



The teenage girl said Knight contacted her via Snapchat after they met at the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) facility where she was a patient. Investigators spoke with another seven witnesses, all of whom said Knight attempted to contact them in a sexualised way. However, they never engaged in online conversations with him.

He admitted three charges of encouraging the commission of an offence and two counts of making indecent images of children at Stafford Crown Court. <https://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk>

## £38.8m worth of heroin recovered



National Crime Agency investigators have foiled a plot to smuggle heroin with a street value of £38.8m into the UK in bottles of pomegranate juice.

A consignment of the Class A drug weighing 388 kilos was recovered by NCA and Border Force officers from a shipping container at the port of Southampton. NCA officers arrested three suspects as they began to unload the container which contained 2.6 tonnes of pomegranate juice at an industrial premises in north east Birmingham. The bottles of purple juice turned red if they contained

heroin. A fourth man was arrested at a residential address in Alum Rock, Birmingham. The four suspects were released on bail. <https://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk>

## Former St Albans City Hospital employee sentenced

Hasan Abusheikha, aged 47, formerly a theatre manager at St Albans City Hospital, has been found guilty of six offences under the Theft, Fraud and Bribery Acts in March 2023 and sentenced to eleven years behind bars.



Presiding at St Albans Crown Court, Judge Lana Wood said on the sentencing: "The earning of commission was your primary objective when your primary concern should have been to act in the best interests of the West Hertfordshire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust. You acted in breach of the Trust's expectations of impartiality."

Elmo Emanuel, aged 74, who was CEO of Implants International and Xtremity Solutions Ltd (both of which were companies supplying medical equipment to St Albans City Hospital) was sentenced to 28 months in prison having been found guilty of one charge of bribing Abusheikha in March this year.

A second West Hertfordshire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust supplier, namely Jawid Khan (aged 51, a director of TSI Med Ltd), had pleaded guilty to one charge of bribing Abusheikha in March 2022 and was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment, suspended for 18 months. He was also ordered to undertake 200 hours of unpaid work. <https://securitymattersmagazine.com>

## Security industry news

### Glasgow named host city for 92nd Interpol General Assembly



Glasgow will host the 92nd edition of the Interpol General Assembly from 4-7 November 2024 at the Scottish Event Campus, which was previously used as the location for COP 26 (the UN Climate Change Conference).

Already a global leader in security and policing, hosting this event affords the UK a central role in one of the most important policing and public safety events in the world, bringing together Interpol's 195

members in the common goals of preventing global illicit activity and tackling criminal threats and risk worldwide. <https://securitymattersmagazine.com>

### Industry welcomes new fire and security apprenticeship for Wales

The Security Systems and Alarms Inspection Board (SSAIB) and the Fire and Security Association (FSA) have jointly welcomed the Welsh Government's approval of a new





apprenticeship pathway in the disciplines of fire and security. This completes the mission of the fire, emergency and security systems (FESS) sector to make a specialist apprenticeship available to employers and learners in every part of the UK. Development of this apprenticeship, which was jointly funded by the FSA and the SSAIB, comes as a direct response to employer demand in Wales. Employers were also closely involved in the Steering Group which closely oversaw the development process. Welsh apprentices and employers will benefit from the curriculum aligned with UK-wide technical and occupational competence standards. The apprenticeship features two qualifications both of which have now been designated by Qualifications Wales: the EAL Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Providing Electronic Fire and Security Systems and the EAL Level 3 Knowledge Diploma in Providing Electronic Fire and Security Systems.

On completion, individuals will achieve UK FESS Technician status and entitlement to apply for a gold card under the Electrotechnical Certification Scheme. <https://securitymattersmagazine.com>

## Martyn's Law anti-terror legislation moves closer

The UK will be better prepared for, and protected from, terrorist attacks under new draft laws published by government.

The draft Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill sets out the requirements that, under Martyn's Law, venues and other organisations will have to meet to ensure public safety. 'Martyn's Law' is a tribute to Martyn Hett who was killed alongside 21 others in the Manchester Arena terrorist attack in 2017.

The draft bill will be subject to pre-legislative scrutiny by the Home Affairs Select Committee, ahead of formal introduction.

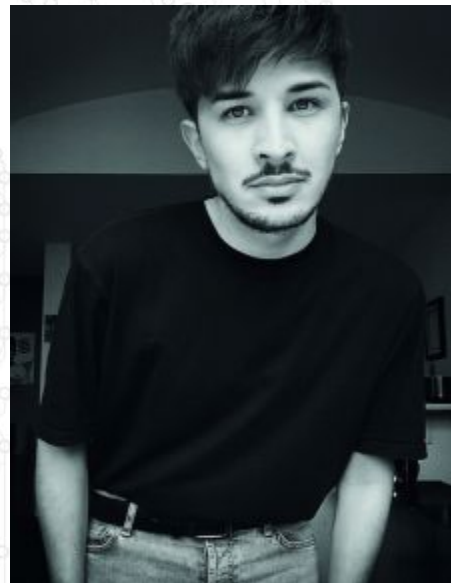
In December 2022, the government announced that Martyn's Law will introduce a tiered model for certain locations depending on the capacity of the premises or event and the activity taking place, to prevent unnecessary burden to business.

The legislation will ensure venues are prepared for, and ready to respond in the event of, an attack. <https://sia.gov.uk>

## New SIA licensing videos on our YouTube Channel

On 18 May, we launched 8 new guidance videos for licence applicants and existing licence holders. The new videos provide helpful guidance to licence applicants and licence holders in a visual and easy-to-understand format. These include 5 videos providing walk-throughs of our licensing process and 3 videos providing helpful guidance on renewing a licence in the sectors with new training requirements. . <https://sia.gov.uk>

The new videos are:



- Registering for a personal SIA online account
- Submitting an online SIA licence application form
- A guide to the stages of your SIA licence application
- Linking your personal SIA online account with a business account
- Requesting a replacement SIA licence card
- Renewing your door supervision licence
- Renewing your security guarding licence
- Renewing your close protection licence

## Hiring security for events



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

We encourage you to use a UV (ultraviolet) light where possible as a quick and easy method to check licences. The SIA licence features several easy-to-check security features. <https://sia.gov.uk>

### SIA last month in numbers

In April 2023 we recorded the following statistics:

- Number of applications received: 14,658
- Number of paid applications received: 13,036
- Average time it took us to make a decision to grant or refuse an application: 11.8 working days
- Number of applications granted: 12,759
- Number of applications refused: 121
- Number of licences revoked: 44
- Number of licences suspended: 65

## Marauding terrorist attack briefings

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

- 01 June 2023 (09:00 – 12:30)
- 12 September 2023 (09:00 – 12:30)
- 19 December 2023 (09:00 – 12:30)
- 18 March 2024 (09:00 – 12:30)

The purpose of the individual 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. Before attending a briefing, we strongly recommend that you read the marauding terrorist attack guidance documents. Please click on the link below to submit your date and time of choice.

For the sponsor, if you add 'Rob G SIA' with [counterterrorism@sia.gov.uk](mailto:counterterrorism@sia.gov.uk) and then 'Dave K', that will ensure the National Protective Security Authority knows the source of the invitation.

We suggest you read the Making Your Organisation Ready document first, followed by any others within the suite.

<https://www.npsa.gov.uk/marauding-terrorist-attacks-0>

## Stats published on operation of police powers under Terrorism Act

The Home Office has published a quarterly update to March 2023 on operation of police powers under the Terrorism Act 2000.

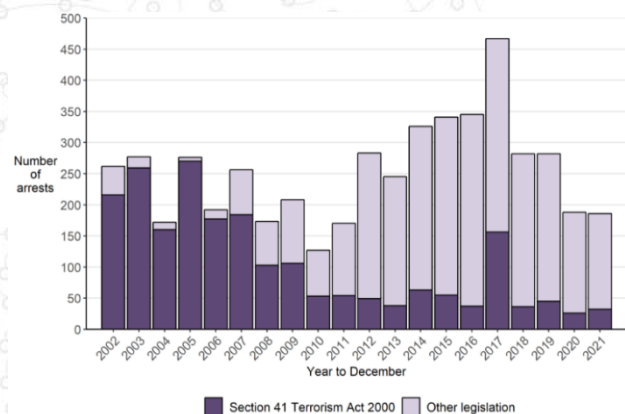
The document contains statistical material relating to the Terrorism Act 2000, including arrests and outcomes, and stops and searches.

The statistics reveal that there were 169 arrests for terrorism-related activity in the year ending 31 March 2023. This is 27 fewer than in the year ending 31 March 2022, representing a 14 per cent decrease.

Of the 169 arrests for terrorist-related activity: 52 (31 per cent) resulted in a charge, of which 46 were for terrorism-related offences; 65 (38 per cent) persons were bailed to return and released under investigation; 43 persons (25 per cent) were released without charge; and 9 (5 per cent) faced alternative action, for example, receiving a caution or recalled to prison.

In the year ending 31 March 2023, 53 persons were tried for terrorism-related offences, which is 7 fewer than in the year ending 31 March 2022. As of 31 March 2023m there were 232 persons in custody for terrorism-connected offences in Great Britain.

<https://counterterrorbusiness.com>



## NCSC issues warning on China state-sponsored cyber activity



The UK and agencies in the US, Australia, Canada and New Zealand have issued new advice designed to help organisations detect China state-sponsored activity being carried out against Critical National Infrastructure networks. In the new joint advisory, the National Cyber Security Centre – itself a part of GCHQ and a group of international partners – highlight

how recent activity has targeted networks across critical infrastructure sectors in the US and how the exact same techniques could well be applied worldwide.

The actor has been observed taking advantage of built-in network administration tools on targets' systems in order to evade detection after an initial compromise.

The advisory provides technical indicators of compromise and examples of techniques deployed by the actor in a bid to help network defenders identify the malicious activity.

The advisory can be found by accessing the National Security Agency's website.  
<https://www.nsa.gov>

## 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.

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/news/uk-and-allies-expose-snake-malware-threat-from-russian-cyber-actors>

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/news/experts-challenge-myths-around-reporting-cyber-attacks-in-bid-to-help-break-cycle-of-crime>

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/news/ncsc-joins-partners-to-issue-warning-about-chinese-cyber-activity-targeting-cni>



## Demonstrations / protests



### 31 held over Epsom Derby disruption

A man has been detained by police after running on the racecourse at the Epsom Derby. A woman was also detained by officers after being pulled to the floor when she tried to invade the course.

It comes after 19 people - believed to be animal rights protesters - were arrested on Saturday morning over plans to disrupt the event. A total of 12 people were detained within Epsom Downs racecourse during the event on Saturday, also in connection with planned criminal activity, Surrey Police said. <https://news.sky.com>

### Protester dragged off stage after storming Rees-Mogg's conference speech



An anti-fascist activist stormed the stage during a speech by Jacob Rees-Mogg at the National Conservatism Conference.

Mr Rees-Mogg, the former business secretary, was only minutes into his speech at the event in London when a man charged onto the stage and began speaking into the microphone. The protester told the audience: "I would like to draw your attention to a few characteristics of fascism." He was then bundled off the stage and led away by

security to cheers from the audience. <https://www.standard.co.uk>

### Trans activists disrupt Kathleen Stock speech at Oxford Union

The gender-critical feminist Dr Kathleen Stock was forced to temporarily halt her contested appearance at the Oxford Union after a trans activist glued themselves to the debating chamber close to the speaker's chair.



saying "no more dead trans kids", glued themselves to the floor less than 2 metres from Stock's chair.

Stock was urged by the audience to continue but she said she could not go on until given approval by security. <https://www.theguardian.com>

## Eco-activists cost taxpayer £3.5million in four weeks

Just Stop Oil protests have cost the taxpayer £3.5million in four weeks, new Metropolitan Police figures show.

The environmental activist group began three months of planned protest activity on April 24, predominantly using a new 'slow marching' tactic.

This tactic sees activists walk slowly along the streets in order to cause major traffic delays, causing severe disruption to the public. Policing the protests have taken officers away from the equivalent of 11,000 shifts.

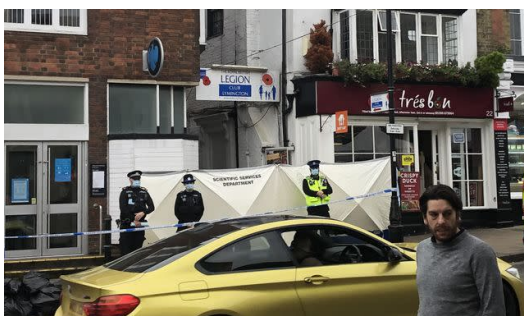


Just Stop Oil protestors caused temporary closures to Tower Bridge and Blackfriars Bridge in central London. During protests on Blackfriars Bridge, one frustrated commuter - a builder - got out of his car and tried to move the protestors out of the road, pushing one to the ground.

Two police officers quickly step in to stop the commuter in his tracks and handcuff him as the protestors remain on the road. According to Metropolitan Police figures, 78 slow marches have taken place in London. In 60 instances, "serious disruption" was determined to have taken place.

This crosses the legal threshold which allows police officers to intervene, primarily through Section 12 of the Public Order Act. <https://www.lbc.co.uk>

## Boy, 14, among four charged



A 14-year-old boy is among four people charged over a riot at a hotel housing asylum seekers in Merseyside.

A police van was set on fire as missiles were thrown at police officers outside the Suites Hotel in Knowsley on 10 February, after a protest spiralled into violence.



Paul Lafferty, 42, of Northwood, John Tippler, 59, of Northwood, Christopher Shelley, aged 44, of Southdene and a 14-year-old boy from Kirkby have been charged with violent disorder and will appear in court next month. The disorder followed years of rising protest activity targeting hotels that have been increasingly used by the Home Office to house asylum seekers because of a shortage of proper accommodation. <https://www.independent.co.uk>

## Wales' nurses to strike



A pay deal for Welsh NHS staff has been accepted, but strike action by nurses will still go ahead.

The decision to accept the pay rise was made by 12 unions representing staff. But the Royal College of Nursing (RCN) said it was not bound by the deal as its members voted to reject the offer, and has already set four strikes dates in June and July.

Wales' Health Minister Eluned Morgan said she was pleased, but recognised members' strength of feeling.

The Society of Radiographers also said the offer was not good enough but did not have a mandate for industrial action.

The deal consists of a 5% wage increase and a one-off payment for 2022-23 worth between £900 and £1,190. The agreement applies to all staff, apart from doctors and dentists, but strikes will continue unless a further deal can be reached.

RCN Wales chief Helen Whyley said she had written to Ms Morgan warning that, should this not happen, her members would walk out on 6 and 7 June, followed by 12 and 13 July. <https://www.bbc.co.uk>

## Cardiff riot

It began with a tragedy: the death of two friends out riding an e-bike through the streets of a Cardiff estate on a warm spring evening.

The night ended in an outburst of extraordinary violence as up to 150 rioters attacked cars and the lines of police that arrived to restore order.

Though the riot was over within a few hours, the impact will be long-lasting. Even before the burned-out cars and debris were removed, the recriminations had begun and questions about the police handling of the incident were being asked.



Friends of the boys who died immediately claimed they had been killed because of a police chase, saying this is why the violence began – and there was video footage to prove it.

South Wales police initially said they only arrived to help after the two were killed and the police and crime commissioner, Alun Michael, said false rumours about the crash had led to the disturbance.

But footage later emerged appearing to show a police vehicle following an electric bike about four minutes before the fatal crash, and half a mile away. <https://www.theguardian.com>

## Junior doctors in England to strike



Junior doctors in England have announced a new 72-hour walkout in June after the latest round of government pay talks broke down.

The strike will take on Wednesday 14 June and Saturday 17 June.

The British Medical Association (BMA) union, which represents doctors and medical students, said a government offer of a 5% rise

was not "credible". Ministers said pay talks could only continue if the strike was called off.

A government spokesperson called the new pay offer "fair and reasonable", and said it was "surprising and deeply disappointing" that the BMA had declared further strikes "while constructive talks were ongoing".

The BMA said it was willing to continue talks, and was hoping for a "credible offer" from the government.

This will be the third strike by junior doctors since the pay dispute began. <https://www.bbc.co.uk>

## Furious passer-by throws female eco-activist to the ground

A video posted to social media shows the man approaching the protesters as they walked down Mansell Street near the Tower of London. He then snatches the banners out of the protesters' hands, before shoving the woman on to the ground.

The angry passer-by appeared to snatch a phone from one of the campaigners and throw it away, as he tries to push the other demonstrators out of the way of traffic.

Meanwhile, the woman picks herself up and goes to sit on the pavement.

In response, the Metropolitan Police warned the public not to intervene in the activist's demonstrations. <https://www.lbc.co.uk>



## Five men arrested after 27-hour stand-off

Five men were arrested after protesters climbed onto the roof of a factory in Newcastle.

Police were called to Pearson Engineering, which designs armoured military vehicles, on Scotswood Road after campaigners from Palestine Action scaled the roof.

Two protesters were seen on the rooftop throughout with a heavy police presence at the scene. The group said they were "occupying the roof and dismantling the factory" on the 75th



anniversary of the Nakba, "the beginning of the ethnic cleansing of the Palestinian people".  
<https://www.chroniclelive.co.uk>

## Eco-activists hosed down in Chelsea Flower Show



A have-a-go hero attending the Chelsea Flower Show took it upon herself to hose down three Just Stop Oil protesters who were intent on smearing orange paint on a garden - as an expert said they were only targeting a very sustainable event.

The three women stepped over the rope barrier at the RBC Brewin Dolphin and walked into the middle of the sustainable garden designed by

Paul Hervey-Brookes, before throwing the contents of several packets of orange powder paint across the flowers and hard landscaping. The three women named by JSO were Stephanie Golder, 35, Naomi Goddard, 58, a retired landscape engineer, and Rosa Hicks, 28, had been arrested on suspicion of criminal damage in connection with a protest. <https://www.lbc.co.uk>