



UK Threat Level: **SUBSTANTIAL**

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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**.



Open-Source Security Incident News

Man arrested after 'Manchester bomber' Halloween costume sparks fury

A man has been arrested after a social media user uploaded photos of a Halloween costume of the Manchester bomber. It sparked outrage on Facebook as critics took issue with the outfit, which saw a man dress with Arabic-style headgear, sunglasses and a T-shirt that said "I love Ariana Grande".

He also uploaded a photo of a backpack that said "Boom TNT" on the front and had wires sticking out of the top - references to the bombing which killed 22 people, including children. "Bet I get kicked out of the Halloween party," the caption said. One Facebook user said the photos had made them weep while another had threatened to speak to police.

In a statement, North Yorkshire Police said: "North Yorkshire Police can confirm that a man has been arrested after the force received complaints about a man wearing an offensive costume on social media depicting murderer Salman Abedi, who killed 22 people at Manchester Arena.

"The man was arrested on November 1 on suspicion of a number of offences including using a public communication network to send offensive messages.

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

'Toxic' online material examined by counter-terrorism police amid Gaza conflict

Counter-terrorism police are examining more than 200 pieces of "toxic" material posted online amid the renewed conflict in Gaza. Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir Mark Rowley told The News Agents Podcast around 250 cases were sifted from about 2,000 referrals made to police.

He said: "Some of the really toxic, concerning online material that is potentially breaching terrorism offences, they're approaching 2,000 referrals which they've sifted and it's around 250 that potentially cross terrorism boundaries and are requiring further investigation.

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

Cops to be handed powers to bust into phone thieves' homes without a search warrant

Rishi Sunak will crack down on phone snatchers by handing police powers to bust into their homes without a search warrant. The PM wants to let officers enter premises to hunt for and seize nicked goods without permission from a court. Instead, police will need only to have reasonable proof that a stolen item, such as a mobile tracked via Find My iPhone, is inside a property.

The measures, set to be announced in the King's Speech, could also apply to cars or other expensive equipment that have GPS trackers on them. Sometimes victims have to wait weeks before a warrant is secured to take action.

A Home Office source called it a "game-changer" as it will allow authorities to "act more swiftly and catch criminals sooner".

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

US national jailed for life for killing security guard during attempted eviction

A US national who armed himself with a hunting knife to murder a security guard during an attempted eviction has been jailed for life.

Chad Henderson, who stabbed Nathan Burton four times in the chest, was ordered to serve a minimum term of 19 years after a judge said the 46-year-old had intended to kill his victim. Henderson, who became "stranded" in the UK during the Covid pandemic, was found guilty of murder at Birmingham Crown Court in September after refusing to take part in or attend his trial.

Jurors convicted him by a majority 11-1 verdict, rejecting his account of having acted in self-defence after barricading himself into his rented flat in Woodhurst Road, Moseley, Birmingham.

The trial was told that Mr Burton, a father of a young daughter, was stabbed shortly before 11pm on April 7, 2021, after going to the property with two colleagues and a locksmith.

The 27-year-old victim, from Wolverhampton, was stabbed at the top of a flight of stairs and died in hospital the following day.

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

Lidl to give staff body cameras as shoplifting surges

Lidl will roll out body cameras to staff in its stores after a surge in shoplifting and violence towards workers.

The store claimed this would make it the first UK supermarket firm to ensure bodycams were used in every store, although it is understood it would not be required for every staff member.

Other retailers, such as Tesco, have provided workers with the option to wear the cameras or launched trials in recent months.

Lidl GB, which has over 960 UK shops, said it would invest £2 million to make sure every shop had the new security measures, with the rollout due to be complete by spring next year.

Bosses at the retailer said staff “will receive training to ensure the cameras are used safely and in a way that protects an individual’s privacy”.

Last month, Lidl was among 10 retailers, including Tesco and John Lewis, to commit £60,000 of funding and launch Project Pegasus to help fund a police crackdown on shoplifting.

<https://www.itv.com>

Scots council targeted by cyber hackers as police probe attack

A Scots council has been targeted by cyber hackers which has resulted in “significant disruption” with the council’s website going offline for more than 24 hours.

The incident was first reported on November 7 and Police Scotland have now launched a probe into the attack on Comhairle nan Eilean Siar Council in the Western Isles. A number of bodies are working together to resolve the situation including the Scottish government and computer company Dell.

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

Ulez camera vandal admits criminal damage

A carpenter has admitted vandalising a Ulez camera after he was left unable to leave his home without paying £12.50, a court was told.

Stephen Nunn was caught after police officers found him spray painting a camera near his home in Bromley.

The 60-year-old was described as a “hard-working man who had fallen on financial difficulties” and had never previously been in trouble with police. He faced paying the £12.50 charge on each day that he left his home. At Bromley Magistrates Court, he pleaded guilty to criminal damage.

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

Two in court charged with Terrorism Act offences

Hanin Barghouti, 22, and Ursleen Khan, 41, appeared separately before Westminster Magistrates’ Court charged under the Terrorism Act. A student union women’s officer has denied expressing support for Hamas just a day after the group’s militants entered Israel.

Hanin Barghouti, 22, is accused of a single count of expressing an “opinion or belief” in support of the banned organisation on October 8.

Prosecutor Bridget Fitzpatrick told Westminster Magistrates’ Court the alleged offence relates to a four-minute speech which was allegedly “supportive of the actions of Hamas that had taken place in Israel the day before”.

Police became aware of it after a video began circulating on MailOnline on October 11 and later made enquiries with the website.

Wearing a grey T-shirt and black cardigan, she spoke only to confirm her name, date of birth, address in Brighton and reply “not guilty” when the charge was put to her during the brief hearing.

Chief magistrate Paul Goldspring granted her conditional bail until she appears at the Old Bailey in December.

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

Teenager from Portsmouth charged with terrorism offences

Jack Robinson, aged 19, of Hawthorne Crescent, Portsmouth, was charged on November 18 with six counts of possession of a document or record containing information of a kind that is likely to be useful to a person committing or preparing an act of terrorism, contrary to Section 58 of the Terrorism Act 2000.

He was also charged with one count of attempting to manufacture a prohibited weapon and one count of possession of a component part of a prohibited weapon, contrary to section 5 of the Firearms Act 1968.

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

School hit by series of hoax bomb threats

A school has been forced to evacuate pupils for the second time in four days after receiving an 'identical' email about a hoax bomb threat.

The Oaks Park High School in Carshalton, south London, informed parents that police had asked teachers to urgently evacuate pupils onto the playing fields. It comes after the same school had the exact same incident the day after pupils had taken part in a practice drill on what to do in case of a threats like these. A Met Police spokesperson said: 'Safety cordons were established as a precaution following receipt of a bomb threat at a school on Damson Way, Carshalton at 08:02hrs on Friday 17 November. The building was evacuated whilst a search was carried out. Nothing was found and the incident is being treated as malicious communications.'

<https://www.dailymail-co-uk>

Stash of stolen cars including Range Rover and Porsche found in police sting

A 35-year-old man has been arrested just East of London after police discovered a total of eight cars stolen from both Essex and London thanks to the quick thinking of an officer on a routine patrol.

After receiving a report of a suspicious vehicle from the PC, and officer from Essex Police's Stolen Vehicle Investigation Unit headed to Ingleby Road in Chadwell St Mary, Thurrock.

There they found a black Lexus NX300 and a black Range Rover Sport, both displaying false license plates and turning out to be stolen just days earlier from London and Essex.

In the investigation that followed another six cars were taken away for examination from St Francis Way in Grays. All eight – including Range Rovers, Kias, a Porsche, a Mercedes and a Lexus - had been reported as stolen.

After police searched his house multiple vehicle keys, vehicle documents, assorted number plates and a five-figure amount of cash were found and seized. The man has been released on bail until February 8, 2024, whilst police enquiries continue.

<https://www.mylondon-news>

Retail staff reveal violence they face in store

For a long time now, shop workers have been at the receiving end of violence, intimidation, and aggression while trying to do their job.

New figures given to ITV News by the shop workers union USDAW show half of retail staff have no confidence that reporting violent abuse to the police will make a difference.

Yasmin Mohamed, a London store manager tells us about the torrent of abuse she receives on a daily basis. She said: "We're here to earn a living not to experience the threat we have to go through. The abuse whether it's physical or emotional, none of us deserve this."

More than once, Yasmin has had to take the law into her own hands in an attempt to stop thieves running off with goods. On one occasion she was left with a hand injury. According to data published earlier this month by the Co-op there have been almost 300,000 incidents of shoplifting, abuse, violence and anti-social behaviour recorded by the chain - up by 43% from last year. It says police failed to show-up in almost 76% of incidents.

One supermarket security officer who has requested anonymity told us just how severe it can get on the shop floor. "Somebody attempted to run me over, I've been threatened with stabbing and another one threatened to follow me home," they said.

Policing Minister Chris Philp urged members of the public to consider intervening and making their own citizens arrests.

Trade groups in the retail sector say encouraging staff and shoppers to challenge thieves is dangerous and irresponsible.

<https://www.itv.com>

Man found guilty of possession of terrorist documents

A man from Aldershot has been convicted of seven counts of possession of documents containing information of a kind likely to be useful to a person committing or preparing an act of terrorism, contrary to Section 58 of the Terrorism Act 2000 at Winchester Crown Court.

In August, Charles Cannon was stopped at Luton Airport on 31 August 2020 and a number of documents and images were found on his laptop and phone of an extreme right-wing nature along with homemade explosive manuals.

The 22-year-old is due to be sentenced at Winchester Crown Court on Friday 2 February 2024.

<https://counterterrorbusiness.com>

Former soldier found guilty of planning attack

A former soldier from West Bridgford, Nottingham has been found guilty of preparing to commit a terrorist attack.

William Howitt wrote a comprehensive and detailed plan to commit an arson attack at an independent bookstore in Nottingham city centre.

His phone was seized when he was stopped by Counter-Terrorism officers at East Midlands Airport on 5 January 2023 and officers found Plan A', which detailed an attack on the bookshop in Nottingham.

There were also anti-Semitic, anti-Marxist and pro-Nazi messages on the phone, which he started to send to friends in 2020.

Howitt was originally arrested on Tuesday 14 March 2023, and charged with preparing an act of terrorism (under Section 5 of the Terrorism Act 2006). A jury found him guilty after a three-week trial at Birmingham Crown Court.

<https://counterterrorbusiness.com>

Four police officers injured in 'disgusting scenes' at Europa Conference League match

Four police officers were injured and 39 people arrested amid "disgusting and highly dangerous scenes" before Aston Villa's game with Legia Warsaw. West Midlands Police said fans of the Polish side were not allowed into the stadium after missiles were thrown at officers before the start of the Europa Conference League game.

Objects were thrown at police during the disorder and visiting fans were held in a coach park before Villa went on to win the match 2-1.

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

200 arrested in police raids to tackle county lines gangs

30 kilos of drugs, £400k in cash and over 200 suspects have been arrested in a series of police raids to tackle county lines gangs over the last eight months in Greater Manchester, it has been revealed.

Detectives have shut down 120 county lines gangs with a total of 235 people arrested for a range of offences including drug supply, modern slavery offences, and money laundering; with over 100 vulnerable adults and children referred to specialised safeguarding services.

County Lines are the use of dedicated phone lines to supply drugs from urban areas out to smaller towns across the country and to different areas within the same city.

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

Aine Davis jailed for terrorism offences

Aine Davis has been jailed for eight years for terrorism offences. In January 2014, he arranged with his partner to have 20,000 Euros brought from the UK to a contact in Turkey. Police seized the money before it could be taken abroad.

In 2015, he was detained in Turkey and jailed for seven-and-a-half years by the Turkish authorities for membership of Daesh. After serving his sentence, he was deported to the UK last August, where he was arrested by terrorism officers.

In October Davis pleaded guilty to fundraising for terrorism (contrary to section 15 of the Terrorism Act 2000); making funding arrangements for terrorism (contrary to section 17 of the Terrorism Act 2000); and possession of an article for terrorism purposes (contrary to section 57 of the Terrorism Act 2000) at the Old Bailey he was sentenced to eight years' imprisonment.

<https://counterterrorbusiness.com>

Three people found guilty of conspiring to sell firearm to terrorist

Following an investigation by Counter Terrorism Policing South East (CTPSE), three members of an organised crime group have been sentenced for their part in selling a firearm to a terrorist.

On 7 November, the three men pleaded guilty to conspiracy to transfer a prohibited firearm at the Inner London Crown Court. They have now been sentenced to a total of more than 36 years in prison.

The group conspired to sell a firearm and ammunition which had been adapted to make a viable lethal weapon.

In May, Edward Little, the man they intended to sell the firearm to, pleaded guilty to planning a terrorist attack at Hyde Park in London. He was arrested on 23 September last year on his way to collect the firearm. He is due to be sentenced at the Old Bailey on 15 December for preparation of terrorist acts.

Tyler King, aged 21, of Denmark Hill, Lewisham pleaded guilty to conspiracy to transfer a prohibited firearm, as well as possession of a prohibited firearm and three counts of possession of ammunition without lawful authority. He was sentenced to 10 years and nine months' imprisonment.

Caleb Wenyeye, aged 21, of Blidworth Close, Strelley in Nottingham was sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment after also entering a guilty plea to conspiracy to transfer a prohibited firearm along with Reis Forde, aged 27, of HMP Rochester who was sentenced to 13 years and six months' imprisonment.

Head of CTPSE, Detective Chief Superintendent Olly Wright, said: "King, Wenyeye and Forde were working together to supply a viable firearm along with ammunition.

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Counter Terrorism Commander urges public vigilance over festive season

The head of the Metropolitan Police's Counter Terrorism Command is urging Londoners to be vigilant, and report concerns as the city gets busy over the festive period.

In the year ending March 2023, the public made around 13,000 reports to counter terrorism police across the country. Around a fifth of these were particularly useful to investigations.

Commander Dominic Murphy said: "Communities make an invaluable contribution to our work to stop terrorism. People in London have literally helped us save lives by reporting their concerns to us.

"While there is no specific threat to London, it is exceptionally busy over the festive period and the current threat level for terrorism is 'substantial' so everyone needs to be vigilant. Please trust your instincts and contact us if something doesn't feel right."

<https://counterterrorbusiness.com>

Woman sentenced for smuggling phones into prison

Following an investigation by Counter Terrorism Policing South East (CTPSE), a 24-year-old woman has been sentenced after helping to smuggle phones into a prison.

Rahimah De Silva was sentenced to six months' imprisonment after pleading guilty to one count of conspiring to convey List B articles into prison. Between August 2020 and January 2021, De Silva worked with her brother, Denny De Silva, to transport mobile phones and other components, such as SIM cards and chargers, into HMP Woodhill in Milton Keynes.

Denny De Silva was serving a life sentence for murder and was using the phones to access and disseminate Islamist extremist material.

In July, he pleaded guilty to two counts of dissemination of a terrorist publication, contrary to Section 2 of the Terrorism Act 2006, and one count of conspiring to convey List B articles into prison under section 40C of Prison Act 1952 and was sentenced to 45 months in prison.

Head of Counter Terrorism Policing South East (CTPSE), Detective Chief Superintendent Olly Wright, said: "Rahimah De Silva has now been sentenced for conspiring with her brother to smuggle phones into prison.

"CTPSE works closely with the prison service to disrupt access to illicit items by those in prison, including preventing terrorists from spreading their radicalising influence behind bars.

<https://counterterrorbusiness.com>

Man arrested on suspicion of online terrorism offences

A 20-year-old has been arrested in North London on suspicion of encouragement of terrorism and dissemination of a terrorist publication. Both offences relate to Islamist Terrorism online content.

The man was also arrested on suspicion of inciting racial hatred, relating to anti-Semitic online content. The investigation predates the current Israel-Hamas conflict.

In June 2023, the man was stopped during a Schedule 7 stop at Heathrow and officers examined his electronic devices which were subsequently seized and sent for further analysis. The man has been released on bail until February 2024 pending further enquiries.

<https://counterterrorbusiness.com>

Man sentenced for terrorism offences

A Humberside man has been sentenced, at Sheffield Crown Court, to six years imprisonment and one year on licence for breaching his terrorist notification requirements.

After failing to disclose his use of a phone, sim card and email addresses to police, Nathan Worrell was arrested and charged with breaching his notification requirements in December 2022.

In July 2023, he pleaded guilty to five breaches of his Part 4 Notification requirements, contrary to section 44 of the Counter-Terrorism Act 2008 and two charges of possessing racially inflammatory material intended or likely to stir up racial hatred, contrary to Section 23 of Public Order Act 1986.

He was previously convicted in December 2008 and sentenced to seven years and three months offences under Section 57 of the Terrorism Act 2000 (Possession of material for terrorist purposes) and racially aggravated harassment.

In September 2019, he was sentenced to two years and six months imprisonment for intending to stir up racial hatred.

<https://counterterrorbusiness.com>

17 year old sentenced to ten years for terrorism offences

A 17-year-old has been found guilty of Preparing for an Act of Terrorism for extreme right wing purposes and sentenced to 10 years imprisonment.

Joe Metcalfe was sentenced for 11 offences, including one offence of Preparing an Act of Terrorism, four offences of Disseminating Terrorist Publications, one offence of Encouragement of Terrorism and one offence of Possessing a Bladed Article.

Metcalfe was arrested in June 2022 and an investigation team uncovered the preparatory steps he had made as part of his plan to commit an act of terrorism. His digital search history also revealed his extreme right-wing mindset and that he idolised convicted international terrorists.

He was also found guilty of three offences of Rape and one offence of Controlling/Coercive Behaviour.

<https://counterterrorbusiness.com>

Two Lincolnshire men prosecuted for supplying illegal security

Two men were prosecuted at Lincoln Magistrates' Court for supplying illegal security on Monday 6 November 2023.

Trevor Frater, who on 25 September 2023 had pleaded not guilty, changed his plea to guilty on the day of the trial for supplying unlicensed security and acting as a manager while being unlicensed himself.

This is the third time that Trevor Frater from Lincoln has been prosecuted by the Security Industry Authority (SIA) for supplying and working as illegal security. As a result, Frater has been committed to Lincoln Crown Court for sentencing. The SIA will pursue him for confiscation proceedings under the Proceeds of Crime Act.

The other man, Richard Coleman from Grimsby, pleaded guilty to working illegally on Monday 6 November 2023 having changed his earlier not guilty plea which he made in July. He was sentenced to a £270 fine, ordered to pay £3,158.40 prosecution costs and a £108 victim surcharge.

Trevor Frater operated under the name of Elite Door Staff and he deployed Richard Coleman to a Louth bar between April and November 2022. Coleman was formerly an SIA licence holder, but his licence had expired on 13 January 2019. Previously at Boston Magistrates' Court Coleman stated that he had not worked as a door supervisor.

<https://www.gov.uk>

Security operative prosecuted for working with cloned SIA licences

The court ordered Mr Victor Obi to pay £1,538 in fines, £1,300 contribution towards prosecution costs and £3,000 in compensation making it a total of £5,838.

Mr Obi's sentence followed his guilty pleas to the court for using two fraudulent Security Industry Authority (SIA) licences as a door supervisor at venues in the greater London area on 74 occasions between June 2021 and October 2021.

The SIA brought the case as a result of ongoing investigations in the use of fraudulent SIA licences in London. Mr Obi was found to be working with two fraudulent licences with his own photograph but with the names of legitimate SIA licence holders. Mr Obi was interviewed under caution at the SIA's head office by the SIA's criminal investigators. He was shown evidential material at the interview and Mr Obi provided no comment replies to questions put to him.

He was charged with two offences contrary to section 2 of the Fraud Act 2006 and one offence contrary to section 6 of the Fraud Act 2006.

Mr Obi was sentenced for the Section 6 offence and ordered to pay a total of £5,838 at a rate of £500 per month with the first payment due within 28 days. He will be required to pay £500 per month thereafter until the full amount has been paid off. The amount should be paid off within 12 months.

<https://www.gov.uk>

Belfast security boss ordered to pay £8256 from proceeds of crime

A Belfast man was ordered to pay £8,256 within three months by Laganside Crown Court or face a jail sentence.

Christopher Butler was ordered to pay following a Proceeds of Crime Act order brought against him. The Security Industry Authority (SIA) brought the case following several prosecutions it made against Butler and others earlier this year.

On 28 March 2023 Christopher Butler was fined £750 at Laganside Crown Court and ordered to pay £500 prosecution costs. On 25 January 2023 Christopher Butler pleaded guilty to Downpatrick Magistrates' Court to five offences against the Private Security Industry Act 2001. He was prosecuted for providing illegal security, failing to supply information and giving the SIA false information.

The SIA brought the cases after receiving information that unlicensed security was being provided to a Newtownards bar and restaurant. SIA investigators conducted licensing inspections in Newtownards accompanied by Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) officers on 12 October 2019. The investigators visited the restaurant and bar where two men were working as security. The area manager of the restaurant said that Strangford Security (Butler's business) had supplied the illegal workers.

<https://www.gov.uk>

Wembley man prosecuted for working illegally

Harrow Crown Court ordered Erjon Xhika to pay a £300 fine plus £300 prosecution costs. This follows his guilty plea to working illegally.

The case began when the SIA's London team of investigators carried out a routine licence inspection in Wembley on 7 July 2021 in the run up to the Euro final at Wembley Stadium. During the inspection they visited an Irish theme bar on Wembley Park Drive and checked the licence of the door supervisor, Erjon Xhika, who was in possession of an SIA licence. The licence appeared to be false although it displayed his name Erjon Xhika, and when he was questioned by the SIA's investigators, he disappeared from the bar. The investigators held onto the licence for further investigation.

In September 2021, Gentian Dedej, the director of the security company linked to this case replied to SIA investigators but failed to supply them with the information they were seeking about Mr Xhika. SIA criminal investigators invited Erjon Xhika to attend an interview-under-caution in October and December 2021. Mr Xhika repeatedly failed to engage with the SIA's investigators.

Despite this, Mr Xhika applied for an SIA licence after the offence in April 2022. In his application he failed to declare criminality therefore on 28 May 2022 the SIA refused his licence application.

Nicola Bolton, one of the SIA's criminal investigations managers, said that this case demonstrates the importance of the licensing regime which is there to protect the public.

<https://www.gov.uk>

West Bromwich man prosecuted for working illegally at a Birmingham bar

A West Bromwich man was convicted at Birmingham Magistrates' Court for working illegally as a door supervisor.

Seydina Samb pleaded guilty and was sentenced to a 12-month community rehabilitation order of 80 hours unpaid work and 10 days rehabilitation activity requirement with the Probation Service. He was also ordered to pay £500 prosecution costs and a victim surcharge of £95.

On 21 October 2021 regional investigators from the Security Industry Authority (SIA) and officers from West Midlands Police were doing a routine inspection of clubs and pubs in Birmingham's city centre. The inspection included a bar in Victoria Street and the SIA inspectors checked the licences of two men who were working on the door; both men were wearing black security uniforms.

One man was not displaying a licence and could not produce one when asked. A licence was produced by the head doorman in the name of Seydina Samb but it actually belonged to another, legitimate licence holder. The man, Seydina Samb promptly left the venue. SIA investigators inspected the bar's signing-in book, and it revealed that Samb had worked there previously eight times in October 2021.

The other door supervisor was working legally with a legitimate door supervisor's licence.

<https://www.gov.uk>



Security industry news

Police, Air Force and Heathrow simulate aircraft hostage scenario

The Met Police, Royal Air Force and Heathrow Airport have taken part in a planned resilience training exercise, which tested a multi-agency response to an aircraft hijack scenario.

Exercise Night Star saw RAF Typhoon jets scrambled from RAF Coningsby, Lincolnshire to escort a passenger aircraft to Heathrow. Once the plane had landed, Specialist Units from the Met Police met the aircraft and responded to the simulation.

The exercise was designed to test the skills of police officers and staff from different units, including hostage negotiators, investigators, and firearms officers.

Chief Superintendent Ian Howells, who leads the Met's Aviation Policing Command, said: "All year round, the Met arranges and takes part in exercises to put the specialist training of officers to the test, in a range of different scenarios.

"Exercises such as this allow us to ensure that, with our partners, we are well-prepared to respond to all types of emergencies - at our airports, or elsewhere in the Capital. This gives our officers and staff vital experience, and also means that we can continually refine and improve upon our plans which help to keep the public safe."

<https://counterterrorbusiness.com>

UK launches AI Safety Institute

The UK has launched the world's first AI Safety Institute, which will be tasked with testing the safety of emerging types of AI.

The Frontier AI Taskforce will now evolve to become the AI Safety Institute, with Ian Hogarth continuing as chair.

The Institute will look to work closely with the Alan Turing Institute, as the national institute for data science and AI and will test new types of frontier AI before and after they are released to address the potentially harmful capabilities of AI models, including exploring all the risks, from social harms like bias and misinformation, to the most unlikely but extreme risk.

Prime minister Rishi Sunak said: "Our AI Safety Institute will act as a global hub on AI safety, leading on vital research into the capabilities and risks of this fast-moving technology.

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SIA celebrates 20 years

The Security Industry Authority has launched a series of stories to mark 20 years since private security industry regulation was introduced.

The SIA will be sharing personal stories from SIA licence holders and industry thought leaders each month until International Security Officers' Day 2024, to highlight how the regulated UK private security industry contributes to public safety.

Launching the programme, the Security Industry Authority's chair, Heather Bailly said: "It is a pleasure to launch this series of stories to mark 20 years of improving standards in security and supporting public safety. Thanks to the regulated private security industry people can go about their daily life, and enjoy the things they love to do, in places they feel safe. The inspiring stories we will be sharing over the next few months are testament to this.

"The next 20 years will bring more changes for the industry and there is still more that can be done to make sure people are protected. Over the last few years, we have changed the way we regulate to be more effective, efficient, and proactive. We will continue to work in partnership with the Home Office and colleagues in Scotland and Northern Ireland, with police services across the UK, and the private security industry, to support greater public safety for everyone."

<https://counterterrorbusiness.com>

SIA How you report training malpractice

The SIA take training malpractice very seriously. So do our awarding organisation partners and the qualifications' regulatory authorities. Protecting the integrity of the licence and the credibility of the related qualifications, is essential. Please see the link on reporting training malpractice: who to tell and what they need to know. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/find-out-how-you-report-training-malpractice>

SIA Reporting criminality in the industry

If you see or hear about someone in the private security industry committing a crime or you are concerned, we want to know. Please report it via our webpage Report a Crime and Concern or anonymously by calling Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. Please see the link to the SIA Report a crime or Concern:

<https://www.services.sia.homeoffice.gov.uk/Pages/Report-Illegal-Activity.aspx>

Work continues to build a safer nighttime economy in Huddersfield

The Huddersfield Town Centre Team and our investigators inspected 13 premises in the town on Friday 03 November, as part of its work to ensure bars, pubs and staff are fully licensed and regulated.

The visits were part of a plethora of ongoing planned work by officers and partners like us, intended to make sure venues in the town can help those enjoying a night out do so safely in the run up to Christmas.

Officers also conducted a number of high visibility patrols around bars and clubs, building on similar work in late October supported by Special Constables.

<https://www.gov.uk>

SIA Wearing your licence back-to-front.

It is a condition of the licence that a front-line licence holder must “wear the licence where it can be seen at all times when engaging in any licensable conduct” unless they have reported it lost or stolen, or it is in our possession.

Some people think that they can wear the licence back-to-front, so that their name and photograph are not on display. This is a breach of licence conditions and an offence under section 9 (4) of the Private Security Industry Act 2001.

This is because the words ‘the licence’ have a specific legal meaning in this context. The front-line licence is described in Schedule 2 of the Private Security Industry Act 2001 (licences) Regulations 2007. This shows the part of the card displaying the licence number, photograph, name, licensed sector, and expiry date. Where our licence condition says, “wear the licence where it can be seen”, the legal definition of the words cause it to mean “wear the front of the licence where it can be seen”.

The purpose of the licence card is to provide assurance to the public that the person in front of them has been properly checked and vetted. This requires members of the public to be able to see that the person they are speaking to is in fact the person we have licensed. Hiding the front of the licence is clearly at odds with this.

<https://www.gov.uk>

AUCSO launches duo of free online training courses for members

The Association of University Chief Security Officers (AUCSO), the leading organisation for security professionals working in the higher and further education sectors around the world, has launched two interactive and free online training courses for members.

Being run in partnership with Incident Ready Consulting Ltd, the modules focus on Incident Manager Training and An Introduction to Business Continuity. They are available to AUCSO members via a secure portal from November.

<https://securitymattersmagazine.com>

Physical security market “rapidly embracing cloud and hybrid solutions”

GENETEC – The technology provider of unified security, public safety, operations and business intelligence solutions – has shared the results of its 2024 State of Physical Security report. Based on insights from over 5,500 physical security leaders worldwide (including end users and channel partners), the report looks at the security strategies organisations are putting in place to effectively navigate the realities of a changing industry.

The adoption of cloud-based solutions for physical security has been gradually increasing over the past decade, but it's now picking up speed. According to the survey, 44% of end users reported that more than 25% of their physical security regimes are now either in the cloud or use a combination of cloud and on-premises solutions. This is a significant uptick from the 24% reported in last year's survey.

Cyber concerns surrounding cloud-based solutions are lessening significantly. In last year's survey, end users considered perceived cyber security risks to be the primary factor discouraging their organisations from adopting cloud-based security systems. However, there now seems to be a shift in attitudes.

This shift underscores growing confidence in the capabilities of cloud solution providers to establish robust cyber security measures. As a result, in the 2024 survey, respondents have relegated perceived cyber security risks to the sixth position among the factors deterring their organisations from adopting security systems in the cloud.

*Access copies of the Genetec report entitled 'State of Physical Security' online at <https://www.genetec.com/a/physical-security-report>

Crime on London transport

Reported crime on the London Underground, buses and trains is on the rise, according to the latest statistics released by Transport for London (TfL) – but that is only reflecting rises more generally, Mark Rowe notes.

A half-yearly report to the TfL Customer Service and Operational Performance Panel states that public transport crime trends largely reflect London-wide crime trends. Also relevant: the rise follows lower volumes of recorded crime during the pandemic; hence the rising trend in overall public transport crime reflects the rising trend of passengers using TfL services. Reported crime fell from spring 2020 purely because people were out less during lockdowns, and were less liable to be robbed or assaulted; crimes against people while travelling dipped more noticeably, because travel during lockdowns on buses, trains and trams fell drastically.

<https://professionalsecurity.co.uk/news/transport/crime-on-london-transport/>

Transport terror attack study

Bombs have been terrorists' choice of weapon in more than half of the attacks on public surface transport globally since 2004. They have also caused more than 60 per cent of the resulting fatalities and more than three quarters of the injuries, according to a US study.

In the third of a series of studies on the frequency and lethality of such attacks between January 2004 and December 2021, the Mineta Transportation Institute's latest report, *The Use of Explosive Devices in Attacks on Public Surface Transportation: Trends in Frequency, Lethality, and Prevention*, examines the way bombs were used in 3,836 attacks on passenger train and train stations, buses, bus stations and stops, passenger ferries and terminals, rail infrastructure and operating and security staff. The attackers almost always used bombs alone, but sometimes also in combination with other weapons, such as firearms.

The attacks killed 7,412 people and injured 21,847, an average of 1.9 fatalities and 5.7 injuries per attack. Notably, bombs are also more likely to be used in attacks in developing countries than in more economically advanced countries.

Author Brian Jenkins says: "While the percentage of bomb attacks globally has decreased, we found that lethality has increased, particularly in economically advanced countries, where suicide bombings are the most lethal bomb attacks. Most frequently, bombs were placed inside bus or train compartments, on railway tracks or inside train stations. The bombs in stations and compartments resulted in the most casualties.

"However, the majority of attacks in economically advanced countries are unsuccessful, with devices discovered, malfunctioning or failing to detonate. Despite the decrease in attacks, bombs do remain very lethal—particularly in confined spaces," he adds.

The report shows that bombers did more damage in the other countries, with vehicle-borne explosive devices (VBIEDs) being the most lethal in developing countries, followed by suicide attackers carrying bombs.

The *Use of Explosive Devices in Attacks on Public Surface Transportation: Trends in Frequency, Lethality, and Prevention* can be downloaded here: <https://transweb.sjsu.edu/research/2369-Explosive-Devices-Attacks-Public-Surface-Transportation>

<https://professionalsecurity.co.uk/>

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.

NCSC warns of enduring and significant threat to UK's critical infrastructure



In its latest Annual Review, published today, the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) – which is a part of GCHQ – warned that the UK needs to accelerate work to keep pace with the changing threat, particularly in relation to enhancing cyber resilience

in the nation's most critical sectors.

These sectors include those that provide the country with safe drinking water, electricity, communications, its transport and financial networks, and internet connectivity.

Over the past 12 months, the NCSC has observed the emergence of a new class of cyber adversary in the form of state-aligned actors, who are often sympathetic to Russia's further invasion of Ukraine and are ideologically, rather than financially, motivated.

In May this year, the NCSC issued a joint advisory revealing details of 'Snake' malware, which has been a core component in Russian espionage operations carried out by Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB) for nearly two decades.

The NCSC is reiterating its warning of an enduring and significant threat posed by states and state-aligned groups to the national assets that the UK relies on for the everyday functioning of society.

More broadly, the UK government remains steadfast in its commitment to safeguarding democratic processes. Recent milestones include the implementation of digital imprint rules under the Elections Act to foster transparency in digital campaigning, fortifying defences against foreign interference through the National Security Act, and advancing online safety measures through the implementation of the Online Safety Act.

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/collection/annual-review-2023>

Black Friday bargain hunters warned of enhanced online scams

Cyber security chiefs are encouraging Black Friday bargain hunters to increase their vigilance this shopping season as online fraudsters are likely to use artificial intelligence (AI) to increase the perceived legitimacy of their scams.

The National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) – which is a part of the UK's intelligence agency GCHQ – is warning that cyber criminals are likely to use AI technology such as large language models to produce more convincing scam emails, fake adverts, and bogus websites.

While AI offers huge opportunities for society, it can also be exploited by fraudsters to help them produce accurate and professional looking content intended to dupe victims into giving away their financial details or download malware on an increasingly large scale.

The warning comes as new data from Revealing Reality/Yonder found that 72% of British people are worried that new technology such as AI will make it easier for criminals to commit online fraud.

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

UK and Republic of Korea issue warning about DPRK state-linked cyber actors attacking software supply chains

Cyber actors linked to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) are increasingly targeting software supply chain products to attack organisations around the world, the UK and the Republic of Korea have warned.

In a new joint advisory, the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) – a part of GCHQ – and the National Intelligence Service (NIS) have detailed how DPRK state-linked cyber actors have been using increasingly sophisticated techniques to gain access to victims' systems.

The actors have been observed leveraging zero-day vulnerabilities and exploits in third-party software to gain access to specific targets or indiscriminate organisations via their supply chains.

The NCSC and the NIS consider these supply chain attacks to align and considerably help fulfil wider DPRK-state priorities, including revenue generation, espionage and the theft of advanced technologies.

The advisory provides technical details about the malicious activity, case studies of recent attacks emanating from the DPRK and advice on how organisations can mitigate supply chain compromises.

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

UK and US develop new global guidelines for AI security

New guidelines for secure AI system development will help developers of any systems that use AI make informed cyber security decisions at every stage of the development process.

The UK has published the first global guidelines to ensure the secure development of AI technology.

In testament to the UK's leadership in AI safety, agencies from 17 other countries have confirmed they will endorse and co-seal the new guidelines.

The guidelines aim to raise the cyber security levels of artificial intelligence and help ensure that it is designed, developed, and deployed securely.

The Guidelines for Secure AI System Development have been developed by the UK's National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC), a part of GCHQ, and the US's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) in cooperation with industry experts and 21 other international agencies and ministries from across the world – including those from all members of the G7 group of nations and from the Global South.

The new UK-led guidelines are the first of their kind to be agreed globally. They will help developers of any systems that use AI make informed cyber security decisions at every stage of the development process – whether those systems have been created from scratch or built on top of tools and service provided by others.

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/collection/guidelines-secure-ai-system-development>





Demonstrations / Protests

London Liverpool Street station locked down after hundreds of pro-Palestine activists stage huge sit-in protest

More than 500 people joined the protest to demand an immediate ceasefire to Israel's attacks on Gaza and an end to arms exports to Israel.

Palestinian music and chants such as "ceasefire now" could be heard from the crowds at the sit-in, which was organised by direct action group Sisters Uncut. Members from other activist groups including the Palestinian Youth Movement and International Jewish Anti-Zionist Network also spoke at the demonstration.

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

Just Stop Oil poster girl vows to be arrested seven times over the next few weeks ahead of new wave of disruption.

Pink-haired leader Phoebe Plummer, 22, said she is "going for at least five arrests and hoping for six or seven over three weeks."

Ms Plummer reckons weak protest laws mean other group members who stop traffic with slow marches can keep getting away with just a slap on the wrist.

She told an undercover reporter: "There's no risk of custodial time. The harshest punishment is a small fine. We need to grab this opportunity while we have it and it's such a minor offence."

She has already been jailed several times for protests and threw a tin of soup over a Van Gogh painting at the National Gallery, London, last year. The activist described dangerous action on the M25 which police chiefs said had put lives at risk as "f*** brilliant" - but said the focus for the foreseeable future was slow marching and targeting events.

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

Man arrested after videos online show 'pro-Palestinian protesters' releasing live rodents into a McDonald's

A 32-year-old man has been arrested after videos online appeared to show pro-Palestinian protesters releasing live rodents into three McDonald's restaurants in Birmingham.

A video, which was reportedly filmed at the StarCity complex in Nechells, suggests the rodents, which appear to be mice, were painted in the colours of the Palestinian flag.

Police said they are still want to speak to a 30-year-old man called Billal Hussain in relation to two of the incidents.

Social media posts have suggested McDonald's restaurants in Israel have given 100,000 free meals to the country's soldiers and members of its security forces after Hamas launched its surprise attack on 7 October.

The reported move by McDonald's is said to have prompted pro-Palestinian demonstrators to boycott the global chain.

McDonald's said it was "dismayed by the disinformation and inaccurate reports" in relation to its position on the Israel-Hamas conflict after the videos emerged.

<https://news.sky.com/>

Pro-Palestinian march in London on Armistice Day 'risks Cenotaph being desecrated', says PM amid ban row

A furious row has erupted over a pro-Palestinian march in London on Armistice Day which Rishi Sunak said would present a "clear and present risk that the Cenotaph and other war memorials could be desecrated".

The Prime Minister has asked Home Secretary Suella Braverman to support the Met Police "in doing everything necessary to protect the sanctity of Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday".

Organisers of the demonstration say they have no plans for it to go near the Cenotaph.

But, writing on X, formerly known as Twitter, Mr Sunak said: "To plan protests on Armistice Day is provocative and disrespectful, and there is a clear and present risk that the Cenotaph and other war memorials could be desecrated, something that would be an affront to the British public and the values we stand for.

"The right to remember, in peace and dignity, those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for those freedoms must be protected.

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

Met police will use new tactics to arrest hate protesters

Police will deploy new tactics to arrest "troublemakers" breaking the law and "chase people down" at protests in London over the attacks in Israel and Gaza, the Met Commissioner said.

Sir Mark Rowley said his officers would use "sharper interventions to make arrests in big crowds" and use analysis of social media and retrospective facial recognition to identify and

detain extremists committing hate crimes or supporting banned terror organisations such as Hamas.

He also vowed to do “everything we possibly can to take dangerous people off the streets”.

The promise of swifter, more robust police action came as Sir Mark disclosed that “70 to 80” suspects have been arrested in the capital over hate crimes linked to the turmoil in Israel and Gaza with most of the offences targeting Jewish people and a further “chunk” directed at Muslims.

He also revealed counter-terrorism officers are examining around 250 potential terrorist offences involving “really toxic” material posted online and warned that of a growing risk that some extremists could be “provoked” into carrying out an attack.

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

Met arrests 29 at march for ceasefire in London

A Met Police adviser has been accused of singing 'from the river to the sea' after thousands of pro-Palestine protesters gathered in cities across the UK.

Solicitor Attiq Malik is a chairman of the London Muslim Communities Forum - a group which serves as a "strategic advisory body" for the Met Police. Malik was reportedly seen singing the highly controversial chat "from the river to the sea, Palestine will be free" which some understand to be calling for the abolition of the state of Israel.

The revelation made in the Sunday Telegraph comes after huge crowds gathered in cities including London, Manchester and Newcastle as pro-Palestine protesters called for Israel to declare a ceasefire in Gaza.

It marked the fourth weekend of protests, with a sea of Palestinian flags seen near Trafalgar Square after having moved down Regent Street from Oxford Circus.

People at the march in central London could be heard chanting "Gaza, stop the massacre" and "from the river to the sea, Palestine will be free".

The Met confirmed that they made 29 arrests over the course of the day - including some for a breach of a dispersal order which was implemented after the force said fireworks were thrown at it's officers.

The force said: "A Section 35 Dispersal Order has been authorised by Superintendent May-Robinson at 1843 hours in order to disperse a group on Trafalgar Square who have been firing fireworks into crowds & towards police officers.

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

Police arrest 115 Just Stop Oil activists during slow march in Hendon

Police arrested 115 Just Stop Oil activists for blocking traffic by slow marching along a road in Hendon.

The eco-activists caused huge congestion and claimed to have “overwhelmed” the Met’s resources during the march in north-west London. More than 100 protesters were detained in Hendon Way, prompting the force to issue a direct response to Just Stop Oil’s claim.

Responding to Just Stop Oil on Twitter, a spokesperson for the Met said: "All your activists who were slow marching in the road today have been arrested."

"More than 110 activists have been arrested. Londoners continue to face the brunt and cost of this."

The activists were arrested under Section 7 of the Public Order Act, which bans any act "which interferes with the use or operation of any key national infrastructure in England and Wales".

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

Pro-Palestinian protesters demand ceasefire outside Starmer's constituency office

Hundreds of pro-Palestinian protesters have gathered outside Sir Keir Starmer's constituency office in north London calling for a ceasefire.

Crowds blocked the road in Camden and chanted "Keir Starmer's a wasteman" and "from the river to the sea, Palestine will be free" as part of a day of national action, with more than 100 rallies expected across the UK instead of a large march in central London.

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

Police detain protesters holding 'wide awake' demo outside Rishi Sunak's London home

Police have broken up a "wide awake" demonstration by Just Stop Oil protesters outside the Prime Minister's London home calling for a halt on fossil fuel exploration in the UK.

The protest group said that about 18 supporters gathered outside Rishi Sunak's home and beat pots and pans while carrying placards stating: "COP Failure=Crop Failure", "No rest for the Wicked" and "Arrest the Real Criminals". They were joined by musician Louise Harris who played her protest song We Tried – which has previously reached number one in the iTunes singles chart. Just Stop Oil said that police attended and detained the protesters at the scene.

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