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Keeping informed with the MPS

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Statement from the Home Secretary

"Today the Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre (JTAC) changed the UK threat level from international terrorism from severe to substantial. This means that a terrorist attack is a strong possibility and might well occur without further warning.

"The change in the threat level to substantial does not mean the overall threat has gone away - there remains a real and serious threat against the United Kingdom and I would ask the public to remain vigilant.

"The decision to change the threat level is taken by JTAC independently of Ministers and is based on the very latest intelligence, considering factors such as capability, intent and timescale. Substantial continues to indicate a high level of threat and the threat level is kept under constant review." **11th July 2011**



For future Project Griffin Events please email the Westminster Counter Terrorist Focus Desk

Current Threat Level Assessment:

Current UK threat level from International Terrorism is:

SUBSTANTIAL

This means an attack is highly likely. However there is no intelligence to suggest that an attack is imminent.

Threat Levels Explained

The threat of international terrorism comes from a diverse range of sources, including al-Qaeda and associated networks, and those who share al-Qaeda's ideology but do not have direct contact with them. A threat could manifest itself from a lone individual or group, rather than a larger network.

The threat to the UK mainland from Irish related terrorism is **SUBSTANTIAL**. (An attack is a strong possibility).

You can find out more about terrorist threat levels on the Home Office website: <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk>

We all have a responsibility to remain vigilant and remain on the alert at all times. If you have the smallest suspicion that someone or an incident is connected to terrorism, ring the confidential **Anti-Terrorist Hotline on 0800 789 321**. We don't believe any call is a waste of time. Don't rely on others. If you suspect it, report it.



It's 101 For London's Police

As latest figures reveal that less than a quarter of 999 calls require an emergency response, the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) and other police forces in the south east launched a new contact number for the public on Monday, 11th July.

The new number, **101**, will:

Help communities to keep their neighbourhoods safe by giving them one easy way to contact the police and to report non-emergency crime and disorder.

Make the police more accessible to their communities, whilst reducing pressure on the 999 system and helping the police to put their resources where they are needed most.

Help the police to cut crime by making it easier for the public to pass on information about crimes in their neighbourhoods and allowing the police to take swift action.

Calls to 101 will be handled 24 hours a day, seven days a week. People who speak no or little English will be connected to an interpreter. Callers with a hearing or speech impairment can use a textphone to call: **18001 101**; or in an emergency – **18000**.

Bomb and Firearm Attacks in Norway

BOMB AND FIREARM ATTACKS IN NORWAY

The Norwegian police investigation into Anders Behring Breivik continues over the attacks in Oslo and Utoya on 22 July, in which 76 people died.

Breivik has accepted responsibility for the attacks, but denied the terrorism charges when he appeared on court in Norway this week. He faces charges of destabilising vital functions of society, including government, and causing serious fear in the population.

Police are also considering charging him with crimes against humanity, which carry a possible 30-year sentence, a prosecutor has said. Breivik was remanded in custody for eight weeks, the first four in full isolation and on suicide watch.

Meanwhile the Metropolitan Police Service continues to liaise with the Norwegian authorities over the attacks. An MPS liaison officer based in the region is in Oslo to co-ordinate assistance.

In the UK, a National Security Council meeting was called in the wake of the terror attack. Prime Minister David Cameron said afterwards that Britain will do everything it can to help the Norwegians, whether that is police cooperation, intelligence cooperation and also giving them our moral and political support. He added

that there are lots of technical lessons that every country will want to learn, for example on warning systems in place on buying fertiliser; controls on arms and ammunition and police response times to firearms incidents.

In a separate interview, Foreign Secretary William Hague said: "Of course we've put in place over the last few years - in the last government and the current government - strong defences. We have tight firearms controls in Britain and we have very tight controls on the sale of material needed to manufacture a bomb, and we have the most highly professionally trained firearms officers in the world and we have the police and intelligence agencies I think working well together in making sure - as best as we can - that the country is safe from terrorist or extremist attack."



Public Order and Events

30/07/11 — Protest Richmond Terrace

Protest by Free Syria League

Organiser expects numbers to be around 200 1200 to 1500 hours.



02/08/11 — Beech Volleyball

Policing Operation in place by CO 11 numbers not known at this stage.

Anarchism is a political philosophy which considers the state undesirable, unnecessary, and harmful, and instead promotes a stateless society, or anarchy. Any information relating to anarchists should be reported to your local Police.

Project Griffin Events

A big thank you to everyone who has attended our Project Griffin events over the past 6 months. We will be taking a short break for the summer and look to run more events starting from September 2011.

Project Griffin is a police initiative to protect our cities and communities from the threat of terrorism. It brings together and coordinates the resources of the police, emergency services, local authorities, business and the private sector security industry.

To book your place, please email projectgriffin@met.pnn.police.uk and request a booking form.



Sporting Fixtures

30/07/11 — West Ham V Real Zaragoza

Football



Often seen used by Al-Qaeda in Iraq. Any sightings of these images should be reported to your local Police.

SECURITY REMINDER FOR THE NIGHT-TIME ECONOMY DURING THE SUMMER

The warmer weather and longer nights mean people will tend to remain outdoors for longer and so it is worth considering how this change in how people use premises can impact on your security regimes.

The National Counter Terrorism Security Office (NaCTSO) has produced Counter Terrorism protective security guidance for those who own, operate, manage or work in bars, pubs or nightclubs, to help reduce the risk of a terrorist attack and limit the damage an attack might cause.

The advice highlights the vital role that door supervisors can play in deterring and disrupting the threat from terrorism and other crime. Although their main role is to ensure that customers have an enjoyable experience in a safe environment, they are also essential and additional 'eyes'.

The NaCTSO booklet states the following security advice:

Basic Good Housekeeping reduces the opportunity for placing suspect packages and helps to deal with false alarms and hoaxes. Consider the following:

Search your premises (inside and out) before, during and after opening hours.
Remain vigilant during opening hours.

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We welcome any feedback you have with the new look Griffin briefing. If you feel we need to include something that would be of interest to you, please contact us at projectgriffin@met.pnn.police.uk

IF YOU SUSPECT IT, REPORT IT
CALL 0800 789 321



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Working together for a safer London

The Westminster Counter Terrorist Focus Desk is led by Chief Inspector Nick Smith and supported by Inspector Simon Earle, Sergeant Simon Baxter and Police Constable Dominic Goodsell.

The unit has been delivering Project Griffin and Project Argus across the Borough of Westminster successfully since 2004.

In 2010 it created the first Community Security Zones which aim to help local businesses and the community pull their resources together to support the work of Counter Terrorist Officers on the Borough.

To find out more about CSZ please contact the desk.

Useful Contacts and Resources

Metropolitan Police Service portal for business

<http://www.met.police.uk/business>

Preparing for Emergencies

<http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/Governmentcitizensandrights/Dealingwithemergencies/Preparingforemergencies/index.htm>

London Prepared site with guidance for business

<http://www.londonprepared.gov.uk>

Security Service site with information on major threats and advice

<http://www.mi5.gov.uk>

City of London Police business advice service

<http://www.cityoflondon.police.uk/advice>

British Transport Police industry links

<http://www.btp.police.uk/industry.aspx>

Overseas Security Advisory Council portal

<http://www.osac.gov>

FCO latest information on foreign travel

<http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/>