

BULLETIN

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Terrorism Threat Level

International Terrorism in the UK

Severe

an attack is highly likely

NI Republican Terrorism in GB

Moderate

an attack is possible, but not likely.

What is 'suspicious?'

People...

- asking unusual questions about security arrangements or specific events
- filming (including from vehicles), drawing, taking notes or photographs, or just watching for extended periods, focusing on security cameras, entrances and exits, access and egress routes
- bringing unusual packages into premises
- found in off-limits areas, particularly near plant or server rooms, or places of possible concealment

Vehicles...

- parked in suspicious circumstances

Packages...

- or bags left unattended

Remember also...

Safety and Liberty

Most people taking photographs are entirely innocent.

People may film or photograph from public places, even if what they are capturing is private property.

People may film or photograph from private property unless expressly prohibited or unless permission is required and has not been sought or granted. In this instance, a security guard can

- inform the individual of this and request that they cease photographing/filming.
- request that the person leave the premises and use reasonable force if necessary to effect this.

Are you suspicious of what you see?

Don't ignore it. Don't wait for permission. Don't delay. Trust your instincts.

CALL POLICE NOW

**City of London Police Control 020 7601 2222
or 999**

IT'S PROBABLY NOTHING BUT...
YOUR CALL COULD SAVE LIVES

CONFIDENTIAL ANTI-TERRORIST HOTLINE
0800 789 321

CPNI

Centre for the Protection
of National Infrastructure

The CPNI protects national security by providing protective security advice which includes physical, personnel and cyber security. Each topic is broken down in to smaller sections that offer specific advice for various security issues.

Information can be found on their website, link below.

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

For further information, please contact your local CTSA.

Project ARGUS

is run by CTSAs in the City of London and throughout the UK. At this three-hour table-top exercise, participants work through a terrorist incident, developing an understanding of current threats, emergency services advice, their own best responses, and ways of maintaining business continuity in times of crisis.

**Places are now available on the Project ARGUS to be run on the morning of
Thursday 10th September and Thursday 19th November 2015**

at Wood Street Police Headquarters

Project ARGUS is Free. Places are limited. To book or find out more, email us at the address below.

CTSAs can also run Project ARGUS at your site and discuss the specific needs of your business. Contact us for more information...

projectargus@cityoflondon.police.uk



Griffin is a national project with the objective of raising the awareness of the private and public sector regarding current terrorist tactics. This, in effect, means that the security professionals become extra eyes and ears to help make the place they live and work a hostile environment for those planning or operating with criminal/ terrorist intent.

City of London Police run Project Griffin on the first Thursday of each month. Places are limited. To book or find out more, email us at the address below.

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Reports

INTERNATIONAL

ISLAMIC STATE

Islamic State has released an audio message claiming it is from its leader, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi. The message urges Muslims to emigrate to the "caliphate" it has proclaimed in areas of Syria and Iraq. Analysts say the voice appears to be Baghdadi's but this is not yet verified. The reference to the Yemen conflict means it is recent and if confirmed the message from Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi would be the first in months.

NIGERIA

The country's military has imposed a curfew in the north-eastern city of Maiduguri after an attack by the militant Islamist group Boko Haram. Reports state that streets are deserted with markets, schools and hospitals shut in the densely populated city. The army said the lockdown was ordered to protect lives and property in the city. Reports also state that troops and vigilantes fought off the militants on Tuesday evening as they tried to enter Maiduguri. This was the militant groups most serious attempt to enter the city since the military declared in March that it had recaptured all urban areas from Boko Haram.

IRELAND

Six men, aged between 21 and 52, have been arrested in the Republic of Ireland after police discovered bomb making equipment close to where Prince Charles and Camilla, the Duchess of Cornwall are due to visit next week.

Explosives and weapons were recovered at various locations as Irish police carried out more than 20 raids aimed at disrupting dissident Republican activity. They are being held at various Garda stations across the Republic.

United Kingdom

Terrorism and Domestic Extremism

Prime Minister David Cameron has set out plans to introduce greater powers to tackle extremism, stating that the UK has been a "passively tolerant" society for too long. The measures, in a new counter-extremism bill, include banning orders against individuals and groups that promote extremist views which undermine British values.

City of London news

No significant events have occurred in the City during the last week.

No significant events are due to take place in the City during the forthcoming week.

Forthcoming events

Saturday 20th June 2014

The people's Assembly will be holding a national demonstration on 20th June, marching from the Bank of England to Weavers Fields in Tower Hamlets for a rally and a concert. Further information will be disseminated as more information is gathered.

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Telephone Bomb Threat Checklist



This checklist is designed to help your staff deal with a telephoned bomb threat effectively and to record the necessary information.

Once the information has been received it should be forwarded immediately to the police on **999**.

Record the EXACT wording of the threat.

Ask the following questions

- Where is the bomb right now?
- When is it going to explode?
- What kind of bomb is it?
- What will cause it to explode?
- Did you place the bomb?
- Why?
- What is your name, address, telephone number?

About the caller:

- Age
- Sex
- Nationality

Think about:

- Language: Well spoken? Irrational? Offensive? Taped or read?
- Caller's voice: Calm? Angry? Disguised? Accent?
- Background sounds: Street noise? PA systems? Office noise? Laughter?
- Time of call
- Number call received on

Now Dial 999 without further delay

Suspicious Item Checklist



If you discover a suspicious item in a mail room, or anywhere else in the building

Do not use your mobile phone or radio within 15 metres of the item.

Dial 999 and ask for police. Do not delay or wait for permission.

If you're holding the item, put it down on a cleared, flat surface, separate from other items. Otherwise, do not touch it.

Move away.

Clear people from adjacent rooms, including above and below.

Prevent others entering the cleared area.

Tell others what is happening

Ask witnesses to wait for police. Encourage them to write down what they have seen, but discourage them from discussing it with each other before police arrive.

Tell police if the item has been opened, or partially opened.

If you think this is a chemical or biological incident

Tell anyone who has been near the item not to touch their eyes, nose or anywhere else on their body, or brush their clothing

Reassure them that they are unlikely to feel any ill effects, and that medical aid is on its way.

They can wash their hands in a solution of one teaspoon of domestic bleach to one litre of water, and then rinse with ordinary soap and water.

Take them to a comfortable room as close to the isolated room as possible, and have them stay there until emergency services arrive.

Make a list of who might have been exposed to the material.

Shut down the air conditioning or ventilation into or out of the affected rooms. If you can isolate these rooms, it may not be necessary to evacuate the rest of the building.

Emergency services have specialist training and decontamination facilities. The sooner you call them, the sooner they can help you.