



INCIDENT UPDATE

This message contains information about an incident that has occurred within the UK or abroad. Recipients are asked to consider if action may be required in relation to the contents of this message

London Regional Counter Terrorism Protective Security Incident Update

UK TERRORISM THREAT LEVELS

INTERNATIONAL

SEVERE
AN ATTACK IS HIGHLY LIKELY

For more information
please see:
<http://www.mi5.gov.uk>

NORTHERN IRISH RELATED to the UK

SUBSTANTIAL
AN ATTACK IS A STRONG
POSSIBILITY

Incident— Barcelona, Spain — Thursday 17th August 2017

On Thursday 17th August 2017 at about 16:50 local time a vehicle collided with a significant number of people, whilst traveling at speed, on Las Ramblas, Barcelona, Spain. At this time reports indicate that 13 people were killed and at least 100 people injured during the incident. Reports indicate that the driver of the vehicle made off from the scene and is still unaccounted for. The incident in Las Ramblas is being treated as terrorist related by Spanish authorities.

There are also reports that following the attack that a number of arrests have been made by police. At this time we have not been able to verify these incidents, or that other events in Barcelona being reported in the media are connected at this time.

Incident — Cambrils, Spain — Friday 18th August 2017

At about 01:00 hours local time, Friday 18th August 2017 a car collided with a number of people and injured several people, including a police officer, in Cambrils, Spain. Cambrils is located 62 miles south west of Barcelona. One of the injured is reported to be in a critical condition. Police quickly responded and the five suspects in the vehicle were shot and fatally wounded. The incident in Cambrils is being treated as terrorist related by Spanish authorities.

Earlier this morning the Catalonia's Interior Minister, Joaquin Forn, told local radio that the vehicle attacks on Las Ramblas and in Cambrils "follow the same trail". He also confirmed that the person who drove a van into crowds at the tourist hotspot remains at large.

As businesses will understand, the Spanish authorities are in the early stages of investigating these incidents. London Protect and the office of the National Coordinator Protect and Prepare are liaising with them and our officers based in Spain.

If appropriate, we will provide further updates through CSSC as information is received and reviewed. It is important that we do not speculate on what has happened until we have an authoritative account of what has happened.



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ADVICE

We advise businesses to continue to follow advice provided by the National Counter Terrorism Security Office (NaCTSO):

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/national-counter-terrorism-security-office>

and the Centre for the Protection of national Infrastructure (CPNI):

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

We would especially advise businesses to make their staff aware of the following product:



NPCC
National Police Chiefs' Council

RUN
HIDE
TELL

IN THE RARE EVENT OF a firearms or weapons attack

RUN - to a place of safety. This is a better option than to surrender or negotiate. If there's nowhere to go, then...

HIDE - Remember to turn your phone to silent and turn off vibrate. Barricade yourself in if you can.

TELL - the police by calling 999 when it is safe to do so.

www.npcc.police.uk/staysafe

The video is available to view on the National Police Chiefs Council YouTube account:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfGZwW7WTsx1koUmaNW_BGA

Persons travelling abroad are recommended to watch the travel version of this product

We recommend that business carry out an ongoing review of their security and contingency plans and may wish to use the 'Board Security Passport' to assist with this work.

<https://www.cpni.gov.uk/managing-my-asset/leadership-in-security/board-security-passport>

We would remind businesses that the UK national threat level remains at SEVERE: An attack is highly likely.

There has not been a change of the threat level following yesterday's events.