



INCIDENT UPDATE

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London Regional Counter Terrorism Protective Security Incident Update

UK TERRORISM THREAT LEVELS

INTERNATIONAL

SEVERE
AN ATTACK IS HIGHLY LIKELY

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NORTHERN IRISH RELATED TERRORISM IN BRITAIN

**SUBSTANTIAL—AN ATTACK IS A
STRONG POSSIBILITY**

STATEMENT FROM DEPUTY ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER NEIL BASU QPM, SENIOR NATIONAL COORDINATOR FOR COUNTER TERRORISM POLICING

Introduction

Please find below a statement that DAC Neil Basu has asked to be sent to businesses. It relates to two separate incidents yesterday when a number of persons were arrested for Terrorist Act Offences in London.

Statement

I wanted to reassure the business community that this increased level of terrorist activity is being matched by increased action by the police and security services across the country and we are making arrests on a near daily basis.

Yesterday, in Whitehall a 27 year old man was arrested by armed officers from the Met's Specialist Firearms Command, who stopped and searched him as part of an ongoing counter terrorism investigation. He remains in custody having been arrested for Terrorism Act Offences and possession of offensive weapons and there are two ongoing searches at addresses in London as part of that investigation.

In our second and unrelated investigation, last night at approximately 7pm our highly trained firearms officers carried out a specialist entry into an address in Harlesden Road that we had under observation as part of a current CT investigation. An armed entry was necessary due to the nature of the intelligence that we were dealing with.

During the course of that operation one of the subjects of that operation - a woman - was shot by police - she remains in hospital. In total six people have now been arrested in connection with that investigation - five at or near the address and one in Kent. The two further arrests were made when a man and a woman both aged 28 - returned to the address later last night. Searches are ongoing at three London addresses - including Harlesden Road - as part of this investigation

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These two incidents are not linked, and we are not looking for anyone else in connection with either incident.

With the attack in Westminster on 22nd March so fresh in people’s mind I would like reassure everyone, that across the country officers are working round the clock to identify those people who intend to commit acts of terror.

After that attack we increased the number of officers on duty patrolling at key locations - and that continues as we police against the backdrop of a severe terrorist threat. No ongoing immediate threat has been identified as a result of these incidents.’

London Protect Comment

- ◇ *We wish to thank the business community for their support and patience during these anti terrorist operations that took place yesterday. We are continuing to develop how we communicate and keep you informed about what is happening and how we are to work together in order to protect against the terrorist threat.*
- ◇ *One of the greatest ways that you can help us is to be Alert, Not Alarmed, and report suspicious behaviour to the police. Having your security and front of house employees attend a Project Griffin event will equip those staff to identify such behaviour and improve their ability to respond appropriately should something occur.*
- ◇ *Additional uniformed officers continue to be deployed in order to provide protective security. Please encourage your security teams to speak to those officers and work together in creating a hostile environment for terrorism.*
- ◇ *The threat level from International terrorism to the United Kingdom remains unchanged at SEVERE—an attack is highly likely.*
- ◇ *Counter terrorism security advisers (CTSAs) work with businesses and the community to identify and assess sites that may be vulnerable to terrorist or extremist attack. Contact information can be found here:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/counter-terrorism-support-for-businesses-and-communities/working-with-counter-terrorism-security-advisers>*

What More Can Businesses Do?

There is a great deal businesses can do in order to be prepared and be able to respond to a terrorist incident. Please see the National Counter Terrorism Security Office website for information on the following products.

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