



PROTECT SCOTLAND

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Scottish Region Counter Terrorism Protective Security Update

UK TERRORISM THREAT LEVELS		
INTERNATIONAL IN THE UK	For more information please see http://www.mi5.gov.uk	NORTHERN IRISH RELATED IN BRITAIN
SEVERE AN ATTACK IS HIGHLY LIKELY		SUBSTANTIAL AN ATTACK IS A STRONG POSSIBILITY
<i>Tuesday 6th June 1500hrs London Bridge / Borough Market Update</i>		

This briefing is a follow on from previous communications in relation to the terrorist incident, which occurred on Saturday 3rd June on the London Bridge and Borough Market area. Following these incidents, the Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre (JTAC) reviewed the UK threat level from International Terrorism and decided that it should remain at SEVERE – an attack is highly likely, however this remains under constant review.

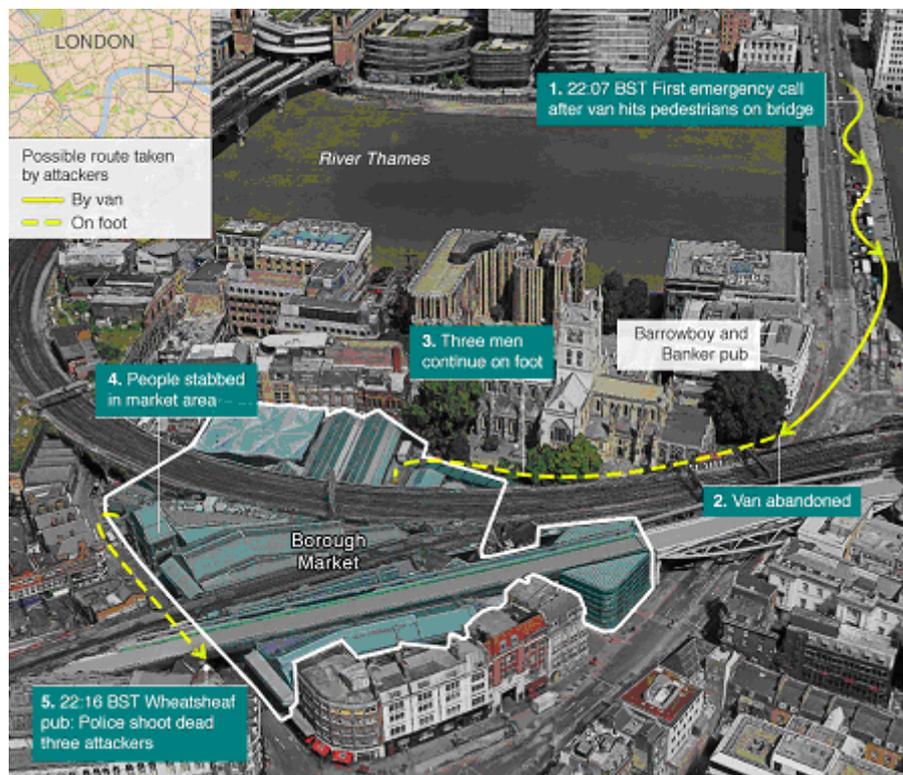
There is no current intelligence to suggest any specific threat to Scotland, however, as a precautionary measure, Police Scotland have maintained heightened security measures at various locations across Scotland following recent incidents. These measures will be continued and enhanced where necessary.

Police Scotland continues to review their position for the forthcoming General Election and measures are in place to ensure that the Police Scotland’s response is implemented accordingly.



INCIDENT UPDATE

On Saturday 3rd June, seven people were killed in central London when three attackers drove a van into pedestrians on London Bridge and launched a knife attack in the nearby Borough Market area. The NHS has confirmed that as of 1400 hrs today, 36 people remain in hospital, with 18 in a critical condition.



Assistant Commissioner Mark Rowley – Metropolitan Police

“The investigation is progressing at pace, and officers from the Metropolitan Police’s Counter Terrorism Command and the National Counter Terrorism Policing network are working relentlessly with UK intelligence partners to piece together exactly what occurred. We have already made significant progress, but of course, there remains much more to do”

The three attackers have been named:

- * Khuram Shazad Butt, 27, a British citizen born in Pakistan.
- * Rachid Redouane, 30, who had claimed to be Moroccan and Libyan.
- * Youssef Zaghba, 22, a Moroccan - Italian man.

12 people arrested on Sunday after the attack, have subsequently been released without charge.



Assistant Chief Constable Bernard Higgins – Police Scotland

“Our thoughts continue to be with the loved ones of those who were affected by the terrible incident in London on Saturday night.

While there is no intelligence of a specific threat to Scotland, we have significantly increased the number of armed officers on patrol. The number of armed officers we have in Armed Response Vehicles is in line with UK policing. This level ensures we can offer the right level of protection to our communities and enhances wider UK security.

Since the creation of Police Scotland in 2013, our armed policing capacity and capability has been strengthened across the country to ensure all of our communities have equal access to this specialist resource.

Following the attack in London, the number of ARVs on patrol significantly increased and we are able to sustain this for a significant period of time. These vehicles operate across Scotland, giving cover for the whole country.”

COMMUNITY TENSION

There is no current intelligence to suggest a rise in community tension, however given this attack follows the recent terrorist attack in Manchester, tensions may increase. Police Scotland Safer Communities will continue to monitor any increase in community tension.

Terrorists want to create discord, distrust and to create fear. The police stand together with all communities in the UK and we will take action against any criminal behaviour, which seeks to undermine society, especially where crimes are motivated by hate.

Communities defeat terrorism, which is why we must maintain the strong relationship between the public and police. We depend on information from the public, who can be our eyes and ears, in our efforts to keep us all safe.

Acts of terrorism and hate crimes are committed by a small minority of people and are not representative of the public. This is a time for us all to work closely together and unite against those who seek, through violence and extremism, to intimidate or cause fear.



PROTECTIVE SECURITY

Tragic recent events remind us that attacks can occur at any time or place without warning.

In addition to pursuing terrorists and preventing others from becoming violent extremists the police service carries out daily activities to help increase the protection and security of our citizens, public institutions, critical national infrastructure, and businesses and places, including those who are potential terrorist targets;

This concerted effort, which includes highly visible, covert, armed or technical methods, is aimed at protecting the public from the threat of terrorism, boosting the security of key sites, reassuring businesses, workers and visitors so they can go about their daily lives, and making the UK a hostile environment for terrorists to operate in;

Our measures and activities are constantly reviewed to reflect where the threats exist and the level of threat the country is facing.

Our key actions to boost protective security include:

- Carrying out high visibility patrols in and around key areas in the country to reassure the public and to disrupt terrorist planning;
- Protecting our critical national infrastructure to help ensure the country's communications, energy and transport networks can operate more securely;
- Encouraging business and community vigilance through national awareness and information campaigns;
- Protecting VIPs and other high profile figures deemed at potential risk from terrorists or other actors;
- Delivering events to provide key advice to businesses, public sector and other institutions;
- Providing assessments on threat and solutions to mitigate it;
- Supporting the UK government in boosting capabilities of other nations' security by providing expert advice;
- Offering specialist security advice to organisers of large scale events



Detective Chief Inspector Richard Harding – National Counter Terrorism Security Office

“The threat level remains at Severe, which means that an attack is considered highly likely; I know that you will be very aware of the implications of this situation on the security picture within the UK and for your respective businesses and sectors.

I would remind you that this threat assessment is generic and does not provide any detail as to locations or timings, and whilst it is true that an attack could occur anywhere at any time we know that there are factors that potentially make some locations more attractive or vulnerable to terrorist attack than others, particularly soft targets like crowded places.

I would recommend that you consider previously signposted guidance in undertaking any further business or security planning that you are engaged in. In particular I would draw your attention to three areas of advice:

- 1) ‘Guidance to improve your security stance’ – [click here](#)
- 2) ‘Recognising the terrorist threat’ – [click here](#)
- 3) ‘Stay Safe—Run Hide Tell’ – [click here](#)

The following links provide additional useful information that may be of assistance at this time:

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

<http://www.cpni.gov.uk/advice/physical-security/cctv>

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

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

The Metropolitan Police have set up a casualty bureau on 0800 096 1233 and 020 7158 0197 for people concerned about friends or relatives

If you see anything suspicious, no matter how insignificant you might think it is, please contact the anti-terrorism hotline on 0800 789 321. It may be a vital piece of information.

In an emergency call 999

For non emergencies call 101

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