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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
London Terrorist Incident Parsons Green - Sunday 17 th September 2017		
Reduction in Threat Level for International Terrorism to the UK to SEVERE - an attack is highly likely.		

On Sunday 16th of September, 2017, the Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre (JTAC) reduced the threat level from International Terrorism to the UK to SEVERE. This means that an attack remains highly likely. This follows the arrest of an 18 year old male in the Dover area and the arrest of a 21 year old male in Hounslow, West London. Both are being held in police custody on suspicion of terrorist offences.

This briefing is a follow on from previous communications in relation to the London terrorist incident at Parsons Green and specifically relates to the change in the threat level from International Terrorism to the UK to SEVERE – an attack is highly likely.

The reduction in threat level, as set by the Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre (JTAC), still means that the UK terrorist threat level is real and present and our collective corresponding response must continue to demand both vigilance and robust security

measures. Indeed, the enhanced policing posture put in place to reflect the previous rise to 'Critical' will essentially remain in place over the remainder of this weekend.

Events over the last few days will have caused you to properly review your security plans and arrangements in line with the prevailing threat. We would encourage you to continue in this regard given that the SEVERE threat level means that an attack is still "highly likely". Partners are encouraged to refer to previously issued guidance contained within Protect Scotland circulations.

Assistant Chief Constable Bernard Higgins:

"Although the UK Government has announced that the UK threat level is to be reduced to Severe, the public should remain vigilant.

"Since the level was raised on Friday, we have had additional armed police officers on patrol across the country and the public should continue to expect to see these officers as we gradually scale back our policing response in keeping with the UK-wide operation.

"Ultimately, communities defeat terrorism, and we must maintain the strong relationship we have between the public and the police.

"Terrorists want to create discord, distrust and 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."

Additional useful information, which may assist when deploying tactical options, can be found at the following websites;

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

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/stay-safe-film>

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

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

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

CPNI with the support of NACTSO launched the Crowded Places pages- 'Crowded Places Advice.' These pages bring together advice to help protect crowded places as well as advice on what you may wish to consider should your personnel be visiting crowded places.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/crowded-places-guidance>



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Stay Safe – “RUN
HIDE TELL”



Protect yourself
from online
radicalisation



Get Safe Online
Free expert advice

The citizenAID App
will help reduce
the anxiety from
difficult decision
making in an
unfamiliar
situation



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
For the Anti-Terrorist Hotline call 0800 789 321



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