

# **Special Bulletin – Oslo Terror Attack – Incident ahead of the Oslo Pride Festival**

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Zanar Matapour has been named by Norwegian media as the man behind a terror attack in Oslo in the early hours of Saturday 25th June. It's reported that Matapour used firearms to attack three locations in Oslo at approximately 01:00 (23:00 GMT), opening fire, injuring 21 people and killing at least two. Civilians assisted the Police in detaining Matapour, who is currently being held on charges of suspicion of murder, attempted murder and terrorism. A handgun and an automatic weapon were recovered from the scene.

Matapour is a 42-year-old Norwegian citizen who emigrated to Norway with his family in the 1990's. Originally from the Kurdish part of Iran, he first came to the attention of the Norwegian Police Security Service (known as PST) in 2015. It was at this point he was suspected of having become radicalised and being part of an unspecified Islamist network.

One of the locations involved in the attack was the London Pub, a popular LGBTQ+ venue that was busy ahead of the Oslo Pride festival and parade. It has not been confirmed whether the London Pub, the Oslo Pride, or the LGBTQ+ community were a premeditated target for the attack or not. Matapour's defence lawyer has said his client hasn't denied carrying out the attack but has discouraged speculation around Matapour's motive.

Christian Hatlo, Police Attorney, also concluded it was too early to say whether Matapour had specifically targeted members of the LGBTQ community

The attack resulted in the 2022 Oslo Pride, which was scheduled to take place on Saturday 25th June, being cancelled.

There are over 200 formal Pride events planned in cities across the world from June 2022-April 2023, with additional smaller events taking place

in towns and venues. London Pride is scheduled for this weekend the 1st to 3rd July, with the Pride march taking place on Saturday. There has been no suggestion at this point, that there is any direct link to a threat to the LGBTQ+ community, nor that Pride events are being targeted. There were 10 similar events taking place internationally at the time of the Oslo attack, including in Duesseldorf, San Francisco, New York, Seattle, and Denver, with Helsinki Pride due to commence on Monday 27th June. The only incident noted so far is Oslo.

It is always advisable to maintain a strong awareness of threats and it's beneficial to complete the Action Counters Terrorism (ACT) Counter-Terrorism Awareness training. This is available on a free government e-learning platform and there is a specific course for non-security professionals. This is available for businesses via <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/act-awareness-elearning>, or for individuals via <https://ct.highfieldelearning.com/>.

Everyone should ensure they are familiar with the Counter Terrorism Policing (CTP) 'Run, Hide, Tell' guidance for anyone that witnesses a firearms or weapons attack (please see poster at the end of this document). Businesses can also find additional guidance in the top tips section below.

## Top Tips

### 1 - Be a Hard Target, not a Soft Target

- Restrict both pedestrian and vehicular access to authorised persons and vehicles only – stop tailgating, check ID's and record all visitors and contractors
- Be able to physically secure and "lockdown" your premises in an emergency
- Prepare and practice your "invacuation" procedure to secure people within the building, the same way you practice your evacuation plan for getting people out of the building
- Have the right calibre of trained people in place, including well trained security teams

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2 - Keep Informed, Keep Communicating

- Maintain a good flow of intelligence and information, including close liaison with local Police and counter-terrorism advisors
- Always ensure that security teams are alert to suspicious behaviour, record it and report it (internally or to the authorities if deemed necessary). Remember, if in doubt, Report It. At worst it was a couple of minutes out of your day, but at best it could save lives.
- Ensure your staff, not only security staff, are familiar with and have completed the Action Counters Terrorism (ACT) training (which is free, takes approximately 45 minutes and can be accessed [here](#))

3 - Get Ready, Stay Ready

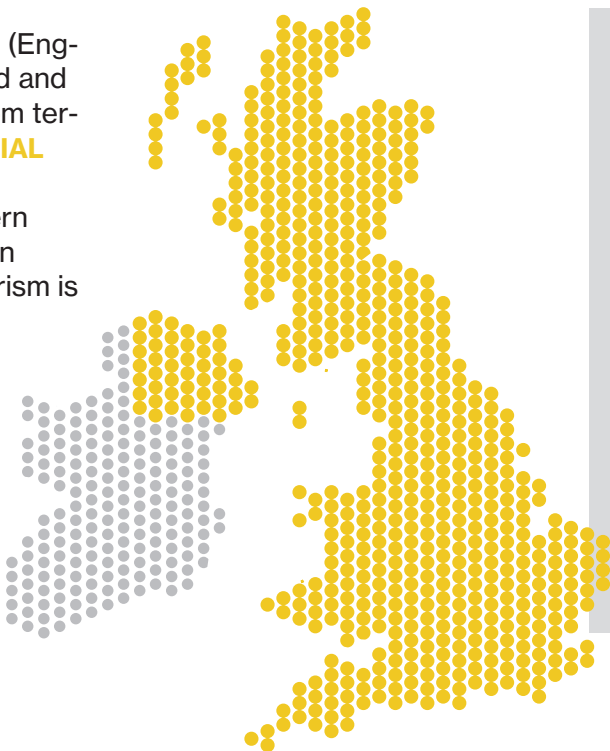
- Ensure that contingency and emergency plans are in place, up to date and are easily accessible for all relevant personnel
- Carry out regular tests (including penetration exercises) and drills of all security and safety systems, taking remedial action for any weaknesses that are identified
- Implement both internal and external security audits to identify and remove vulnerabilities
- Make sure all colleagues are familiar with “RUN HIDE TELL” guidance, ideally displaying the free posters somewhere within the building

Useful Numbers		
Event	Agency	Number
If an attack is happening	Police	999
If you see something suspicious	Anti-Terrorist Hotline	0800 789 321
	OR Police	999
If you would like any guidance or support with your Security	Corps Security Central Support	0141 378 7000
If you would like any specific advice on Counter-Terrorism matters	Corps Consult	020 7566 0516

Current National Threat Level

The threat to the UK (England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland) from terrorism is **SUBSTANTIAL**

The threat to Northern Ireland from Northern Ireland-related terrorism is **SUBSTANTIAL**



NOTE:

Threat levels are designed to give a broad indication of the likelihood of a terrorist attack

**LOW** means an attack is highly unlikely

**MODERATE** means an attack is possible, but not likely

**SUBSTANTIAL** means an attack is likely

**SEVERE** means an attack is highly likely

**CRITICAL** means an attack is highly likely in the near future



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Corps Consult will continue to monitor the situation and provide further updates as appropriate. If you require any further assistance for your business our Chartered Security Professionals are available via our contact details below:

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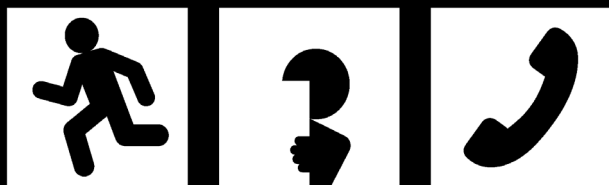
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**IN THE RARE EVENT OF  
a firearms or weapons attack**

**RUN HIDE TELL**



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

**HIDE** It's better to hide than to confront. Remember to turn your phone to silent and turn off vibrate. Barricade yourself in if you can. Then finally and only when it is safe to do so...

**TELL** the police by calling 999.

**RUN HIDE TELL**



At the moment, the issue of terrorist attacks is regularly in the news. But it's been on our agenda for much longer.

The police and security service have been working constantly to foil terrorist attacks for years, not months.

But we are not complacent about keeping you safe.

Due to events in the UK and abroad, people are understandably concerned about a firearms or weapons attack. These attacks are very rare but in the event of such an attack, it helps to be prepared.

Remember, attacks of this nature are still very rare in the UK.

So stay safe, and just remember the words:

**RUN. HIDE. TELL.**

To watch the film, visit [gov.uk/ACT](https://www.gov.uk/ACT)

Information is vital. If you see or hear something that could be terrorist related, trust your instincts and call the confidential Anti-Terrorist hotline on **0800 789 321**.

Our specially trained officers will take it from there.

Your call could save lives.

Always in an emergency, call **999**.



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