

# CORPS RELAY

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# Government to Publish Timeline for Removal of Surveillance Equipment Manufactured in China from Sensitive Government Sites

The UK Cabinet Office will inform central government departments to remove all surveillance equipment made by Chinese companies including Dahua and Hikvision from sensitive sites to limit potential intelligence-gathering by China.

Cabinet Office minister Jeremy Quin stated, "The new measures will protect the UK's sensitive sectors from companies which could threaten national security and are a firm deterrence to hostile actors who wish to do Britain harm," alongside proposed amendments to the government's Procurement Bill.

Fraser Sampson, the government's independent surveillance camera commissioner highlighted that at least one-third of police forces in England and Wales use surveillance cameras made by Hikvision and although the life span of a camera is seven years the timeline for removing the equipment is likely to be quicker. The Cabinet Office also announced that it would create a new unit to investigate suppliers who may pose a risk to national security and assess whether companies should be barred from public procurements.

# Security Industry Federation to be a new official Security Industry Trade Union

The newly formed Security Industry Federation (SIF) has been granted trade union status by the government. Currently the SIF has 100 members since its launch in November 2022 and SIF President Daniel Graham hopes that it will grow now it has been given official certification. The Government's Certification Officer confirmed the news with a one-line notice: "Security Industry Federation has been entered on the list of trade unions held by the Certification Officer with effect from 19 May 2023."

Whilst this case is from Finland, GDPR laws still apply in the UK as they have been retained in domestic law and are monitored by the Information Commissioner Office. Furthermore, this case evidences the liability that directors have in relation to serious data breaches within their businesses and should act as a reminder to business leaders about the potential legal impacts should a serious cyber attack occur.

# NCSC Launch New Security Training Packages

The National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) have launched two new free e-learning packages that will help procurement specialist, risk owners and cyber security professionals to effectively manage risks across their supply chains.

The packages have been designed to accompany the NCSC's existing guidance on Mapping your supply chain and Gaining confidence in your supply chain cyber security.

Visit: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/mapping-your-supply-chain>



# Railway Guardian App

British Transport Police (BTP) have launched the “Safest Together” campaign with the Railway Guardian App. The App allows reports of concerns, incidents, and offences that have occurred on the rail network to be reported directly to the BTP ensuring travellers feel safe and empowered. Other functions include share your journeys (tracking and

check-in), as well as access to news, guides, and support.

The App can be found at all smart phone application stores or by scanning the below QR code:

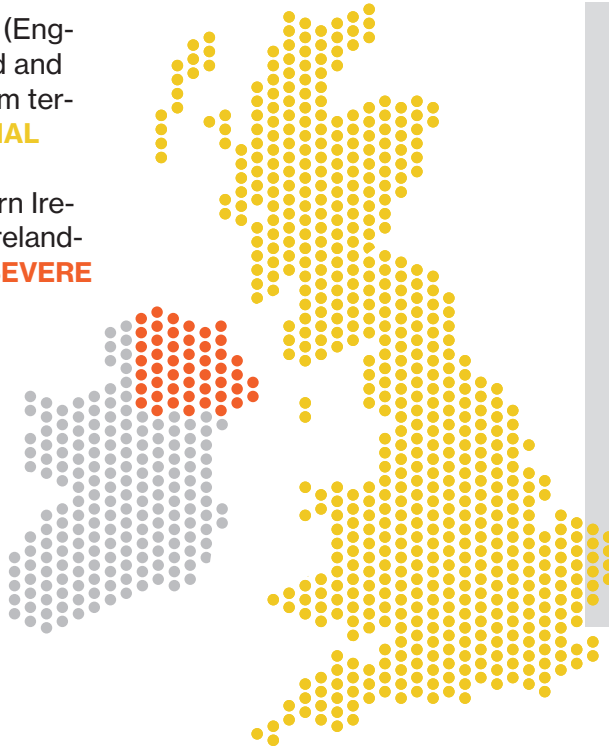




# Current National Threat Level

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 **SEVERE**



## 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

## Two Sentenced for Terrorism Offences

At Leeds Crown Court, on the 7th June 2023, Sheffield resident Darren Reynolds was sentenced to 12 years imprisonment following a five-week trial at Leeds Crown Court. Within the same trial Christine Grayson, from York, was given a 12-month custodial sentence.

Reynolds was found guilty of direct/indirect encouragement of terrorism to others to the commission, preparation, or instigation of acts of terrorism and Dissemination of Terrorist Publication. Reynolds posted and shared extreme right-wing and collected illegal neo-Nazi material that included images and videos that were racist and antisemitic.

Grayson was found guilty of one offence Conspiracy to Commit Criminal Damage. She believed conspiracy theories involving 5G mobile phone masts and used her views to justify her plan to damage and potentially destroy local 5G masts.

# Islamist Terror Plot Teen will Serve at Least Six Years

The trial being previously reported in last months Relay, Matthew King a 19-year-old was on the 2 June 2023 sentenced to life with a minimum term of six years for planning to stab police or soldiers. King is believed to have been turned from being a troubled young man to a potential self-initiated terrorist while in COVID-19 lockdowns. He was seen on CCTV shown during the trial conducting Hostile Reconnaissance and it is believed an attack was imminent prior to his arrest which was as a result of his mother contacting the government's anti-extremism agency, Prevent, because she feared the videos, he was watching promoted hatred.

A photograph showing a person's hands holding a large, brown cardboard sign with the words "WE NEED A CHANGE" written in bold, black, hand-painted capital letters. The person is in the foreground, and a large, out-of-focus crowd of people is visible in the background, suggesting a protest or demonstration. The scene is outdoors with trees and a building in the distance.

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## Protest and activism review from May

# Corps Focus: Security Issue of the Month

Organisations, major cultural and sporting events, the road networks in major towns and cities, and public spaces across the United Kingdom were all targeted by activists during May. Activism was predominantly linked to environmental-related movements, although other groups have been prevalent including anti-monarchists, conspiracy theorists, and war abolitionists.

Early May in London saw the targeting of the Standard Chartered AGM by Defund Climate Chaos, and the anti-monarchist group Republic protesting the Coronation of HM King Charles III. Republic had over 50 activists arrested by police officers using powers provided by the recently introduced public order bill, which was highlighted in last month's Relay (see image). In Birmingham, another AGM was targeted by Defund Climate Chaos (HSBC).

As the month progressed daily disruption occurred on London's roads as a result of Just Stop Oil's slow marches, and at points other towns and cities were also targeted. Locations including Birmingham and Bradford experienced conspiracy theorist rallies (anti-vaccination), and war abolitionists protested at an RAF base near Cambridge proposed to host US Air Force nuclear weapons. The conspiracy movement We Are Ready attracted attention with their publicising of 13 coinciding national protests on 20th May, but a lack of social media traction with the public proved a good indicator of attendee numbers and the moderate turnout estimated in that week's Corps Relay Special Bulletin proved correct.

On 23rd May, the Shell AGM in London was disrupted for several hours by environmental activists who infiltrated the event and employed a range of tactics including 'rushing' the stage, singing, and chanting, in addition to a demonstration outside the venue.

As the month drew to a close, Just Stop Oil repeated the tactic used at the World Snooker Championship in April of disrupting a major event with orange powder throwing, targeting both the RHS Chelsea Flower Show, and the Rugby Premiership final at Twickenham (see image). A firm linked to a major fossil fuel project had their London offices damaged with black paint sprayed from adapted fire extinguishers, which was initially reported as a noxious substance, and a multi-group demonstration occurred in London to protest the public order bill.

Disruptive action of the type seen in May continues themes of activists targeting high profile events. Where the public are being adversely impacted by activists actions, activists continue to reiterate that they believe this approach is necessary to achieve their objectives. It is assessed that multiple activism groups have both the intentions and capabilities to continue using the same tactics nationally at similar events, such as other fossil fuel sector related firms AGMs, and upcoming high-profile occasions including Wimbledon, Royal Ascot, the British F1 Grand Prix, and the Trooping of the Colour.



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