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New Registrar for the Register of Chartered Security Professionals Announced

Following 12 years as the Registrar of the Register of Chartered Security Professionals, David Gill CSyP, has decided to step down in September 2023. David has been the Registrar since the Register was established in 2011 and has seen it grow to its current size of 275 Chartered Security Professionals worldwide, 4 (or 1.5%) of which are employed by Corps Security.

David will be passing the proverbial torch to Corps Security's very own Mike Bluestone CSyP FSyl. Corps Security would like to congratulate Mike on his new appointment and will continue to support both Mike and the Charter moving forward.



Security Institute Appoints a New Chairperson

Julie Nel MA MSyl has been appointed the new Chair of the Security Institute. Julie will take over from the incumbent Chair Peter Lavery FSyl on the 24 July 2023. Peter will have completed two and a half years as the Chair of the Institute and seven years on the Board at the end of the year. Julie's career spans across the UK Military, law enforcement, Government and private sector, specialising in intelligence and strategic security threat management. Julie is also a member of the City Security Council and was previously a director of the Association of Security Consultants. Julie

has stated "It is a privilege to have been elected chair by the Board of Directors, all of whom have incredible levels of skills and experience within the security sector. I'm looking forward to working alongside the Board and the fantastic team at Head Office led by our CEO Angela Lawson. We are already in the process of revised strategy that will carry the institute forward as a leading professional body for the security industry."

Reported Rise in Retail Theft

The 2022 Crime Report of the Association of Convenience Stores (ACS) reports that between 2012 -2022, 89% of store staff working alone faced abuse in their job, with 35,000 incidents of violence and over 16,000 incidents included a weapon of which 9% resulted in injury. These figures include many in-store security officers who face assault as part of their front-line security role.

In addition, as the economic situation and cost-of-living crisis remains prevalent, a rise in retail crime, such as shoplifting, will have an increased impact on the security industry. The Office of National Statistics (ONS) published new figures in late April

2023 showing the levels of shoplifting in England and Wales had risen by 23% (after the restrictions from the third national lockdown had been lifted). This was attributed to a shift in behavioural changes with many shoppers committing crimes for the first time as a direct result of the cost-of-living crisis.

Solar Farm Crime on the Rise as Copper Prices are Set to Rise Further by 2024

Northumbria Police have reported Solar Farm Crime is on the rise by Organised Crime Gangs (OCG's), stating "Crime on Solar farms has increased by 93%, with 48% increase in the theft of cables and theft of solar panels quadrupling through 2022.

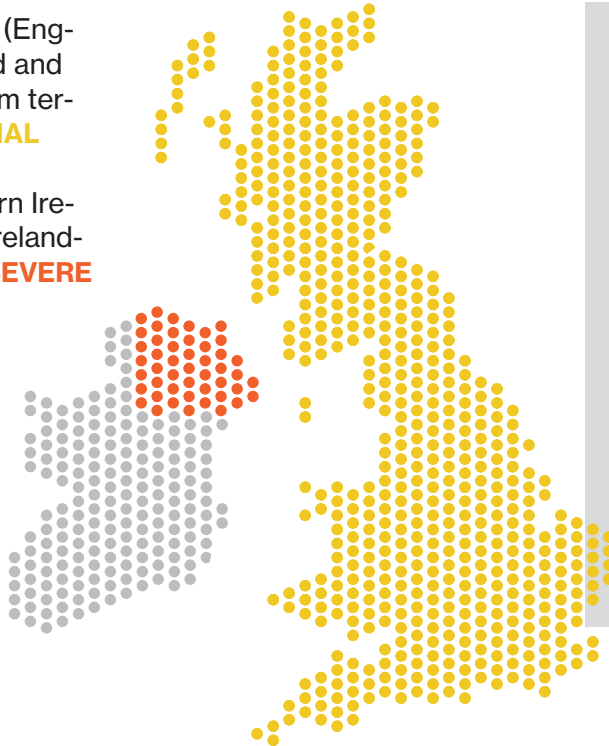
These thefts could increase affecting the industry especially as the price of copper is set to rise further by 2024. Increasing security mitigation measures is key to the targeted Solar Farms as they are 61% more likely to be targeted again if a crime has occurred. It should also be noted that other assets, such as commercial and industrial air conditioning units, are also targeted by copper thieves and could be impacted alongside Solar Farms.



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

Man Jailed After Bomb Manuals Found on Laptop

A man from Redhill has been jailed for eight years following an investigation by Counter-Terrorism Policing South East (CTPSE).

Asah Bhatti was found guilty at the Old Bailey of two counts of possessing an article for the purpose of terrorism, contrary to Section 57 of the Terrorism Act 2000 and three counts of making or possessing an explosive substance under suspicious circumstances contrary to Section 4 of the Explosive Substance Act.

Bhatti was found to have compiled manuals on making explosives, shooting techniques, and hand to hand combat. The Counter-Terrorism police

stated "Each year thousands of reports help police to tackle the terrorist threat. All reports are taken seriously and will be investigated to establish the right steps, if you have any suspicions please contact the Counter-Terrorism Police." Action Counters-Terrorism (ACT).

Home Office Reject Industry Business Licences and SIA Recommendations

The Security Industry Authority (SIA) proposed two 'monitored recommendations' to the Home Office (Political Master) that the Manchester Arena Inquiry made in 2021.

That in-house CCTV control room operators and guards be SIA licenced and make business licencing compulsory for security providers. The Home Office replied that it could not support either

and the SIA commented that it was disappointed. When asked to clarify this, the SIA stated that "There is a regulatory burden on the industry, which we're already imposing through Martyn's Law, and it is considered in the grand scheme of ensuring protective security that the regulatory burden outweighs the bringing in of these recommendations."

Just Stop Oil continue to target events

Just Stop Oil (JSO) have continued to target sporting events throughout the summer, with notable incidents targeting racing, rugby, football, snooker, cricket, tennis, and golf events in 2023 to date. This is on top of their other demonstrations which have been frequent and, through design, disruptive. Their modus operandi involves causing disturbance in an effort to raise awareness of their cause. Whilst it is undeniable that they are gaining attention, a YouGov poll has attempted to capture the public opinion around JSO and their preferred form of protest. The poll identified that for every 100 British persons who become aware of JSO's tactics, 38 will be unsure of them, 6 will support JSO, and 56 will not support their tactics. This poll suggests that, not unlike Extinction Rebellion (XR) and Insulate Britain before them, their chosen tactics, whilst effective getting attention, may not be the best method for garnering support. It was for this reason that XR elected to change their tactics for 2023 and this may be a route that decide to follow.





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