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SECURITY

Electric Bikes and Scooters used for Bag and Phone Snatches

Reports of bag and phone snatching by thieves using electric bikes and scooters have been on the rise in major cities (extremely prevalent in the Capital). Riders with concealed faces are approaching victims who are distracted, for example using their phones, before snatching an item and make off at speed (many of the vehicles have the engine limiters removed to exceed factory speed settings) with the items. Research has shown that victims are predominately pedestrians on busy high streets.

Situational awareness is key to crime prevention, and having items out of sight ensures they are safe from would be thieves. Corps Consult can assist with bespoke security courses and crime prevention requirements, please get in touch if you would like further information on this.

UK NACE Launch Overt Access Campaign on LinkedIn

Are you aware of Overt Access? Perhaps you have witnessed it without knowing.

The UK National Authority for Counter-Eavesdropping (UK NACE) have launched an '[Overt Access](#)' campaign, highlighting the ease in which a Threat Actor(s) can enter business properties with potential catastrophic outcomes.

Overt access is when a Threat Actor(s) enters a business or building using standard entrances to gain access, rather than a more covert method (such as a breaking in). Threat Actors use social engineering, and several pretences to gain legitimate access (e.g. unscheduled contractors) in order to carry out reconnaissance or install a quick plant device to conduct surveillance.

Businesses should consider their resilience, testing and exercising plan for a range of security related incidents, including overt access. Corps Consult can assist clients with bespoke requirements including, Technical Surveillance Counter Measures (TSCM), Physical Penetration Testing (PPT), Table Top Exercises (TTX), and Live Scenario Exercises.



Mitigation of Terrorist Threats at Venues during Ingress and Egress

The National Protective Security Authority (NPSA) have updated their guidance around the [secure management of the ingress and egress phase for venue](#). Whilst this is specifically aimed at mitigating terrorist threats, the guidance is also beneficial for general site safety and security. It has been identified that this is the point where venue users are at their most vulnerable and ensuring a risk mitigation strategy is in place is a key part of the sites protective security strategy.

The guidance highlights the main security concerns that occur during the ingress/egress phases of venue operations including the main threats, vulnerabilities, and control/mitigation measures.

Extinction Rebellion (XR) – Insure our Survival Campaign – July 2024

XR's "Insure our Survival" campaign is an initiative the group has launched that they say is focused on addressing the role of the insurance industry in the climate crisis. The campaign targets insurance companies that underwrite fossil fuel projects, with XR arguing that by providing insurance, these companies enable the continuation and expansion of activities that contribute significantly to greenhouse gas emissions.

The first event to kick off the campaign is expected to be at the British Insurance Awards 2024 at the Royal Albert Hall on 3rd July. XR have advised they will be targeting the various insurance companies attending the event, handing out flyers and generally causing disruption.

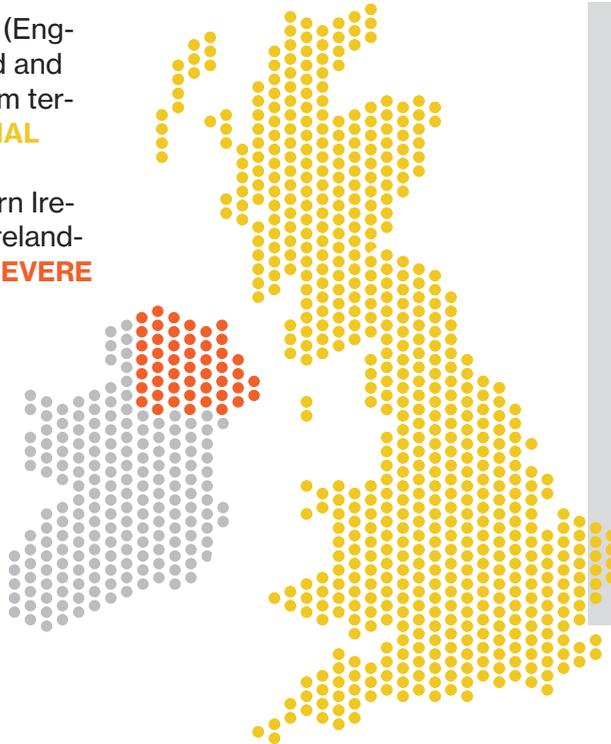
XR have also advised that they will then 'cease actions' on the 4th and 5th July to allow for the general election to take place. Following the outcome of the election, the group then plan to resume their campaign against the 'new' government.

As reported previously by Corps Consult, it's widely expected that tactics such as lobby occupations and attempted building incursions using false identification will be adopted by the group, as was seen during the 'Insure our Future Week of Action' back in March. Comprehensive advice for security teams to pro-actively identify and manage any instances of protest activity can be found in the weekly Corps Relay reports issued on both the 8th March and the 18th June (updated), but please contact Corps Consult if you require any further assistance.

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

Former Royal Marine Charged with Spying Found Dead

Matthew Trickett (37) a Home Office Immigrations Officer and former Royal Marine (RM) was charged with assisting the Hong Kong intelligence service under the National Security Act, has been found dead.

Thames Valley Police have stated that his death is being treated as unexplained and a post-mortem examination will be carried out in due course.

Mr Trickett was a Home Office Immigrations Officer, who had previously served as a Royal Marine for six years. He was Director of a security firm called MTR Consultancy and was charged in May this year, along with Chi Leung (Peter) Wai (38), and Chung Biu Yuen (63), under the National Security Act with assisting the Hong Kong intelligence service and foreign interference.

It's alleged that between 20th December 2023 and 2nd May 2024, the three men agreed to undertake information gathering, surveillance and acts of deception that were likely to materially assist a foreign intelligence service. It's also alleged that they forced entry into a UK residence on 1st May 2024.

Having not entered pleas they were granted bail until Friday 24th May 2024, when they appeared at the Old Bailey. At the hearing, prosecutor Kashif Malik asked that Mr Trickett be kept in custody for his own welfare as he said the defendant had attempted to take his own life after being charged, but that request was refused, and he was granted bail. Thames Valley Police force has referred itself to the IOPC because it was in contact with Mr Trickett, as he was on bail at the time and had to regularly report to a police station.

Man Charged with Assisting Russian Intelligence

Howard Michael Phillips (64) was arrested by UK Counter-Terror Police in Central London and charged with assisting Russian intelligence.

Mr Phillips was arrested under new National Security Act powers, which mean people can be detained without a warrant if Police “reasonably” suspect they are involved “in foreign power threat activity”.

Police have not disclosed details on the activities he is alleged to have engaged in, as the case is still under investigation, however the charge covers actions which “materially assist a foreign intelligence service in carrying out UK-related activities”.

Responding to Terrorist Incidents - NPSA Security Control Room Operators Courses

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The National Protective Security Authority (NPSA) have designed the Security Control Room (SCR) Operators course to enhance both managers and operators knowledge and readiness to deal with terrorist incidents (venues and retail).

The course is specifically designed for SCR operators who work within national infrastructure sites, academia, government and crowded places/public premises and events. It is also valuable for those directly responsible for the SCR operators.

The five-day course is a mixture of presentations, workshops and immersive exercises in which delegates work and learn alongside their peers from other venues and organisations. This impactful learning experience provides practical skills required to effectively respond to a terrorist incident.

The one-day Managers Course is for managers or individuals with overall responsibility for security control rooms and incident management. The course is designed following NPSA guidance related to terrorist incidents. Research has identified that most deaths and injuries occur within the first few minutes of a terrorist incident.

Both courses are currently funded by NPSA and are free to attend however, delegates' organisations are responsible for any travel and accommodation if required (Note: All courses will be run from a venue in the Bedfordshire area).

For more information about the courses and to enquire about attending use the QR code or click the link below.

<https://www.scrcourse.co.uk/event/7a0f186f-b135-48f5-a268-721e635d3d25/summary> (link)





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