



# INCIDENT UPDATE

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London Regional Counter Terrorism Protective Security Incident Update — 15th September 2017

## UK TERRORISM THREAT LEVELS

INTERNATIONAL in the UK

**SEVERE**  
AN ATTACK IS HIGHLY LIKELY

For more information  
please see:  
<http://www.mi5.gov.uk>

NORTHERN IRISH RELATED in the Britain

**SUBSTANTIAL**  
AN ATTACK IS A STRONG  
POSSIBILITY

*Incident — Parsons Green, London— 15th September 2017 Message 4/4*

### Bridge Call Summary re Incident at Parsons Green

*This afternoon Deputy Assistant Commissioner Lucy D’Orsi, who is the National Chief Police lead for Protective Security spoke to Industry Sector Leads on a CSSC Bridge Call to update them on the incident that took place at Parsons Green Underground Station in South London this morning.*

*DAC Lucy D’Orsi said:*

Detectives from the Met Police’s Counter Terrorism Command are carrying out an urgent investigation into an incident on a London tube train this morning. Police were called at around 08:20hrs to Parsons Green Underground Station following reports of a fire on the train travelling into London on the District Line. Officers from the Met and British Transport Police attended the scene, along with colleagues from London Fire Brigade and London Ambulance Service. London Ambulance Service has taken 18 people to hospital, believed to be suffering mainly from burns a further 12 people self-presented at hospital.

It has been declared this a terrorist incident by the senior national coordinator DAC Neil Basu.

Detectives from the Counter Terrorism Command, part of the national counter-terrorism police network, are making fast-time inquiries to establish who was responsible and are working closely with the security services. So far there have been no arrests.

We are closely with Government and security services.

I will seek to update you with in regard to this as and when information becomes available.

We believe the fire was caused by the detonation of an improvised explosive device, which is being forensically examined. The device was initiated but did not detonate.

There will be enhanced policing around transport hubs and the transport infrastructure in London. This is led primarily by the BTP and you will see an increase in Armed BTP officers both in London and across the country.





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We are reviewing the policing and security around events and crowded places.

Specialist teams, well-rehearsed at dealing with major incidents, continue to provide a strong visible presence throughout the capital and across the UK.

This is a large and complicated crime scene and a cordon remains in place whilst our work there continues - I would like to thank everyone for their support and patience as we finish this work. We will endeavour to reduce the size of police cordons as quickly as our investigation allows in order to allow access to the public and businesses.

The District line is suspended between Earl's Court and Wimbledon and Parsons Green station is closed as a result of this morning's incident. That part of the line is likely to remain closed for at least 24 hours.

Please check [tfl.gov.uk](http://tfl.gov.uk) or follow [@districtline](https://twitter.com/districtline) for up-to-date information.

The UK threat level has been Severe for some time and this level has not been changed.

The level of threat is complex and ranges from lone actors intent on carrying out crude attacks to sophisticated networks pursuing ambitious and coordinated plots;

We urge the public to remain alert but not alarmed - the police service and our partners are doing everything we can to help protect people, public institutions, critical national infrastructure, and businesses and crowded places;

You will have already noticed a substantial uplift in police patrols, particularly in the central London area and in and around transport hubs. This will continue as we seek to reassure the public and respond to this attack.

As always, we advise the public to remain vigilant and to report any suspicious behavior or activity to the Anti Terrorism Hotline on 0800 789 321 or in an emergency the public should always call 999. Please reinforce that to your workforce.

I appreciate that you have responsibility for the security of buildings and therefore a large number of people. It is important at times such as these that the police security stance and that of the private sector is joined up. To ensure that we are joined up, we are recommending that you consider some protective security tactics to aid your security at this time, whilst remembering that the threat level remains at SEVERE.

The attack incorporated a methodology which at this time we believe to be an improvised explosive device - as I am sure you will be aware such devices can range from homemade to commercial explosives. We are not at this stage able to comment on its actual construction as it is still been analysed by our experts, so would therefore recommend considering all forms of explosives when looking at your protective security plans.

We do know that terrorists undertake hostile reconnaissance ahead of conducting an attack and increased vigilance by staff and the creation of a hostile environment combats such hostile reconnaissance.



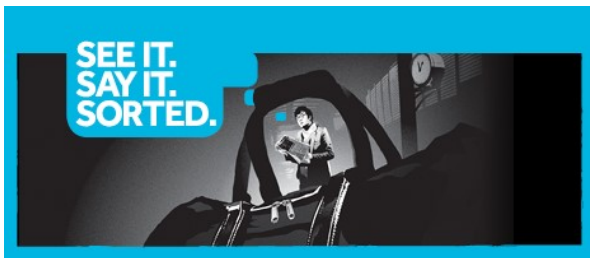


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You should also review your building and business continuity plans in the light of this attack. You should ensure that first aid points are fully stocked and the location of key equipment is made clear to all staff. We also recommend that staff are directed to the Citizen Aid app and Run, Hide, Tell on YouTube.

This weekend there will be a huge range of events, here in London it will be a red weekend for football. Please ensure you are putting out messages about arriving early. Consider managing queues inside rather than creating crowding places. Please do not compromise your search regimes for speed. I know that late arrivals at sporting venues can be difficult but do not compromise on search process.

This attack was conducted on the London Transport Network and we are working closely with them, and British Transport Police, and City of London Police at the scene, but across the entire network to protect passengers and staff.



Please pass on the current British Transport Police advice to your colleagues in relation to [See It. Say It. Sorted](http://www.btp.police.uk) which can be found at <http://www.btp.police.uk>

We're asking tube and rail passengers and people who use railway stations to help keep themselves and others safe by reporting unusual items or activity on the railway.

I promise to keep you updated on the situation as it develops but please monitor the official statements made through the media and our social media feeds.

