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## Scottish Region Counter Terrorism Protective Security Update

UK TERRORISM THREAT LEVELS		
INTERNATIONAL IN THE UK	For more information please see <a href="http://www.mi5.gov.uk">http://www.mi5.gov.uk</a>	NORTHERN IRISH RELATED IN BRITAIN
<b>SEVERE</b> AN ATTACK IS HIGHLY LIKELY		<b>SUBSTANTIAL</b> AN ATTACK IS A STRONG POSSIBILITY
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017 – Update 1300 hours</b> <b>London Terrorist Incident – Finsbury Park</b>		

This Protect Scotland briefing is a follow on from previous communications in relation to the terrorist incident which occurred at Finsbury Park, London. This update will include a media statement and a message to communities from Assistance Chief Constable Nelson Telfer, Police Scotland.

It will also include quotes from Metropolitan Police Commissioner Cressida Dick and Deputy Assistant Commissioner Neil Basu.

A 48 year old male has been arrested in connection with the incident.

### Media Statement from Assistant Chief Constable Nelson Telfer:

"There is no specific threat to Scotland; however, Police Scotland is increasing armed patrols in response to the attack in London. We continue to engage with all communities providing reassurance and appropriate support.

"Communities absolutely do defeat terrorism: if you see or hear something that could be terrorist related, act on your instincts and call the police on 101 or, in emergency 999, or in confidence on 0800 789 321."

## **Message to communities from Assistant Chief Constable Nelson Telfer:**

Following the incident of Monday 19 June 2017 in Finsbury Park, London, I assure you that Police Scotland remains united with all communities. Obviously this comes soon after the attacks in London and Manchester as well as other attacks abroad. Our thoughts are with everyone who has been affected.

While we understand that the public will clearly be appalled by these events, I would urge each and every member of our communities to remain united against extremism and hate.

Police Scotland will not tolerate any attempts to target any community by any misguided individual or group and will work with all of our partners to resolve any issues and address concerns. Should anyone become a victim of, or witness to, hate crime, they should contact the police and report the incident.

Please be assured that Police Scotland continues to work with partners at home and abroad to counter the threat from terrorism and ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our communities.

Please be vigilant and if you suspect something is wrong then report it to the police. If you have any concerns or information about suspicious activity please contact the Police on 101, the UK Anti-Terrorism Hotline on 0800 789 321, Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111, or in an emergency dial 999.

Police Scotland continues to dynamically review all safety and security plans and operations. An element of this includes ensuring our armed policing and specialist resources are appropriately deployed.

The UK threat level remains at Severe – meaning an attack is highly likely. We have no specific information that Scotland is at risk of attack and I would ask you to go about your business as normal, remaining alert but not alarmed. The UK Government has produced guidance which can be accessed via the following links: [‘Places of Worship Guidance’](#) [‘Crowded Places Booklet’](#). These provide sensible precautionary advice and can be distributed throughout your communities.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our communities safe.”



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**Metropolitan Police Commissioner, Cressida Dick, said:**

“London has woken up to the news of another appalling attack on our city. My thoughts are with the family of the man who has died and with all those who were injured. My officers were on the scene almost immediately, and other uniformed and specialist officers quickly arrived to support them. They worked quickly with colleagues from the other emergency services to treat the injured. I want to thank all those members of the public who assisted police and emergency services in our task.

There is now an ongoing investigation by our Counter Terrorism Command to establish why this attack was carried out. London is a city of many faiths and many nationalities. An attack on one community is an attack on all of us. Terrorists will not succeed in their attempts to divide us and make us live in fear.

Extra officers are on duty in the area to help reassure the local community. They will be there for as long as they are needed. Communities will see additional officers patrolling across the city and at Muslim places of worship. We are working as hard as we can to protect all our communities, and we will not be defeated.”

**Deputy Assistant Commissioner Neil Basu, the Senior National Coordinator for Counter Terrorism, said:**

“Sadly Londoners are waking to the news of another dreadful incident in the Capital that has left a number of people seriously injured. The attack unfolded whilst a man was receiving first aid from the public at the scene, sadly, he has died. Any causative link between his death and the attack will form part of our investigation. It is too early to state if his death was as a result of the attack.

Our thoughts are with all those affected by the incident at Seven Sisters Road and their family, friends and their communities. No matter what the motivation proves to be, and we are keeping an open mind, this is being treated as a terrorist attack and the Counter Terrorism Command is investigating.

This was an attack on London and all Londoners and we should all stand together against extremists whatever their cause.



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From 00:21hrs this morning police received a number calls to Seven Sisters Road following a van having collided with pedestrians. Officers were in the immediate vicinity as the attack unfolded and responded instantly.

Additional officers arrived within 10 minutes. One man was pronounced dead at the scene. Eight others are in hospital and two more were treated at the scene.

All the victims were from the Muslim community.

I would like to praise police officers who immediately gave lifesaving treatment at the scene, but also members of the public who assisted before and after the incident. Also at the scene, detained by members of the public, was the man suspected of being the driver. He was arrested by police on suspicion of attempted murder.

I would like to thank those people who helped police in detaining the man and worked with officers to calmly and quickly get him into our custody. Their restraint in the circumstances was commendable.

This investigation is ongoing, and we are working fast to know the full details of how and why it took place. At this early stage of the investigation, no other suspects have been identified or reported to police, and there were no reports of any people having suffered any knife injuries. The van used was examined by specialist officers but nothing that would cause a risk to the public was found in it.

Extra policing resources have been deployed across London in order to reassure communities, especially those observing Ramadan. I would urge everyone to remain calm and vigilant.

I would ask the public with any information about this incident, or anything that causes them concern or suspicion, to call the police on 0800 789 321.

Obviously we are at an early stage in our investigation, however as and when I can make more information available, I will. This has been incredibly challenging time for London and emergency services are stretched. Nevertheless, we will do absolutely all we can - with our partners - to protect Londoners and our city. Now is a time once again for London to stand together to face those who seek to divide us.



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If you see anything suspicious, no matter how insignificant you might think it is, please contact the anti-terrorism hotline on 0800 789 321. It may be a vital piece of information.

In an emergency call 999  
For non-emergencies call 101  
For the Anti-Terrorist Hotline call 0800 789 321

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HIDE TELL”



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from online  
radicalisation



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Free expert advice

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App will help  
reduce the  
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difficult decision  
making in an  
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