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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
SEVERE AN ATTACK IS HIGHLY LIKELY		SUBSTANTIAL AN ATTACK IS A STRONG POSSIBILITY
<i>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017</i> <i>Reduction in Military Support – Counter Terrorism Awareness Week 2017</i>		

This briefing is a follow on from previous communications in relation to the Manchester terrorist incident and specifically relates to the reduction in military support across the UK under Operation Temperer. It also introduces this years UK Counter Terrorism Awareness Week, which will take place across the UK between the 12<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> June.

Following the Bank Holiday weekend, military personnel who were supporting police across the UK under Operation Temperer are gradually being stood down.

The reduction of military support that has continued over the past three days, follows the judgement by the Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre that a terrorist attack was no longer imminent and the threat level being lowered from critical to severe on Saturday. Extra Police resources were in place for the many public events over the extended weekend, and we will continue to review all events and increase resources where appropriate.



**Chief Constable Phil Gormley, Police Scotland:**

“You will be aware that on Saturday 27 May, the UK Threat Level reduced to SEVERE - an attack is highly likely - however, I would encourage everyone to remain vigilant and be alert, but not alarmed. Operation Temperer will be scaled down in line with the UK-wide operation, but our response will continue to be proportionate to the threat we face. Police Scotland continues to support the UK response to the threat of terrorism with a number of officers being sent to Manchester to assist with the investigation and the UK armed response.”

**Assistant Commissioner Mark Rowley, the national lead for Counter Terrorism Policing**

“I’d like to thank military colleagues for their assistance and the public for their continued support during this challenging time. The extra resources that were in place over the last week are being phased out. However, military personnel will remain in readiness to support the police should it be necessary.

“The threat level from terrorism in the UK remains severe and the public should remain alert and report any suspicious activity. If you see something you are worried about or know somebody you are worried about don’t hesitate, just ACT. Please call us on the Anti-Terrorism Hotline 0800 789 321.”

**COUNTER TERRORISM AWARENESS WEEK 2017**

Counter Terrorism Awareness week takes place from Monday 12 June – Sun 18 June 2017, the main purpose of which is to showcase the wide range of activity being undertaken by Police Scotland and our partners in support of the UK CONTEST Strategy, whilst also providing reassurance to the public.

Each quarterly result of Police Scotland’s ‘Your View Counts’ survey has revealed that the number one policing priority, identified by the public, was countering the threat from terrorism.



In response to recent incidents within the United Kingdom and across the world, Police Scotland activity during that week will focus on cities and crowded places across Scotland, providing an ideal opportunity for officers to speak to large audiences and reassure members of the public.

Counter Terrorism Awareness Week will see enhanced high visibility patrols conducted in the 7 cities of Scotland as follows:

- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Aberdeen
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Dundee & Inverness
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Stirling & Perth
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Edinburgh
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Glasgow

As the summer approaches, it is anticipated that city centres, tourist attractions and iconic sites located throughout Scotland will be extremely busy. Consequently, this provides an ideal opportunity for Police Scotland to maximise engagement and provide both specific guidance and general reassurance to both partners and the public. The initiative will focus on cities, however local Policing Divisions will be encouraged and supported to carry out activities based around the daily themes of the initiative.

The over-riding theme of this years Counter Terrorism Awareness Week, as devised by the National Counter Terrorism Policing Headquarters, will be ***'Working Together'*** – highlighting the importance on partnership engagement with a focus on crowded places / events and festivals.

Further information on Counter Terrorism Awareness Week will feature in the next scheduled edition of PROTECT Scotland to be launched on 12th June.

