

'COMMUNITIES TOGETHER'

Helpline: 0800 028 2390

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If you live, work or regularly visit London and have been affected by recent events, call the

COMMUNITIES TOGETHER HELP AND ADVICE LINE

on **0800 028 2390**

Minicom is available on **0800 028 6522**

Our staff can provide help and support 24hrs a day

This information is intended for dissemination into London's diverse communities



Communities Together Updates

As a result of the tragic events in July 2005, the Metropolitan Police launched the Communities Together Bulletin.

If you have any comments about the bulletin, anything contained in it, or simply want to pass information in relation to community incidents or concerns to us please feed them back to CommunitiesTogether@met.police.uk

Communities Together Help and Advice Line 0800 0282390

The Communities Together Help line 0800 028 2390 is available to offer advice and support to anyone who feels vulnerable as a result of terrorist attacks or other incidents in London.

Minicom is also available on 0800 028 6522. **In an emergency you should always call 999**

Circulation of the 'Communities Together' Bulletin

This Bulletin is produced to be circulated to the widest possible audience, please forward the link or document to a wider audience.

The Bulletin can also be printed and circulated in; libraries, waiting rooms, places of worship, community halls or any other locations with large gatherings of people. This will enable those that don't have Internet access to view the weekly Bulletin.

Your assistance in this circulation will help us make London a Safer place and will assist in the prevention and detection of crime.

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Enhanced policing in London continues throughout the weekend. The MPS conducted an immediate further review of policing plans in London to ensure that they are commensurate with the current threat level.

There are additional officers on patrol in the Capital, and the MPS is working closely with colleagues in British Transport Police and the City of the London police to ensure that this response is replicated across London.

As a visible deterrent and disruptive tactic officers will be making more use of stop and search under the Terrorism Act.

Policing plans have been reviewed at iconic sites and transport hubs. There will be directed patrols by Armed Response Vehicles around mainline stations.

Security at Heathrow Airport has been thoroughly reviewed, in conjunction with key partners, and we have introduced enhanced levels of policing and security.

This includes increased patrols by armed officers and the closure of access to the forecourts. This is for the reassurance and security of the public, and the measures that have been introduced are within our well established contingency plans.

We are in liaison with colleagues in surrounding Forces to the Airport.

The same approach is being taken at London City Airport.

Any additional measures that are needed will be taken.

We have further reviewed the policing and security plans for today's memorial concert for Diana, Princess of Wales.

People who are going along are advised to allow plenty of time as there may be some delays to entry due to increased searches.

Wembley is a public transport only venue, and we would re-iterate that people should travel by public transport. There may be some additional restrictions put in place to already limited parking.

In the region of 450 officers will be on duty to police the event. Policing across the Capital will be kept under review and the operation continues to be run from the Special Operations Room - known as GT.

Press statement by Strathclyde Police Chief Constable Sir Willie Rae

INCIDENT AT GLASGOW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Around 1515 hours this afternoon, Saturday 30 June 2007, a Jeep Cherokee drove into a front door at the check-in area of the terminal building.

The vehicle caught fire on impact. Emergency services were immediately in attendance and two men, from the vehicle were arrested at the scene. One was taken to the Royal Alexandra Hospital where he is presently detained suffering from severe burns and is in a critical condition. The other man has been detained in police custody.

The vehicle involved is still at the scene and will be subject to detailed forensic examination as part of the investigation. It has still to be verified if any other person was within the vehicle.

We can confirm that we believe the incident at Glasgow Airport is linked to the events in London yesterday. There are clear similarities and we can confirm this is being treated as a terrorist incident.

Following yesterday's incidents in London, Strathclyde Police and all other forces throughout the country have increased their activities in relation to potential further incidents and have been in close

liaison with the Metropolitan Police Counter Terrorism Unit, SO15. Deputy Assistant Commissioner Peter Clarke, who has responsibility for terrorism throughout the UK is currently enroute to Glasgow.

There was no intelligence prior to this incident that suggested that Scotland was going to be attacked, however in light of the events in London there has been close dialogue with officers from SO15 and increased police activity across all forces in the country. Following the incident at Glasgow Airport the threat level across the country has now been raised to critical. We have increased security at airports and other key locations across the Strathclyde area. While we have no intelligence of any intended further incidents of terrorism, we are asking the public to be very vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the police.

We continue to treat this as an ongoing incident. We would urge anyone who was in the area or has any information about this incident or those involved to come forward. In particular, between 20 – 30 people were standing outside of the terminal building at the time of the incident. I would urge these people to come forward as they may have seen something that could be relevant to this investigation. Anyone with information is asked to telephone the Incident Room which has been set up on telephone number 0800 056 0944.

Following admission of one of the men to the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, the Accident and Emergency unit has been closed.

As a result of the incident, one member of the public who was also injured at the scene of the incident was treated in hospital for an injury to her leg. At this stage we are not aware of any other casualties

We can confirm that the Chief Constable of Strathclyde Police, Sir Willie Rae, is leading this investigation, however given the apparent connections between the events in London and at Glasgow Airport, officers from SO15 of the Metropolitan Police are presently within Strathclyde and working closely with our officers on this matter.

This criminal act was felt by all members of our communities and particularly impacted on those who intended travelling abroad, on one of the busiest weeks of the holiday season. Additionally, many travellers were kept at the airport as a security measure. Public safety always comes first.

It is vitally important that communities support each other. The minority communities in the Strathclyde Police area and particularly the Glasgow minority community have intimated that they are very supportive of the police efforts to protect life.

While the majority of people in Scotland are supportive, there may be a small number of individuals who use this type of opportunity to harass and victimise members of our minority ethnic communities. This type of behaviour will not be tolerated and robustly dealt with.

The public support to this incident has been excellent and we would like to thank them, in particular the passengers and visitors at Glasgow airport, for their patience and understanding during what must have been a very stressful time.

Any person with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Incident Room on telephone number 0800 056 0944 or their local police office. Alternatively telephone Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 where anonymity can be maintained.

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Message for the communities

The MPS has conducted an immediate further review of policing plans in London to ensure that they are commensurate with the current threat level.

Security at Airports and transport hubs has been thoroughly reviewed, in conjunction with key partners, and we have introduced enhanced levels of policing and security.

This includes increased patrols by armed officers within the capital.

This is for the reassurance and security of the public, and the measures that have been introduced are within our well established contingency plans.

Policing levels across the Capital were reviewed following Friday's incidents we have deployed an enhanced number of officers for high visibility policing and this is continuing for the foreseeable future.

We are working closely with our colleagues from British Transport Police and the City of London Police to ensure this enhanced policing is replicated across the Capital.

Key message

- There will be heightened police activity in relation to these incidents across the country in the next few hours.
- Expect a rise in s44 stop/searches. This is a precautionary measure as there is no further intelligence re other targets at the present time.
- Due to potential restrictions being reviewed at key transport hubs there may be restricted access for safety reasons.

Confidential Anti Terrorist Hotline on 0800 789 321.

UK Threat levels



Mi5 The Security Service

More information on threat levels can be found on the MI5 website:

www.mi5.gov.uk



Information for people intending to travel overseas can be obtained from Foreign and Commonwealth Office

www.fco.gov.uk

Key Dates and Events

The following link to will take you to the Metropolitan Police Website where a list of forthcoming events in London that are likely to involve road closures or to cause significant disruption can be found. This information is compiled by the Metropolitan Police CO11 Public Order unit as part of its task of helping to enable large events to take place while minimising disruption to the public.

www.met.police.uk/events/index.htm

Useful Contacts

Anti-Terrorist Hotline	Communities Together Help and Advice Line
0800 789 321	0800 028 2390 or 0800 028 6522 for minicom users
	CommunitiesTogether@met.police.uk

How do I report hate crime?

Contact your local police station. You can also report crime online via:

http://www.met.police.uk/reporting_crime/index.htm

If you'd feel more comfortable giving information about hate crime to someone else, these organisations can help:

Fair Forum Against Islamophobia and Racism

www.fairuk.org

Muslim Safety Forum

0207 375 1811 or 0207 375 1812

www.muslimsafetyforum.org

Muslim Women Talk (website for all Muslim women, from all walks of life)

www.muslimwomentalk.com

Sikh Secretariat

www.sikh-secretariat.com/sikh_incident_form.htm

Hindu Forum Britain

020 8965 0671

www.hinduforum.org

The Community Security Trust (for members of the Jewish community)

020 8457 9999

www.thecst.org.uk

Commission for Racial Equality

020 7939 0178

www.cre.gov.uk

Galop (For members of LGBT communities)

0207 704 2040

www.galop.org.uk

Victim Support	Crimestoppers (anonymous)
0845 30 30 900	0800 555 111
www.victimsupport.org	

A "Communities Together" leaflet has been produced that provides details of organisations that can help you if you have been a victim of prejudice or hate. This can be ordered from the MPS Publicity Department on 020 7230 3644 or via your local police station.