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CENTRAL LONDON THREAT ASSESSMENT

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AIM

The aim of this document is to raise awareness of threats that may present themselves when operating within, or travelling to Central London. The assessment focuses on broadly identifying the threat picture that requires proactive planning to navigate. The insight given intends to lay the foundational knowledge for those within the industry to conduct their own tailored Security Risk Assessment and development of SOP's.

OVERVIEW

Central London remains one of the most visited and prestigious cities in the world, and with that comes a complex security environment, where individuals, families and organisations are met by numerous direct and indirect threat actors seeking vulnerabilities to exploit.

Over the Summer 2026 period, the city looks to continue facing pressure from organised crime groups targeting individuals for luxury watches, jewellery and personal devices; persistent political friction and large-scale protest activity stretching police resources; hostile state actors operating across both physical and cyber domains; and a Substantial terrorism threat level that has held since 2022 has recently been increased to Severe.

For High-Net-Worth Individuals, their families, and other private Clients, the vulnerability is rarely exploited by a single point of failure, it is the cumulative exposure created by predictable routines, digital exposure, and unprotected movements. This report provides insight into the broad threat picture, identifying where incidents are concentrated and profiling the actors behind them while proposing basic personal security measures that protect the individual.

UNDERSTANDING THREAT

Only when we understand how a threat is measured do we understand what steps must be taken to reduce the level of risk associated with it. The threat level is determined by the capability and intent of the threat, which is measured by four contributing factors:

Capability

- 1. Resources - Does the threat have the resources?
- 2. Knowledge - The knowledge a threat requires comes from various factors, low personal/cyber security measures, data breaches, and their online footprint either directly or indirectly. However, traditional methods such as hostile surveillance still play a huge part.

Intent

- 3. Motivation and desire - The threats identified possess various motivation such as political and financial gain and for the threat actors, this drives substantial motivation.
- 4. Expectation of success - This is measured on the situation of the target victim. Are they aware of their online exposure? Do they have a security team? Does their home address have sufficient physical security measures? The criminal mindset is to look for the "easiest payday"; the aim is to not become that.

RISK ANALYSIS

POLITICAL RISK

Public Unrest Due to Political Friction

Recent public frictions have been sparked due to both left and right wing views on topics such as illegal immigration, the war in Gaza and the war in Iran. This has led to large scale protests in London, protest dates and locations are open source leaving them easy to avoid, however they often lead to disruption of travel and leave police resources thin elsewhere.



Government Instability

A combination of recent events, such as policy U-turns, key figures being associated with the Epstein Files and the cost of living crisis continuously worsening have led to calls for Kier Starmer to stand down by members of the public from both left and right wing. This has caused a surge in support for non-traditional parties such as Reform and the Green Party which was shown during recent local elections.

SECURITY RISK

Non-violent threat from person

Pick Pockets

As with many major cities, pick-pocket groups are a persistent threat. Their modus operandi consists of targeting tourist hotspots and other busy areas in small groups, with part of the group causing distraction or providing overwatch while the others steal items from bags.



Phone Theft/Snatching

Phone theft has famously become a daily occurrence in London with an average of 195 reported incidents per day. Modus operandi consists of snatching the device from pedestrians walking or waiting at pedestrian crossings on e-bike/scooters or distraction before stealing from tables while sat inside and outside of restaurants and cafes.

Violent theft from person

Theft of High Value Items

Summer 2025 saw a spike in theft of high value items such as luxury watches, jewellery, and bags, the theft of these items was often accompanied by violence or the threat of. Small but sophisticated gangs operating on e-bikes or on foot, patrolling areas frequented by HNWI's looking for a target which they had then followed until an opportunity presented itself.





Cryptocurrency Wrench Attacks

Cryptocurrency wrench attacks are on an upward trend in Europe and the U.K., and while there have been no specific incident in Central London, there have been incidents in the wider city and Home Counties with violent home invasions and knifepoint coercion reported.



Home Invasion

Across London as a whole, there were over 48,000 burglaries in 2025, and no one is exempt from being a victim. December 2025 saw London Billionaire, Paul Coulson’s Knightsbridge home burgled twice in four days with thieves profiting £1.25m worth of items in that time.



Targeting Methods

While OCGs often look for opportunist targets, they also monitor the social media accounts of high-profile personnel, and those associated with them, to assist with locating their victims by looking for tagged locations and key indicators of well-known locations such as restaurants and hotels.

State Actors

Iran & Palestine Supporting States

Before the US/Israel-Iran conflict started, London was already seeing both successful and thwarted attacks by Iranian and Iranian backed actors. Incidents such as the targeting of dissidents and those speaking out against the regime were reported, attacks were pre-planned with intelligence. With the war currently ongoing, Iran's target list may expand to countries it views as active participators in the war, such as those from Gulf Cooperation Council.



Organisations supporting Palestine that have funding links to Iran, some of which are now banned, have targeted businesses and personnel they claim to be supporting Israel. High profile incidents such as the targeting of RAF Brize Norton and various defence contractors show the level of severity these actors are prepared to go.



Russia

Russian backed organisations have been behind numerous crimes within London, often through young people recruited on Telegram groups and alike. The reports suggest groups offer sums of money as payment for attacks on buildings linked to defence contractors.

Infrastructure

Energy

A transformer failure sparked a major fire at the North Hyde substation near Heathrow, forcing the airport to shut down for almost a full day and cutting power to thousands of nearby homes. Investigators later found long-ignored maintenance issues, prompting regulatory scrutiny and a review of infrastructure resilience. Heathrow saw disruptions to 1300+ flights with the knock-on effects lasting several days.





Cyber

The cyber space has continued to be an increased focal point of hostile actors in recent times. The National Cyber Security Centre's 2025's figures revealed there were 204 nationally significant cyber attacks in the UK with 18 being categorised as highly significant, this is up from 89 the previous year. Attacks such as phishing, ransomware and DDOS targeted the NHS, FCDO, and household names such as Jaguar Land Rover and M&S. The attacks were linked to both state actors, and hacktivist groups. In 2024 the TFL system was hacked with around 10 million people's data potentially stolen by a hacktivist group.

TRAVEL RISK

Protests

Protests are a persistent threat to travel within Central London, while the majority are planned with open-source information providing the routes, consistent monitoring of OSINT is required to proactively plan routes and avoid disruption.



Strikes

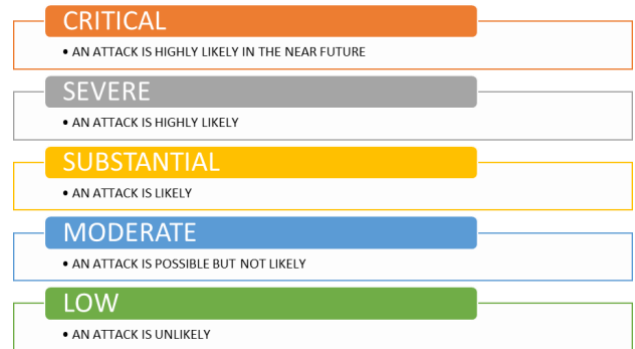
TFL strikes are usually planned to cause the most disruption to travel, September '25 and April '26 saw major walkouts and there are numerous upcoming strike dates which can be found open-source. While the strikes may not directly affect Principals, increased traffic and commuting issues may need to be considered.



Terrorism

Terror Threat Level

The UK Terror Threat Level is determined to be **Severe**- 'An attack is highly likely', it was upgraded from Substantial on 30/04/2026.



Targeting

Recent terror related offences have mainly targeted Jewish neighbourhoods, in Golders Green Jewish people, places of worship and ambulances have all been targeted by those claiming to associate with the newly formed Islamist group operating within Europe 'Harakat Ashab al-Yamin al-Islamia'. While other offences such as suspected surveillance of Jewish community locations has seen 4 men arrested. The groups actions have been sporadic due to their decentralised command, in Europe incidents such as IED and arson attacks have also occurred.

RECENT KEY INCIDENTS- Past 12 months

Crime rates within London are considerably high and the age of social media ensures incidents are posted instantly. To assess specific areas the <https://www.police.uk/> website provides a crime map and details the specific incidents in that area. The incidents highlighted below show the spread of crime type and incident location and focuses incidents that have targeted or directly impacted the general public.

Jewellery Theft:

Mayfair & Knightsbridge were a hotspot during summer 2025 for luxury watch theft and other items such as bags and even wedding rings.

A man was stabbed to death for his Rolex outside of the Park Tower Hotel.

Knightsbridge home burgled twice in four days.

Violent Crime:

Stabbing outside Sloane Square tube station during daylight hours.

Stabbing at Westminster Bridge after a fight broke out, this incident occurred at 10:45.
A vehicle was used as a weapon and a man stabbed near Regents Park during daylight hours.

Protests:

Major protests, including Pro-Palestinian/Iranian, Pro-Israel counter protests and right-wing marches occurred within proximity of Whitehall, instances of violent clashes are often reported.

Regular Anti Iranian Regime protests occurred outside of the Iranian Embassy, causing road closures and travel delays.

Low Level Organised Crime:

Crime such as phone snatching, pick pockets and theft from vehicle is most prominent in highly populated areas, whether in dense crowds, at pedestrian crossings or in quieter sides streets. There are no specific target areas, incidents are reported across the whole of London but more frequently around areas such as Soho, Oxford Street, Chelsea & Kensington, Waterloo and Victoria.

THREAT IDENTIFICATION

The following threats have been identified from the risk analysis.

Identified Threats
1) OCGs- Low level crime
2) OCGs- Serious crime
3) Hostile state actors
4) Left/right wing party supporters
5) Radical Islamist terrorism
6) Right wing terrorism
7) Hacktivist groups

Threat Matrix

Intent	Very High				1 5	
	High				2	
	Medium			4 7	3	
	Low		6			
	Very Low					
		Very Low	Low	Medium	High	Very High
		Capability				

Capability = Resource + Knowledge

Intent = Motivation + Expectation of Success

WHAT NEXT?

With threats now identified, the foundational information is provided to conduct a tailored risk assessment dependant on the Principal's lifestyle, schedule and risk profile; during this process additional or specific threats may be identified. An in-depth assessment should always be conducted by qualified security professionals to ensure that vulnerabilities are accurately identified, risks are properly prioritised, and proportionate mitigation measures are put in place to protect the Principal across all aspects of their personal and professional life.

For private Clients and those dedicated to supporting them, Tranquility Solutions offer consultations and security risk assessments, providing in-depth tailored recommendations for personal security and protection measures that are available, and how they could be implemented into your Principal's routine to protect them, their family, and their assets.

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