



THREATSCAPE

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SUMMARY

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(R) United Kingdom: British males arrested for suspected membership to right wing terrorist group

This assessment covers the period from 31 August 2017 to 6 September 2017
Threat definitions can be found on the last page.

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United Kingdom
Terrorism - HIGH

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(R) British males arrested for suspected membership to right-wing terrorist group

1. (R) Open source reporting indicates five British males have been arrested in the UK under anti-terror laws, on suspicion of being members of neo-Nazi group, National Action. Four of those arrested are serving members of the British Army, while the fifth is a civilian. In December 2016, National Action became the first extreme right-wing group to be proscribed as a terrorist organisation in the UK and since this time, more investigations into the group have been carried out.
2. (S FVEY) CTAG very rarely sights intelligence regarding right-wing extremist groups, and assesses this is likely due to Western jurisdictions defining this more as a law enforcement matter. s6(a), s6(b)(i)
[Redacted]
3. (R) These arrests highlight the complex threat many Western countries are facing from terrorism, stemming from both Islamist and right-wing extremist groups. In the UK this is also accompanied by the threat from Northern Ireland related terrorism. In June 2016, Jo Cox, a member of the British parliament was killed by a lone actor inspired by right-wing extremism. UK authorities have stated that the number of calls about suspected right-wing extremists has doubled since Ms Cox's murder. Open source reporting indicates National Action have organised themselves to use social

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media to target young people, similar to that of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant's recruitment efforts. CTAG continues to assess the terrorism threat level for the UK as **HIGH**; *terrorist attack is assessed as very likely*.

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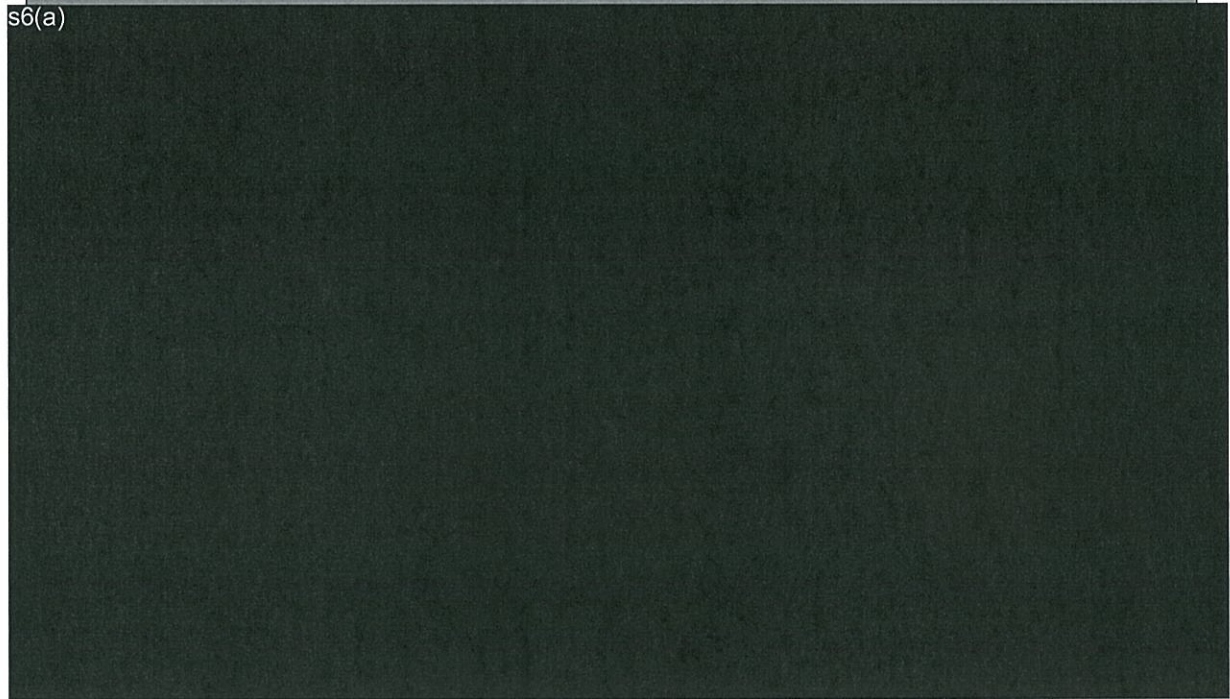
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| Threat Level | Definition | Qualitative Statement |
|--------------|--|-----------------------------|
| Negligible | Terrorist attack, or violent criminal behaviour, or violent protest activity is assessed as very unlikely. | Remote / Highly Unlikely |
| Very Low | Terrorist attack, or violent criminal behaviour, or violent protest activity is assessed as unlikely. | Improbable / Unlikely |
| Low | Terrorist attack, or violent criminal behaviour, or violent protest activity is assessed as possible, but is not expected. | Realistic Possibility |
| Medium | Terrorist attack, or violent criminal behaviour, or violent protest activity is assessed as feasible and could well occur. | Probable / Likely |
| High | Terrorist attack, or violent criminal behaviour, or violent protest activity is assessed as very likely. | Highly/Very Probable/Likely |
| Extreme | Terrorist attack, or violent criminal behaviour, or violent protest activity is expected imminently. | Almost Certain |

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