



THREATSCAPE

Violence in London during UK protests

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4120 Registered New Zealanders

(R) Violence in London during UK protests

1. (R) Large-scale protests, the majority of which have been peaceful, have taken place across the United Kingdom (UK), following the death of African-American man George Floyd, on 25 May 2020 in the United States (US) [refer 147/20/TA]. According to open source reporting, some protest action taking place in London has turned violent.
2. (R) CTAG notes open source reporting has identified UK White Identity Extremist (WIE) groups and 'hooligan' networks who have formed counter protests against those supporting the Black Lives Matter movement in London. This has resulted in violent clashes, resulting in several members of the public and police force being injured by bodily force and smoke bombs.
3. (R) CTAG notes a majority of the weapons or violent tactics used in the London protests are of low-sophistication and easily available, including makeshift weapons that are being used opportunistically, such as broken bottles and fireworks. We note there were over 100 arrests in London last weekend for crimes relating to violent disorder, possession of an offensive weapon, possession of drugs, and drunk and disorderly behaviour. Protestors in London have also vandalised statues of historical significance.
4. (R) We assess that several motivating factors contributing to the widespread global protests, such as anti-racism, hate crimes, anti-authoritarianism, and the provocation of civil unrest, align closely with several streams of Ideologically Motivated Violent Extremism (IMVE), including Anarchists and WIE. There is a realistic possibility IMVE will use the ongoing violent protests to further their ideological goals.

5. s6(a) [REDACTED]

Threat to New Zealanders in the UK

6. (R) CTAG assesses it is unlikely New Zealanders will be specifically targeted by violent protestors in the UK. However, given the large numbers of New Zealanders present in the UK, we assess New Zealanders could be incidentally caught up in, and possibly harmed during violent clashes.

The domestic violent protest and terrorism threat environment

7. (R) CTAG notes peaceful protests have taken place in New Zealand over the last two weeks in support of the Black Lives Matter movement. We have sighted no intelligence to suggest there is any violent protest activity planned to take place in New Zealand. Protests in New Zealand are usually non-violent, conducted legally and the majority of New Zealand-based activists engage in peaceful protest activity. CTAG assesses most protestors do not support the use of violent or destructive tactics.

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

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