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INCREASED THREAT LEVEL IN THE UK

Protocol Directorate of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office presents its compliments to all Diplomatic Missions, Consular Posts and certain International Organisations in London and has the honour to refer to recent incidents which caused the threat level in the UK to be raised to **Critical** on 30 June.

Following the discovery of two car bombs in London on Friday 29 June and the incident at Glasgow airport on Saturday 30 June relevant security information was disseminated by the Diplomatic Protection Group (DPG), and posted on the DPG and Protocol Directorate's websites:

<https://dpgforum.met.police.uk/>
<http://www.fco.gov.uk/protocolwebsite>

In the event of an emergency, information will also be provided through the emergency e-mail notification system. It is important that diplomatic missions and international organisations ensure that they have provided Protocol Directorate e-mail addresses for use in such circumstances.

“Critical” is the highest level of threat and means that an attack is expected imminently. Appropriate security measures have been put in place. The threat level is kept under close review.

During this period of Critical threat level in the United Kingdom, the Directorate respectfully requests the understanding of all diplomatic missions and international organisations if figures who are normally exempt are asked to undergo security procedures at airports and/or other key locations.

Please contact your police liaison inspector if you have any concerns about the current security threat, or have any information that you wish to share with the UK authorities.

Protocol Directorate of the Foreign and Commonwealth avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Diplomatic Missions, Consular Posts and certain International Organisations the assurance of its highest consideration.

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