Police reassure public following Berlin truck attack

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Following the Berlin truck attack of Monday 19th December — which so far has led to 12 deaths and left 49 injured — Assistant Chief Constable Bernard Higgins has issued a statement to reassure the Scottish public that plans are in place to ensure their safety.

ACC Bernard Higgins said: "Police Scotland has detailed plans in place to ensure the safety of the public at a wide range of festive and major events.

"All plans are kept under constant review and are assessed against the impact of incidents which take place elsewhere including Berlin.

"There is no intelligence at this time to suggest a threat to any specific event in Scotland. Our policing presence and posture will be appropriate to the latest information and current threat.

"The UK threat level remains at Severe and people should remain alert at all times, but not alarmed. Any suspicious activity should be reported.

"Police Scotland works with a wide range of partners including the UK counter terrorism network to ensure people can go about their lives safely and securely at all times, including during the festive period when our main centres may be far busier than normal."

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