

UK threat level reduced from Critical to Severe



The UK threat level has been reduced from Critical to Severe.

The level was raised following the bombing on a London train however police in England have made a number of arrests and after an assessment of current intelligence, the decision to lower the level was taken.

Police Scotland have asked the public to remain vigilant.

Assistant Chief Constable Bernard Higgins said: "Although the UK Government has announced that the UK threat level is to be reduced to Severe, the public should remain vigilant.

"Since the level was raised on Friday, we have had additional armed police officers on patrol across the country and the public should continue to expect to see these officers as we gradually scale back our policing response in keeping with the UK-wide operation.

"Ultimately, communities defeat terrorism, and we must maintain the strong relationship we have between the public and the police.

"Terrorists want to create discord, distrust and fear. The police stand together with all communities in the UK and we will take action against any criminal behaviour, which seeks to undermine society, especially where crimes are motivated by hate."