

International Security Week Press Office

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**Protecting Critical National Infrastructure from Terrorism remains a high priority at International
Security Week**

*ISWeek, 30 November – 3 December, will see Counter Terror experts discussing how to adapt to
international security threats*

As International Security Week (ISWeek), 30 November – 3 December 2020, draws closer, experienced names in the industry are preparing to join together to dissect recent incidents of terrorism and how to combat extremism while protecting national assets.

This week marks five years since the shocking series of coordinated terrorist attacks across Paris, which tragically killed 130 people. Recent incidents in Nice, France and Vienna, Austria, have been a stark reminder that extremism remains a key issue for nations, even during the COVID-19 pandemic. ISWeek, which incorporates International Security Expo (ISE), International Cyber Expo (ICE) and International Disaster Response Expo (IDR), will bring panels of counter terror experts together to look at how the industry can better share intelligence and best practice.

Getting under the skin of extremists

During Day One, sponsored by HS Security, we will hear from ex-jihadi **Aimen Dean**, who eventually defected to pass information to UK intelligence on al-Qaeda's networks and plots. He will explain how the Islamist movement is evolving in the wake of COVID-19. **Steve Rodhouse, Director General Operations** will share perspectives from **the National Crime Agency (NCA)** on what will be the most pressing Serious and Organised Crime to tackle in 2021.

Balancing Protection and Access

Earlier this month, the UK's alert level was raised to 'severe', and **Niall Griffin, Hardstaff Barriers - Representing HS Security, a Division of Hill & Smith PLC**, will explain why identification of risk and the implementation of measures must be managed carefully. **Fay Tennet, Deputy Director of Security**



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Operations at the Houses of Parliament will join a panel to deliberate the balance between protecting locations and ensuring it remains accessible. **Steve Cooper OBE, Chief Operating Officer at Apstec Systems** will speak to acclaimed security and intelligence journalist **Philip Ingram MBE** about security screening in the post-pandemic era.

Protecting Critical National Infrastructure (CNI)

Mitigating the threats to CNI requires careful policy and implementation. **Chris Fitzgerald, Head of Business Resilience & Security at Thames Water; Justin Lowe, industry leader in cyber resilience of energy and utilities and critical infrastructures** and **Senior Home Office Official Shaun Hipgrave** will take part in a panel on Day Three, which focuses on Protecting CNI & Crowded Places and adapting Law and Order, sponsored by Apstec.

Intelligence sharing is made easier in the digital age, but **Commissioner Ian Dyson of the City of London Police** will look at the impact of Brexit on the UK's ability to share data with European and International colleagues and the solutions being put into place to continue effective transnational communication.

Event Director Rachael Shattock said: "With 13 national infrastructure sectors in the UK, there is a tremendous amount for security professionals to consider when protecting a country's way of life. That's why we're delighted to offer such a diverse range of voices at ISWeek in 2020, providing their experience in the fields of law and order, CNI protection and counter terrorism. There are just days left to register to attend, so we encourage everyone in the industry to sign up today to access all of the fantastic content, as well as an exclusive report into the State of Security by **Westlands Advisory**."

ISWeek

Incorporating International Security Expo (ISE), International Cyber Expo (ICE) and International Disaster Response Expo (IDR), ISWeek will be filmed in a television studio setting, with high production value. Leading experts from around the globe will be interviewed by veteran security and intelligence journalist, Philip Ingram MBE, during high-level interactive panel discussions and 'fireside chats'.



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About International Security Week

International Security Week 30 Nov – 3 Dec 2020 is a virtual event launched by Nineteen Group to support the portfolio's core values of collaboration, innovation and the delivery of premium content. The four day event will feature a series of high-level, thought leadership panel discussions and CPD certified educational sessions, with world renowned speakers covering the most topical subjects in security, counter terrorism, cyber and disaster response.

All broadcast from a real studio setting, ISWeek will stand out from the crowd and bring you exclusive CPD certified content. It is not the usual webinar format with PowerPoint slides and webcams, this is a new innovative online event featuring high-level panel discussions, question time style debates, fireside discussions and interactive Q&A.

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