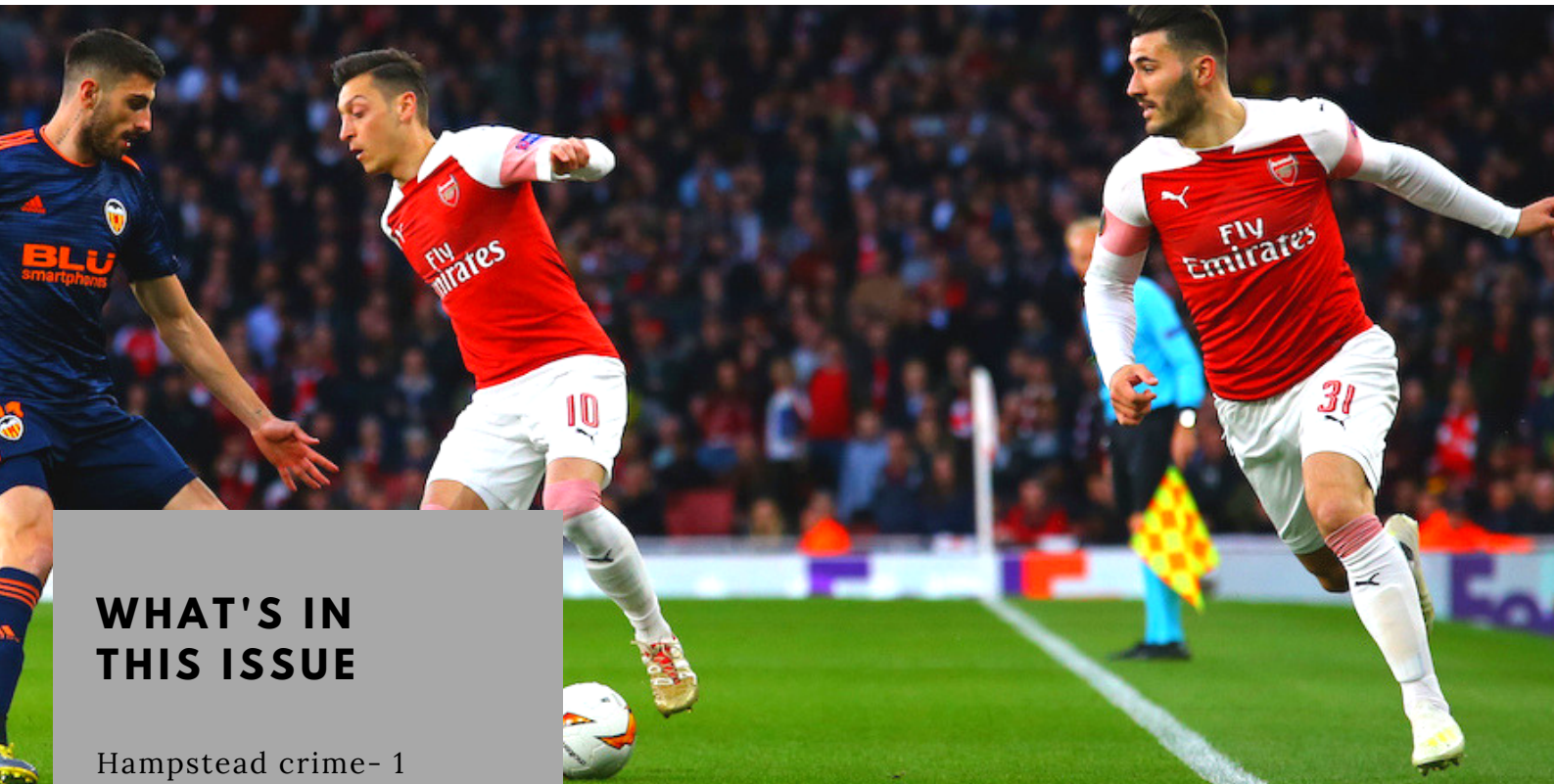


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HAMPSTEAD CRIME

This summer, Arsenal footballers Mesut Özil and Sead Kolasinac were caught up in a London gang war, resulting in them being kept under 24 hour security protection. The security threat was deemed so severe that they missed their opening Premiership match fixture.

A North London gang reportedly vowed to take 'everything they have' from the players, despite - or due to - warnings from a rival Eastern European mob that the pair are 'off limits'.

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The gang feud began when the footballers were targeted by car-jackers in north London on July 25th. They were ambushed by robbers, as Özil left home in his Mercedes and were subsequently chased through north London at high-speed. The attackers reportedly threw roof tiles at the vehicle to try and break the rear window.

Security camera footage showed Kolasinac confronting the offenders as they approached the car. Luckily, neither Özil nor Kolasinac, were harmed in this incident.

On the 8th August there was another worrying episode leading to the arrest of two men outside Özil's Hampstead home. This was said to have contributed to the decision that they would not play in their club's first season fixture.

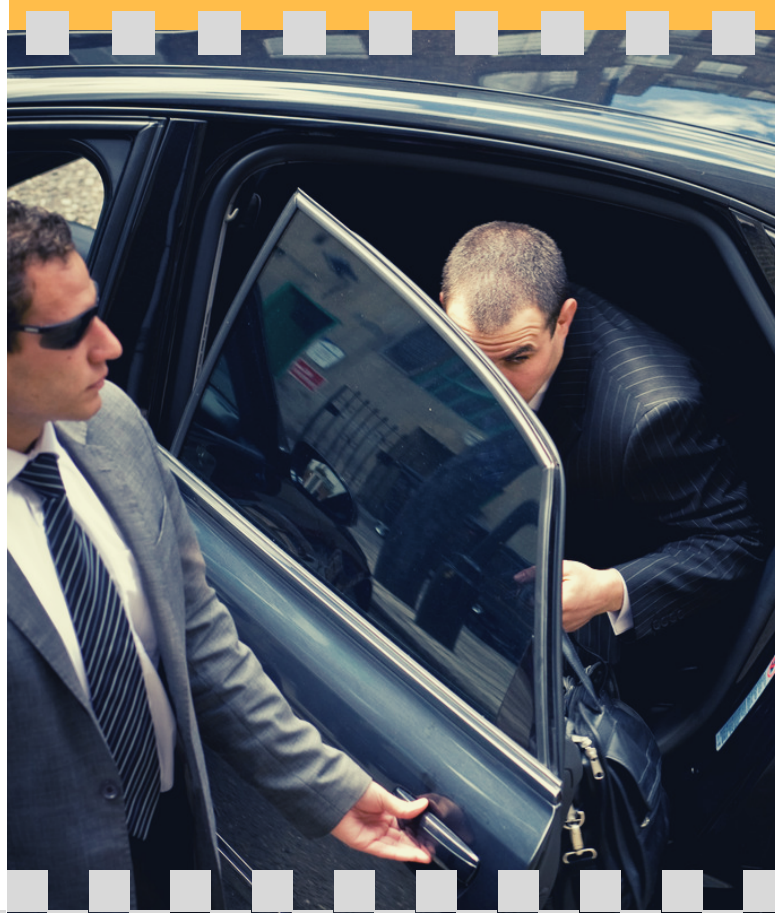
This is just one recent, high profile example. But the criminal threat to London's wealthiest footballers is now so serious that greater numbers of guard dogs and even military drivers are being hired; footballers could also face new insurance clauses in their contracts. And of course, the problem extends to Hampstead residents, outside of the public eye.

In areas like Hampstead Garden Suburb, home security gates have had to be made higher and more sophisticated; CCTV cameras are also being made visible on poles, gates and fences and private security firms are increasingly being called upon to provide uniformed guards and marked vehicles as a clear deterrent and to divert this worrying criminal activity from residents' homes.

In fact, we have seen a threefold increase in enquiries for residential security patrols over the past 8 months in comparison to the same period last year.

We urge our customers to take advantage of our 'Meet and Greet' service to eliminate any fear of returning to your property and being mugged on your driveway. Given 5-10 minutes' notice, your guard will scan the area and escort you safely to and from your front door. It is always best to make use of every resource available to you.

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NOTTING HILL CARNIVAL

Over 350 people were arrested during the course of this year's Notting Hill carnival, which took place across the August Bank Holiday week end.

Police were given special powers on the Monday, enabling them to enforce Stop and Search procedures, under Section 60 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act. In real terms, this meant they were able to search carnival-goers to look for offensive weapons before they might be used, or look for weapons used in a recent attack that might be carried by someone in the vicinity.

Restrictions to Stop and Search were initiated in 2014.

Of the total number of crimes reported, the largest numbers of offences were as follows:

37 x Assaults on police
31 x Public order offences
34 x Offensive weapons
162 x Drugs offences

30 Met police officers also suffered minor injuries.



AIRPORTS UPDATE

In our August 2018 newsletter we reported on the trial of 3D scanners in airports which could not only increase security but cut queuing time and eliminate restrictions on carrying liquids on board.

The technology, much like a CT scan, provides a clear image which can be zoomed in and rotated. It can also tell what liquid is contained in the luggage.

In November 2006, a limit to how much liquid could be carried on a plane was introduced, as a result of police foiling at least 10 plots to blow up planes, by way of utilising liquids carried on board.

The Government has now said that all major UK airports must introduce 3D baggage scanning equipment by the end of 2022.



KEYLESS CAR THEFT








What Car? security experts recently performed a number of tests, using the same specialist technology operated by thieves, to establish how long it would take to steal a car with a keyless entry system.

Keyless entry systems enable cars to start if a fob is nearby. However, thieves using relay devices to boost the signal can trick the cars' sensors into thinking the keyless fob is closer than it is, enabling them to open and start a vehicle even when the fob remains in the owner's house.

What Car? measured the time it took to get into the cars and drive them away. The image to the right shows some of their findings.

Of 237 keyless cars tested, only seven were not susceptible to being both unlocked and started. Only three models – all from Jaguar Land Rover – were completely secure during attempts to unlock or start their engines. The latest versions of the Land Rover Discovery and Range Rover, as well as the Jaguar i-Pace, use technology that can more accurately determine the distance from the car.

Car theft rates in England and Wales have reached an eight-year high. In 2018, more than 106,000 vehicles were stolen.

	Model	Result
	DS 3 Crossback Puretech 155 Ultra Prestige	Stolen in 10 seconds
	Land Rover Discovery Sport TD4 180 HSE (2018)	Stolen in 30 seconds
	Land Rover Discovery SD6 306 HSE	Stolen in 20 seconds, but could not drive away
	BMW X3 xDrive 20i M Sport (2018)	Stolen in 60 seconds, but only with active "smart key"
	Audi TT RS Roadster	Stolen in 10 seconds, but only with active "smart key"
	Ford Fiesta 1.0 EcoBoost 140 ST-Line X	Stolen in 60 seconds, but only with active "smart key"
	Mercedes A-Class A220 AMG Line	Stolen in 50 seconds, but only with active "smart key"

LOCAL NEWS

Hendon

A man has been sentenced to more than ten years in jail after raping a woman in Hendon. Abdullahi Mohammed was jailed at Harrow Crown Court on Monday, 19 August.

Mohammed pleaded guilty of all offences at an earlier hearing in February.

Central London

On August 22nd, a 66-year-old pedestrian was pronounced dead at the scene after being hit by a £250,000 Rolls Royce near Buckingham Palace.

The man was knocked down by a Qatari-registered Rolls Royce Wraith, as he crossed the road at Hyde Park Corner. The driver involved in the collision stopped and no arrests were made.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Anti-social behaviour can be a huge concern and source of stress for residents in any area. Increased violence and criminal damage are often closely followed in a neighbourhood where anti-social behaviour is rife.

If your area is prone to anti-social behaviour, you can now report it online. The Met Police have set up an online tool to make it easy to do so. Just follow the link below:

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