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KENSINGTON: SECTION 60

A Police Stop and Search Section 60 order was put in place around Knightsbridge, Chelsea and Kensington until 07:00 on 30th August as officers patrolled areas hit by a recent spate of weapon-enabled robberies in central London.

The Section 60, which was issued by Chelsea and Kensington Police at 11pm on Saturday, August 28, allowed officers to stop and search anyone and has been a proven tactic in keeping streets safer and reducing weapon crime.

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The Section 60 was in force around the area where recent robberies have taken place and include, Drayton Gardens, Old Brompton Road, Beaufort Street, Chelsea Embankment up to Chelsea Bridge Road, up to Sloane Square, up Sloane Street, up to Knightsbridge and then back up Kensington Road down to Old Brompton Road linking back to Drayton Gardens.

Met Police said: "This is due to a series of weapon enabled robberies".

Section 60 is used by police to help them carry out stop and search, a tactic which is believed to help remove weapons from the streets and ultimately save lives.



TERROR REVIEW

This July, security expert Lord Toby Harris, was appointed to assess whether coronavirus had any impact on how well the capital would cope with another major terror attack.

London Mayor Sadiq Khan said extremists had used the lockdowns to "spread disinformation" and "radicalise the vulnerable".

Lord Harris' review will examine learning points from terror attacks in London in 2017 and recent attacks in Streatham and Fishmongers' Hall. His report is due later this year.

Explaining why he had ordered the review, Mr Khan said extremists had used the internet during the recent coronavirus lockdowns to "spread disinformation, as well as attempting to radicalise the vulnerable to commit violent acts".

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He added: "Whilst we have made some significant improvements since 2016, a lot has changed.

"The attacks on our city in 2017, the Manchester Arena bombing, and more recently, the attacks in Streatham and at Fishmongers' Hall, means there's much more to be learned.

"We must adapt and strengthen our city's capability to prepare and respond to the evolving threat of terrorism and the impact of the pandemic."

The UK's current terrorism threat level is "substantial" meaning a terrorist attack is likely.

Lord Harris, a security adviser who chaired the Metropolitan Police Authority, warned that the nature of the terrorist threat has "altered".

He said: "The purpose of this review is to take stock of where we are now and whether there are additional steps that should be taken to help ensure the safety of Londoners."
Lord Harris also wants to look at any further learning points from the recent terror attacks in London.



SPYWARE APPS

Cyber criminals are tricking UK citizens into downloading a malicious app by sending convincing-looking 'missed parcel' text messages. The messages contain links to an 'official' delivery or parcel tracking app.

The app is in fact malicious and contains spyware. If installed, it can steal your banking details, passwords, and other sensitive information.

The app also accesses your contacts and sends them to the criminals, and sends additional text messages from your device to other people's contacts, further spreading itself.



How to safely check for missed parcels if you're expecting a delivery and you receive a 'missed parcel' message:

1. Do not click the link.
2. Use the official websites of delivery companies to track your parcel.

If you have already downloaded the spyware app you must steps to clean your device, as your passwords and online accounts could be accessed by cyber criminals.

Do not log into any accounts until you have followed these steps:



Perform a factory reset as soon as possible:

- The process for doing this will vary based on the device manufacturer, so refer to the device's guidance for details.
- If you don't have backups enabled, you will lose data.
- You may need to enter a password when you reset your device (make sure you change this password).

Do not restore from any backups:

- Backups created after you downloaded the app will also be infected.
- Keep in mind that automatic backups are made every 24 hours if you're connected to Wi-Fi.

Check other recently accessed accounts:

- If you have logged in to any accounts or apps using a password since downloading the app, you must also change that account password.

Use new passwords:

- If you have used these same passwords for any other accounts, then these also need to be changed.

LOCAL CRIME

Marylebone Murder

Lee Peacock, 49, of Harrow Road, has appeared in court and been charged with murdering two people who were found stabbed to death within hours of each other near Marylebone.

Police attended a property on Ashbridge Street, Marylebone, after concerns for the occupants at about 9.30pm on Thursday 19th August.

Officers found a 45-year-old woman who had suffered a knife injury. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

Paramedics then alerted them to a man, 59, who died from a knife injury at another property in nearby Jerome Crescent, St John's Wood at 02.15am on Friday 20th August.

He was remanded in custody and will appear next at the Old Bailey.

Range Rover Crash

Four men have been arrested after a Range Rover crashed into a Central London Argos store in the early hours of Monday 30th August.

The vehicle crashed into the front of the Argos store in Tottenham Court Road at around 1.06am.

Police say the crash happened after they received a report of a robbery, which allegedly took place in Sloane Avenue, in Chelsea, at around 10.15pm on Sunday, August 29.

Four men have been arrested on suspicion of robbery and grievous bodily harm. They were taken to Central London police stations where they remain.

Harrow Stabbing

Five people were taken to hospital with stab wounds following 'large fight' in northwest London.

Four men and one woman, who are in their late teens or 20s, suffered stab injuries during the incident in Railway Approach, Harrow.

Police and ambulance crews were called to the disturbance in Harrow, northwest London, at about 4am on Monday 30th August. An investigation is under way but no arrests have been made so far.

