

## ACPOS NEWS RELEASE

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### ACPOS RESPONSE TO DOWNGRADING OF UK THREAT LEVEL

The Joint Terrorism and Analysis Centre (JTAC) changed the national threat level from 'Critical' to 'Severe' on Wednesday.

This means that the intelligence assessment suggests that a terrorist attack is no longer imminent but that an attack is highly likely.

Chief Constable Colin McKerracher of Grampian Police, President of the Association of Chief Police Officers in Scotland, said: "The reduction of the threat level does not mean the threat has gone away – there remains a real and serious threat against the UK; therefore, the public must remain vigilant.

"Although protective security levels will become less intense, there will remain higher than usual levels of police activity to reflect recent events in Glasgow and London.

"The decision to change the threat level is made by JTAC based on the very latest intelligence, capability, intent and timescale. The threat level remains under constant review.

"ACPOS would like to reassure the public that the police service will continue doing absolutely everything in its power to keep them safe and would like to thank them for their patience and forbearance during this difficult period."

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ACPOS is the collective organisation of Chief Constables, Deputy Chief Constables, Assistant Chief Constables and Senior Support Staff from the eight police forces in Scotland, the British Transport Police (Scotland) and the newly-formed Scottish Police Services Authority (SPSA), which is the umbrella group for common police services, including the Scottish Crime and Drug Enforcement Agency (SCDEA).

ACPOS is a strategic body which oversees and co-ordinates all aspects of the direction and development of the Scottish Police Service as a whole. ACPOS plays a vital role in formulating policing policy and plays an active role in consultation processes with both the Scottish Parliament and the UK Parliament.