



# SINCE 9/11 First Response Workshop Guidance Note

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This is a standalone session designed to be adapted or tailored to students at Key Stage 3, 4 or 5.

This workshop gives students the opportunity to explore how we respond to terrorism as a society from multiple perspectives and sectors using mock press conferences to consider responses and questions on national security/ civil liberties.

Use the supporting documents to structure the workshop. The workshop will be challenging for students and will encourage them to think on their feet, as well as develop confidence in their public speaking skills.

## **Learning Objectives:**

- Students will understand the complex nature of dealing with terrorism as a phenomenon
- Students will consider balances between policies and stakeholders which must be considered in any response to terrorism
- Develop skills to critically assess crucial pieces of information in a limited timeframe
- Develop confidence in presentation and public speaking

## **Session Overview**

Using the support briefing notes, students will hold mock press conferences based on a fictitious terrorist attack in the fictional state of Redland. Students should first be divided into three/four groups:

- Prime Minister and Cabinet
- Police Chief and Advisors
- CEO of MeTube and Advisors (fictional social media giant)
- Press (optional fourth group depending on class size)

Explain to students that they are now citizens of Redland in the wake of a devastating terrorist attack. It is early in the aftermath of the attack and details are scarce, however, the people of Redland are waiting for a response from the state. Each group should nominate a spokesperson (Prime Minister, Police Chief, MeTube CEO).

The groups will then be given a short period of time to analyse the briefing notes in relation to their group:

- PM receives Redland Security Service Memo
- Police Chief receives Police Department Situation Report
- MeTube CEO receives MeTube briefing note
- Press Group receives all briefing notes

The students should study the information carefully to learn as much as they can about the situation in a short amount of time. This will challenge their critical thinking skills to glean the briefing notes for the key information which it will be important to present.

Ask the groups to prepare an emergency 2-3 minute statement for the press which the nominated spokesperson will present. Explain that in a free society, one of the functions of the press is to hold the government to account.

During their preparation time, complicate the preparations by delivering an emergency memo to each group which will change their interpretation of the info.

### **Press Conferences:**

The teacher/workshop facilitator should allow each group to deliver their statement. Immediately following each statement will be a period of press questions. Some example questions are in the supporting documents, but the workshop leader should consider what information the public will want to know from each group in the aftermath of an attack.

For example, lines of questioning on policy and intelligence failures may be the most appropriate for the Prime Minister; assuring the security of the citizens of Redland without infringing civil liberties may be the most appropriate line of questions for the Police and questions on inaction over extremist material and freedom of speech debates will be appropriate for the Social Media Giant CEO.

It is encouraged to allow the spokesperson to take 2-3 of their group to the front of the class with them to support with questions, as this section of the workshop can be challenging. The group's answers to questions may lead to further questions which the workshop leader can press the group on.

Other students not presenting/ the press group should be encouraged to come up with their own questions.

The aim is to demonstrate to students the degree of nuance to the issue of terrorism, and the extent to which a whole societal response is required. Issues of security vs liberty will also come up in discussion.

## Teaching Controversial Issues

Where discussions lead onto discussions about radicalisation and extremism, teachers should ensure that they are familiar with the school's PREVENT Duty and Child Protection Policy. The teacher should report any concerns regarding children at risk of radicalisation.

This topic is extremely sensitive, and the issues covered will need to be handled with care. It is important to be mindful that certain groups of students may have encountered hostility in the wake of recent acts of terror. Please ensure that you are also aware of any students who might be refugees or asylum seekers from countries affected by terrorism. It is always possible that someone in the class may have suffered a loss of a family member or friend e.g. in the recent attacks in the UK, London 7/7, recent European attacks, the Syrian conflict or fighting in Iraq or Afghanistan. Schools have a responsibility to inform the facilitator if there are any students who may fall into the categories above.

The facilitator should remain politically neutral at all times and always present a balanced point of view, considering arguments on each side whilst suggesting students evaluate which arguments are stronger/better supported by evidence. Please see [Guidance for Teaching Sensitive and Controversial Issues](#) for more information.

### Session Plan

#### 5-10 minutes:

Introduction to workshop, concept and learning objectives.

#### 10 minutes:

Split into three groups to consider the briefing notes and prepare press statements

#### 15 minutes:

Deliver Emergency Memo to each group

#### 20 minutes:

Statement Preparation time is now over. Each group should deliver their 2-3 minute statement which should then be followed by press questioning. The Workshop leader should pre-plan possible questions and react when an answer may lead to another line of questioning.

Allow approximately 8 minutes for each group's presentation and follow up questions.

#### 45 minutes:

Debrief with the students. What did they learn? Do they understand the purpose of the workshop? Do they have a more nuanced understanding of the issue? What do they think of the balancing act between policies, stakeholders, security and rights which must be struck when responding to terrorism?

**50 minutes:**

George W. Bush's speech in the aftermath of the 9/11 terrorist attacks can be a useful tool to show a real example of a reaction to a devastating attack:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YMiqEUBux3o>

**55 minutes:**

Wrap up



# METUBE ENTERTAINMENT

## **BRIEFING NOTE FOR METUBE CEO: SCARLETVILLE TERRORIST ATTACK**

### **PURPOSE:**

BREAKDOWN OF THE SCARLETVILLE TERRORIST ATTACKS AND THE CURRENT POSITION OF METUBE REGARDING THE MATTER.

### **BACKGROUND:**

AFTER SIMULTANEOUS ATTACKS IN MULBERRY SQ AND NORTHFIELD SHOPPING CENTRE IN SCARLETVILE THIS MORNING, METUBE HAS COME UNDER SCRUTINY FROM THE PUBLIC AND PRESS FOR HOSTING CONTENT FROM MEMBERS OF THE TERRORIST ORGANISATION E.L.F. WHO ARE BELIEVED TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTACKS.

DUE TO OUR COMMITMENT TO FREE SPEECH, IT IS NOT STRAIGHTFORWARD TO REMOVE OR RESTRICT CONTENT, FURTHERMORE AS ALL CONTENT IS USER GENERATED, METUBE'S STANCE IS THAT WE ARE NOT LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTENT SHARED ON OUR PLATFORM.

A TOTAL OF 112 HAVE BEEN KILLED AND A FURTHER 406 INJURED. OF THE 4 SUSPECTS 2 HAVE BEEN KILLED, 1 WOUNDED AND IN CUSTODY AND 1 IS STILL AT LARGE.

### **SITUATION:**

FOLLOWING A SIMILAR ATTACK IN 2017, METUBE WAS HEAVILY CRITICISED BY THE PRESS AND NAMED SPECIFICALLY BY THE PRIME MINISTER FOR HOSTING EXTREMIST AND E.L.F. CONTENT.

SINCE 2017, METUBE HAS:

- ESTABLISHED A COUNTER-EXTREMISM WORKING GROUP TO COMBAT MISUSE OF THE PLATFORM.
- REMOVED 15,000 PIECES OF EXTREMIST PROPAGANDA FROM METUBE
- INVESTED \$1MILLION INTO COMMUNITY COUNTER EXTREMISM PROGRAMS

ONE OF THE SUSPECTS IN TODAY'S ATTACK WAS INFLUENTIAL ON OUR PLATFORM AND HAD USED THE CHANNEL TO CALL FOR SIMILAR ATTACKS AROUND THE WORLD FROM SUPPORTERS.

IT IS METUBE'S OFFICIAL POLICY TO UPHOLD A STRONG COMMITMENT TO FREEDOM OF SPEECH. METUBE WILL REMOVE CONTENT WHICH SHOWS VIOLENCE OR CALLS FOR VIOLENCE. REMOVING SUCH CONTENT HAS PROVED CHALLENGING DUE TO THE LABOUR INTENSIVE NATURE OF THE WORK AND THAT METUBE DOES NOT OWN CONTENT ON THE PLATFORM.



## METUBE ENTERTAINMENT

### EXAMPLE QUESTIONS

BELOW ARE SOME EXAMPLE QUESTIONS YOU CAN ASK FOLLOWING THE METUBE CEO STATEMENT:

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#### **QUESTION 1**

HOW RESPONSIBLE DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELVES FOR TODAY'S ATTACK GIVEN THAT YOUR PLATFORM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HOSTING EXTREMIST CONTENT?

#### **QUESTION 2**

WHY WAS THERE NO INITIATIVE TAKEN TO REMOVE AN E.L.F VIDEO THAT WAS FLAGGED AND REPORTED A NUMBER OF TIMES?

#### **QUESTION 3**

WHY CAN'T A MULTIMILLION DOLLAR COMPANY LIKE METUBE INVEST MORE RESOURCES INTO MONITORING AND REMOVING EXTREMIST AND TERRORIST CONTENT ON THE PLATFORM?

#### **QUESTION 4**

WE UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE A COMMITMENT TO FREEDOM OF SPEECH, HOWEVER SHOULDN'T THE LINE BE DRAWN WHERE THERE IS A CALL FOR VIOLENCE OR HATRED IS INCITED?



# SCARLETVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## SITUATION REPORT

### OVERVIEW

TWO COORDINATED ATTACKS THIS MORNING TOOK PLACE IN SCARLETVILLE AT 8.15AM AT THE HEIGHT OF RUSH HOUR

TERRORIST GROUP E.L.F DETONATED A BOMB IN MULBERRY SQUARE, CLOSE TO THE PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

TWO BUILDINGS SEVERELY DAMAGED BY THE BOMB COLLAPSED

93 PEOPLE WERE KILLED

AT 8.23AM FOUR GUNMEN OPENED FIRE ON MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AT A SECOND LOCATION AT NORTHFIELD SHOPPING CENTRE KILLING 19

ARMED COUNTER TERRORISM OFFICERS ARRIVED ON SCENE AT 8.47AM AND ENGAGED THE ATTACKERS

26 MEMBERS OF THE EMERGENCY SERVICES RESPONDING TO THE SCENES ARE AMONG THE VICTIMS

A FURTHER 406 INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN INJURED OR ARE CURRENTLY MISSING

### UPDATES

E.L.F CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY VIA A VIDEO RELEASED ONLINE

2 SUSPECTS HAVE BEEN KILLED, 1 INJURED & IN CUSTODY AND 1 SUSPECT IS CURRENTLY UNACCOUNTED FOR

A SPOKESPERSON FOR THE TERRORIST ORGANISATION HAS CALLED FOR MORE ATTACKS - WAS KNOWN TO BE ACTIVE ACROSS SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS SPREADING E.LF PROPAGANDA

THE EDEN PARTY WHICH HAS SEVERAL MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT AND HISTORIC LINKS TO E.L.F. HAS DISTANCED ITSELF FROM BOTH E.L.F AND TODAY'S EVENTS BUT MANY IN THE PUBLIC STILL CONSIDER THEM SYMPATHETIC TO E.L.F

### RESPONSE

THE PRIME MINISTER WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE IN RESPONSE TO THE ATTACK BEFORE THE POLICE CHIEF RESPONSE

ONE OF THE SUSPECTS WAS PREVIOUSLY KNOWN TO THE SECURITY SERVICES

COUNTER-TERRORISM OFFICERS ARE CONDUCTING RAIDS ON KNOWN E.L.F CELLS UNDER SURVEILLANCE



# SCARLETVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## EXAMPLE QUESTIONS

BELOW ARE SOME EXAMPLE QUESTIONS FOLLOWING THE  
SCARLETVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S STATEMENT:

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### QUESTION 1

WHY DID IT TAKE 32 MINUTES FOLLOWING THE FIRST ATTACK  
FOR POLICE TO RESPOND?

### QUESTION 2

EYE-WITNESSES CLAIM THERE HAVE BEEN 6 GUNMEN AT THE  
SCENE. WHAT ARE THE POLICE DOING TO CONFIRM THIS AND  
ENSURE PUBLIC SAFETY?

### QUESTION 3

WHY WEREN'T RAIDS CONDUCTED ON KNOWN E.L.F CELLS  
BEFORE THE ATTACKS?

### QUESTION 4

WHAT SECURITY MEASURES HAVE BEEN PUT IN PLACE TO  
ENSURE THE FURTHER ATTACKS THAT E.L.F HAVE CALLED FOR  
WON'T TAKE PLACE?



# REDLAND SECURITY SERVICE

## EMERGENCY MEMO

TO: PRIME MINISTER

FROM: REDLAND DOMESTIC SECURITY SERVICE

RE: SCARLETVILLE TERRORIST ATTACKS

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IT HAS COME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SECURITY SERVICE, THAT THIS MORNING'S COORDINATED TERRORIST ATTACKS IN MULBERRY SQUARE AND NORTHFIELD SHOPPING CENTRE, WHICH KILLED 112 AND INJURED A FURTHER 406, HAVE BEEN PERPETRATED BY TERRORIST GROUP E.L.F WHO HAVE CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY VIA A VIDEO RELEASED ONLINE.

FOUR GUNMEN ATTACKED NORTHFIELD SHOPPING CENTRE. 2 SUSPECTS WERE SHOT DEAD BY ARMED POLICE, 1 WOUNDED & ARRESTED, 1 SUSPECT UNACCOUNTED FOR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE FLED THE SCENE.

THE E.L.F. CAMPAIGN OF VIOLENCE AND ECONOMIC SABOTAGE IS DRIVEN BY THEIR DESIRE TO REMOVE GOVERNMENTS AND ORGANISATIONS THEY SEE AS HARMING THE ENVIRONMENT, IN THEIR PUSH TO CREATE A NEW GLOBAL 'GREEN' REPUBLIC.

AN ANONYMOUS E.L.F SPOKESPERSON HAS POSTED A STATEMENT ON METUBE CLAIMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ATTACKS AND CALLED FOR MORE ACTION AROUND THE WORLD FROM E.L.F. SUPPORTERS, THEREFORE WE URGE THE GOVERNMENT TO REMAIN VIGILANT AND ASK CIVILIANS TO DO THE SAME, ESPECIALLY A SUSPECT STILL AT LARGE.

THE LEADER OF THE EDEN PARTY, WITH MEMBERS AFFILIATED TO E.L.F. HAS DISTANCED HIMSELF FROM TODAY'S ATTACKS IN AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

THE SECURITY SERVICE IS WORKING WITH SCARLETVILLE POLICE COUNTER-TERRORISM COMMAND TO SHUT DOWN AND ARREST REMAINING E.L.F. CELLS UNDER SURVEILLANCE.

JANE DOE, DIRECTOR OF REDLAND SECURITY SERVICE



## REDLAND SECURITY SERVICE

### **EXAMPLE QUESTIONS**

BELOW ARE SOME EXAMPLE QUESTIONS YOU CAN ASK STUDENTS FOLLOWING THE PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT:

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#### **QUESTION 1**

WAS THERE AN INTELLIGENCE FAILURE? IF THE SUSPECT WAS ON A TERROR WATCH-LIST WHY WAS THERE NO INTERVENTION LEADING UP TO THE ATTACK?

#### **QUESTION 2**

WHY HAVE POLITICAL PARTIES WITH AN AFFILIATION TO TERRORIST ORGANISATION BEEN ALLOWED TO REMAIN POLITICALLY ACTIVE?

#### **QUESTION 3**

WHERE DO YOU DRAW THE LINE BETWEEN NATIONAL SECURITY AND CIVIL LIBERTY, WHEN IT COMES TO KEEPING INDIVIDUALS UNDER SURVEILLANCE

#### **QUESTION 4**

SHOULD THE GOVERNMENT BE MONITORING SOCIAL MEDIA ACTIVITY MORE CLOSELY FOLLOWING, WHERE POTENTIAL TERRORIST HAVE INFLUENTIAL PLATFORMS?

Emergency Update for chief of Police:

Eye witness reports are emerging from survivors in intensive care which indicate the involvement of 6 gunmen in the Northfield Shopping Centre. Armed officer on scene reported 4 gunmen

Emergency Update for Metube CEO

The Redland Times online has just posted an article reporting that a video uploaded by an E.L.F member was flagged and reported over 10,000 times in the last year, but remains visible on the platform

Emergency Update for Prime Minister

One suspect was previously known to domestic Security Service and arrested for terrorism offences but released without charge in 2016

Suspect has been on terror watch-list since the arrest in 2016