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Chair of Home Affairs Select Committee,
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Dear Chair,


Terrorism threat level

I am writing to let you know that the Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre, JTAC, have today raised the threat level to the UK from terrorism from SUBSTANTIAL to SEVERE. This means that an attack is highly likely.

JTAC's assessments are made independently of Ministers and are based on the latest intelligence. The threat level is kept under constant review.

Our police and security services work tirelessly to protect the UK from terrorism and will continue to do so. JTAC's decision to change the threat level has been driven by two terrorist incidents in the past month.

I shall be issuing a Written Ministerial Statement in the House tomorrow and a copy of this letter will be placed in the Libraries of both Houses. I have copied this letter to the Leader of the Opposition, and the Chair of the Intelligence and Security Select Committee.

With our good wishes


Rt Hon Priti Patel MP