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Terrorists attack Glasgow

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On the night of 29 June another terrorist attack shocked the city of Glasgow. Even now, two days later, not all facts are clear. What is clear is that as yet unknown terrorists deployed a canister of some form of fast-acting neurotoxin into the air conditioning system on the roof of Giffnock police station. The toxin quickly circulated through the building, resulting in 42 initial deaths. The first responders on site, unsure what they were dealing with, suffered secondary poisoning and 2 perished with another 4 currently in deep comas. The building still requires to be fully decontaminated, and samples taken by biochemical forensic experts, before a full investigation can begin.

It is hard to see this as not related to the recent spree of police officer killings. There are a number of profound differences between this and the other incidents. Mainly that for the first time non police officers were caught in crossfire. The 44 casualties include support workers, criminals and lawyers as well as police staff. Also the other killings, while all performed by a group that clearly was familiar with law enforcement strategies and investigations, used nothing more sophisticated than a rifle or some home made explosives whilst this nerve agent was a real

weapon of mass destruction which could have been used the following night at Hamden Park with thousands of potential victims. The exact nature of the nerve agent has not yet been determined but Scottish Forensics Service is working together with investigators from the MOD to discover not only type but also the origin of the toxin.



On a side note the recent police slayings have raised the total number of reported homicides in Glasgow to over a thousand in early June. Analysts predict that 2009 will be the first year that Strathclyde Police will report over 2000 killings before the end of the year. These are, of course, official statistics and it is commonly thought that for

every 1 reported murder at least one other goes unreported. Still, Glasgow is cementing its status

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as crime capital of Britain with the highest pro-rata rate of violent crime in the country.

Weirdness in Dumfries

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By all accounts Dumfries the night of 3 June was subject to a number of strange occurrences. Local clubbers who visited the only recently open super club Ama-gi reported a whole number of weird sightings on the same night that a lot of pets in Dumfries turned against their owners. Clubbers reported having seen a man who was missing his left eye who was running through the crowd faster than a speeding car. At least 7 people were injured in the occurrence which local police have put down as a student prank that when combined with people under the influence of alcohol and recreational drugs turned into a small panic. The man, who apparently moved so fast he was almost only a blur, was apart from missing an eye described as wearing a funny yellow, and in some accounts red, hat.

Around the same time a large number of dogs displayed symptoms akin to a late stage rabies infection when they started to fall upon one another and their owners. Like the recent occurrence of this phenomenon in Glasgow, the dog attacks have left many people injured. Due to the higher prevalence of larger dogs in the area these attacks have also caused larger number of deaths than the incident in Glasgow. Over 500 animals were reported to have been affected and in total 13 people were killed, with another 70 requiring medical attention.

DEFRA (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) scientists have travelled to Dumfries and after extensive study of both dogs who had to be put down and common factors such as the water concluded that contamination in the water supply was to blame.

ScotWear

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A spokesperson for the Lord President, the most senior judge in the Scottish Court of Session announced today that the First Division of the Inner House of the Court of Session has upheld the original ruling made in February this year. The ruling did not come as much of a surprise to anyone following the 12 week long appeal case.

The implications of the verdict though are far reaching. The state indemnity that Strathclyde Fire and Rescue fall under does not cover criminal damages incurred. Likewise any additional insurance will refuse to pay on these damages. Therefore Strathclyde Fire and Rescue and Glasgow City Council either are required to appeal to the House of Lords or to determine exactly who was involved in the conspiracy against ScotWear and recoup the damages from the guilty individuals, a move that would not only be extremely unpopular but also likely to fail, as recovering the full 25 million pounds from individuals is all but impossible. Were Strathclyde Fire and Rescue and Glasgow City Council to simply pay the money they would leave themselves open to many of the hundreds of follow on suits already filed with High and Sheriff court

Ghouls 'n Ghosts at Douleur

Tarquin DeJulianne

Children of the Night

Tarquin & Sabine DeJulianne invite you to a night of Ghouls and Ghosts at Club Douleur. We invite all of Glasgow's children of the Night to take part in the celebrations on the night of July the 31st. The night, which is officially billed as a Horror-themed Fancy Dress event will provide the perfect opportunity to forget all about terrorists and rioting and instead enjoy yourself in our dominion. We will cater to most common tastes and special orders can be arranged ahead of time.

This is a night to be yourself and remember what it can be like to be a lord or lady of the night. Precautions have been taken to ensure that what happens in Club Douleur that night, stays in Club Douleur. We would welcome you all to grace us with your presence.

Tarquin DeJulianne

Great Britain by Night

Margery Houndsworth-Stone, Clan Toreador, Ancilla, Harpy of London

The shortest night of the year is behind us, and what better way to celebrate then to attend to gathering of Prince Carter of Manchester on July the 1st. While some of our cousins in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick might be celebrating Dominion Day, otherwise known as the 142nd birthday of Canada, I shall hope for a stay in Manchester which hopefully will involve less raving Gangrel and dismembered Brujah, I hope. That said, I never did hear what the fallout of that incident was.

Elsewhere we hear that Severn's borders are now firmly closed and that anyone who is not accepted by Severn's Prince and who is not escorted by a member of the hierarchy will be considered in breach of domain and executed on the spot. Rumours have reached us that the Prince of Severn has called out Queen Anne to settle this matter once and for all. While its not certain by any means, I have heard it mentioned that the Isle of Portland should be their

battleground. It is of course extremely unlikely that two Princes will face each other in battle, a practice last seen when the Prince of Ulster failed to take the Isle of Man in December 1645 during the Civil War.

As if that wasn't enough, Prince Carlisle of Edinburgh has publicly stated that he would not bow to Queen Anne's demands. The two events could of course be linked. Prince Carlisle might have received assurances that Severn would not only stand but go on the offensive, but that is mere speculation. It would appear that, with the exception of Severn, Queen Anne has managed to unite England and it now remains to be see whether England still holds the upper hand in Britain.

Apart from that we have heard that Jean-Marc d'Harfleur has left London and returned to the court at Paris. Some spiteful people claim that he is taking with him the remains of Aleister Crowley, officially still the current Justicar for Clan Malkav with him.

Let it be known that Jason Petterson, of London, ancilla of the Camarilla is substantially indebted to David Stone, of York, ancilla of the Camarilla.

Let it be known that Mark Sawyer-Smith, Sheriff of York, ancilla of the Camarilla is indebted to David Manning, of Manchester, neonate of the Camarilla.

Let it be known that Daniel Vega, of Glasgow, elder of the Camarilla has been granted a 1 year respite on his debt to David Stone, of York, ancilla of the Camarilla.

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