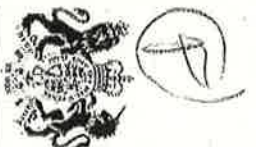


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**CONTEST: a 5-year UK  
strategy for countering  
international terrorism**

**Sir David Omand  
Security and Intelligence Coordinator**

**1 April 2004**

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# Five years from now:

**AQ further damaged by allied campaigns**

**International action preventing new safe havens**

**Stronger protective security**

**Enhanced national resilience**

**BUT**

**Next generation being trained and hardened**

**AQ ideology still likely to appeal to extremists**

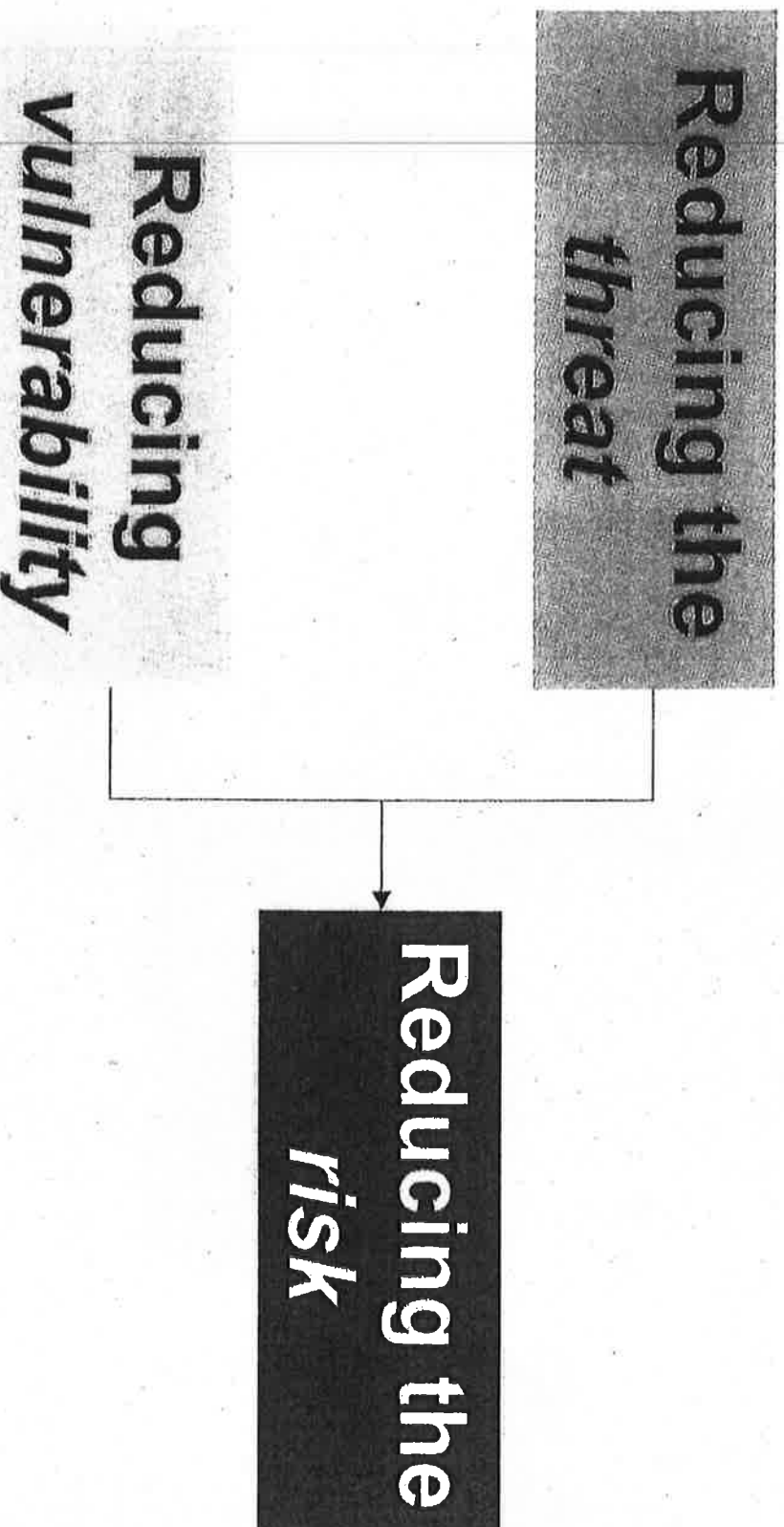
**Shift to 'soft' targets in response to hardened security**

**Expect attacks on information infrastructure**

**Increasing interest in access to serious bio/chemical agents / radiological material**



Strategic focus over the next 5 years: managing down the risk



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# **PURSUE terrorists and their sponsors**

**What we need to do against today's terrorists - the main weight of our CT effort:**

## **CURRENT ACTIVITY ...**

Department(s)

intensive investigations and intelligence-led operations with allies overseas to disrupt AQ leadership

Police, FCO, MOD

• CT support and capacity building for overseas Governments

FCO,

Police, MOD

• more effective immigration/asylum policies

Home Office

• limiting flows of funds for terrorist financing

HMT,  
of England

NCIS, Bank

## **BUT WE WILL NEED TO DO MORE TO:**

• enable successful detention and prosecution of known terrorists

Home Office  
Police and FCO

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## PREVENT the next generation of terrorists

### A long term but vital element in the strategy:

#### CURRENT ACTIVITY...

- Building enhanced links with Muslim Council UK and promoting community leadership
- Address role of countries at risk of instability in terrorism

Department(s)

Home Office

Cabinet Office, FCO, DfID

#### BUT WE WILL NEED TO DO MORE TO:

- Prevent the radicalisation of Muslim youth in the UK
- Help resolve international causes of tension, engage with and support reform in the Islamic world, e.g. Madrassas

Home Office, FCO

FCO, DfID, MOD  
G8 and EU Presidencies



# **PROTECT the public at home and abroad**

- **The UK is a world leader in protective security:**  
**CURRENT ACTIVITY...**

**Department(s)**

- making the UK increasingly a harder target, with focus on **Vulnerable Sites and Sectors** including civil nuclear installations

**Home Office, DTI, DH, DEFRA, MOD, Devolved Administrations, OCNS**

- raise international standards of aviation security

**DfT - Transec, FCO**

- established capacity to intercept rogue aircraft and handle **CBRN devices**

**MOD**

## **BUT WE WILL NEED TO DO MORE TO:**

- protect **Radioactive Materials** in the UK
- protect our interests **overseas**, especially **key events** e.g. Athens Olympics
- protect **Parliament** and the seat of **Government**

**Home Office, DTI, DH, DEFRA, MOD, Devolved Administrations**  
**FCO, Police.**



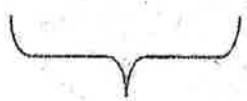
# PREPARE for the consequences of an attack

Spin off benefits for other emergencies from CT preparations:

CURRENT ACTIVITY...

Department(s)

- Legislative change with Civil Contingencies Bill
- new Government situation centre (COBR), exercise programme and systems to respond to attacks on UK nationals overseas



Cabinet Office lead

- New Generation equipment for fire and rescue, new decontamination and recovery service and stockpiles of vaccines and antibiotics

ODPM, DEFRA, DoH / PHA

**BUT WE WILL NEED TO DO MORE TO:**

- build capacity to respond at local level

Cabinet Office, Home Office,  
ODPM

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# Underpinned by intelligence and communications

## **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

- **INTEGRATED STRATEGY**  
keeping the public:
  - informed
  - alerted
  - warned
  - in the UK and overseas
- **MEDIA EMERGENCY FORUM**

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**Check out these web-sites:**

**[www.ukresilience.info](http://www.ukresilience.info)**

**[www.homeoffice.gov.uk/terrorism](http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/terrorism)**

**[www.niscc.gov.uk](http://www.niscc.gov.uk)**

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