

# Terrorists face longer in jail for offences in prison

- Terrorist prisoners face tougher sentences for offences behind bars
- Automatic referral to police in a week and possible prosecution under new agreement
- Meets key recommendation from landmark Jonathan Hall review on terrorism in jail

Under the tough new measures, all terrorist offenders who commit further crimes in jail – however minor – will be automatically referred within a week for a police investigation and potential prosecution.

This will increase the likelihood of them being locked up for significantly longer and create a strong deterrent against further offending.

Currently, additional offences carried out inside jail – such as vandalising cells or dealing in contraband – are often dealt with by prison governors, with a maximum penalty of only 42 days added to an existing sentence.

Today's change means they could face much longer sentences if convicted in court.

The agreement between HM Prison and Probation Service, Counter-Terror Policing and the Crown Prosecution Service fulfils a key recommendation from Jonathan Hall KC's landmark independent review into terrorism in prisons.

Deputy Prime Minister and Justice Secretary, Dominic Raab, said:

Terrorist offenders pose a grave risk to public safety and they must face the full consequences of their actions – whether on the street or behind bars.

This important change means any transgression will come with the prospect of significantly more prison time and keep our communities safer, for longer, from those unwilling to change their ways.

Head of Counter Terrorism Policing, Matt Jukes, said:

Our core mission at Counter Terrorism Policing is keeping the public and our communities safe from the enduring and evolving terrorist threat.

This agreement demonstrates that our efforts to mitigate that threat, and protect our national security, are far-reaching and rely on collaboration with our partners.

Director of Legal Services, Crown Prosecution Service, Gregor McGill, said:

When a crime is committed in a prison there are serious consequences.

Today's updated agreement continues to ensure that police, prisons and the CPS work together to investigate and prosecute prisoners who commit acts of terrorism or serious violence, wherever our legal test is met.

Those who commit crimes while serving their sentences risk further charges and longer sentences.

The agreement will make sure that breaches in behaviour by those linked to terror face the full scrutiny of counter-terrorism authorities – so that those who remain a threat are kept behind bars for as long as possible.

Those alleged to have committed potential terrorist acts in prison will continue to be referred to specialist police as part of the new pact, due to come into force in the coming months.

Today's news is just the latest step in the Government's drive to clamp down on dangerous and influential terrorists and keep the public safe.

Ministers have already delivered the largest overhaul of terrorist sentencing and supervision in decades, including ending the automatic early release of terrorist offenders and tougher sentences for the most serious crimes.

And in April this year, the Deputy Prime Minister unveiled measures to crack down on terrorist activity behind bars, in response to an independent review by Jonathan Hall KC, the Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation.

As part of these measures, a new £1.2 million team will ensure the most influential terrorists can be moved to one of the Prison Service's 'Separation Centres' – completely apart from the main prison population.

In addition, £6 million will be invested to expand 'Close Supervision Centres', where the most physically violent offenders can be held – including terrorists. This will prevent their potential recruitment to extremist causes.

## Notes to editors:

1. The new agreement forms part of the newly updated Crime in Prisons Referral Agreement.
2. Recommendation ten in [Jonathan Hall's](#) Independent Report into Terrorism in Prisons recommended that:
  1. 'A specific crime in prison agreement between HMPPS, CT Police, and the Crown Prosecution Service should be drawn up on the subject of potential terrorist offences, and offences committed by terrorist risk offenders.'

2. Jonathan Hall KC observed in his Independent Report into Terrorism in Prisons, that the pre-existing Crime in Prison Referral Agreement did mention terrorist offending and offences by TACT offenders, however 'the language and policy are difficult to follow'.
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## World Children's Day 2022: joint statement

World news story

The British Embassy in Kyiv stands with embassies and delegations in Ukraine to express concern at the impact of Russia's war on Ukraine's children.



On World Children's Day 2022, we, the Embassies and Delegations associated with this statement, express deep concern at the appalling and long-lasting impact of Russia's war of aggression on Ukraine's children.

It is not possible to confirm the precise number of children that have been direct casualties, but OHCHR has verified that Russia's invasion has killed more than 400 children, and injured 750 as of mid-November. The true toll is likely to be significantly higher, not to mention the devastating and long-term impact on the mental health of the younger generation.

In addition, hundreds of thousands of children have been forced from Ukraine either by fleeing to countries of safety, or through reported forced deportation and abduction by Russian armed forces, sometimes without their parents' knowledge. We are also deeply concerned by reports that some children deported to Russia have been forcibly adopted.

There is no doubt that every child in Ukraine is suffering because of Russia's invasion. Indiscriminate Russian attacks have destroyed countless schools and disrupted education through attacks on Ukraine's critical national infrastructure. Frequent power cuts prevent online learning. In

Russian-controlled areas, the Russia-imposed school curriculum propagates disinformation and teachers are punished for teaching in Ukrainian. Children suffer disproportionately from lack of power, heating, and water caused by Russian missile attacks.

The international community stands with Ukraine in protecting its future generations. Russia's egregious human rights abuses and violations must have consequences and perpetrators of war crimes must face justice.

Signatories of this statement:

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## **British High Commission Dhaka turns to renewable energy through solar panels**

In partnership with SOLshare, a climate tech company, the High Commission has installed a 15.93 kilowatt per hour grid-tied rooftop solar project for its office. In other words, solar power will be offset against the High Commission's electricity consumption from the grid.

The solar panels will reduce carbon dioxide emissions by the High Commission by approximately 320 tonnes over its expected life of 30 years and will

produce approximately 18,000 kilowatt hours of electricity every year.

British High Commissioner Robert Chatterton Dickson, who inaugurated the solar panels, said

“I am delighted to see that we are moving to green, renewable energy at our High Commission. Electricity produced through renewable sources such as solar is critical to reducing our dependence on electricity produced by the burning of fossil fuels, which drives climate change. The energy crisis and the global situation since UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) hosted under the UK Presidency in November 2021 demonstrates that the rapid acceleration of renewable energy is not only essential to protecting the planet, but critical to the security of energy supply.”

Dr Sebastian Groh, Managing Director of SOLshare Limited, said

“We applaud the entire team of the British High Commission for taking this initiative. It’s important to walk the talk and it’s good timing during COP27 to set an example for all other missions. And this is just the beginning, we look forward to having further potential opportunities to support the British High Commission in their sustainability journey.”

The green energy transition will help to meet bold climate commitments by accelerating transition to more affordable, reliable, and accessible energy that spurs growth, and reduces carbon emissions. Rooftop solar panels have been proven as one of the most effective renewable energy solutions for Bangladesh to meet its desired energy target and alleviate the present energy crisis. The British High Commission Dhaka is proud to be part of this change by contributing solar energy from its office rooftop.

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# PM announces new air defence for Ukraine on first visit to Kyiv

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak has said it is “deeply humbling” to be in Kyiv and pledged that the UK will continue to stand by Ukrainians in their fight, on his first visit to the country today [Saturday 19th November].

Meeting President Zelenskyy, he confirmed that the UK will provide a major new package of air defence to help protect Ukrainian civilians and critical national infrastructure from an intense barrage of Russian strikes.

The £50 million package of defence aid comprises 125 anti-aircraft guns and technology to counter deadly Iranian-supplied drones, including dozens of radars and anti-drone electronic warfare capability. It follows more than 1,000 new anti-air missiles announced by the Defence Secretary earlier this month.

In the last week, Ukrainian forces say Russia has rained down more than 148 missile strikes on critical infrastructure, leaving approximately 10 million people without power. The UK is also bolstering our training offer to Ukrainian’s armed forces, sending expert army medics and engineers to the region to offer specialised support.

In Kyiv, the Prime Minister laid flowers at a memorial for the war dead and lit a candle at a memorial for victims of the Holodomor famine, before meeting first responders at a fire station. The team of emergency responders described their harrowing work rescuing survivors from the rubble and fighting fires in the aftermath of Russian airstrikes and mortar attacks. He also saw captured Iranian-made drones which have been used to target and bomb civilians in recent months.

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak said:

I am proud of how the UK stood with Ukraine from the very beginning. And I am here today to say the UK and our allies will continue to stand with Ukraine, as it fights to end this barbarous war and deliver a just peace.

While Ukraine’s armed forces succeed in pushing back Russian forces on the ground, civilians are being brutally bombarded from the air. We are today providing new air defence, including anti-aircraft guns, radar and anti-drone equipment, and stepping up humanitarian support for the cold, hard winter ahead.

It is deeply humbling to be in Kyiv today and to have the opportunity to meet those who are doing so much, and paying so high a price, to defend the principles of sovereignty and democracy.

Recognising that Ukrainians face a very difficult winter, with widespread blackouts of destruction of homes, schools and hospitals, the Prime Minister has also confirmed £12 million for the World Food Programme's response, as well as £4 million for the International Organisation for Migration. The funding will help provide generators, shelter, water repairs and mobile health clinics. The UK is also sending tens of thousands of extreme cold winter kits for Ukrainian troops.

Working with the Government of Ukraine, the UK has identified an initial eight construction projects to be supported by UK Export Finance, helping to repair Ukraine's critical infrastructure and lay the foundations for economic recovery. The projects include six bridges and two housing projects, including a development in Bucha for some 2,250 residents.

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## **Derelict land to be transformed into new homes in boost for local regeneration**

- Up to £35 million allocated to help councils transform unused sites into high-quality, new homes
- 59 regeneration projects from Exeter to Sunderland set to support thousands of new jobs, drive local growth and level up the country
- Forms the first phase of £180 million Brownfield Land Release Fund which will continue to be rolled out over next two years

Thousands of new homes will be built on derelict land to create thriving communities and help level up the country, the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities announced today (19 November 2022).

Almost £35 million from the £180 million Brownfield Land Release Fund 2 has been allocated to 41 councils to help kickstart regeneration in towns and cities.

The funding will bring unloved, council-owned land back into use, by transforming redundant industrial sites, disused car parks and derelict buildings into new places for people to live.

A total of 59 regeneration projects from Exeter to Sunderland will see over 2,200 homes – including over 800 affordable homes – built for local communities. This will help more young people and families onto the housing ladder and generate up to 7000 new jobs in housing and construction.

The new fund, announced today, forms part of the government's plan to level up the country – ensuring local areas can achieve their full potential, while

also protecting the country's green spaces.

**Minister for Housing Rt Hon Lucy Frazer said:**

We are helping local communities transform unwanted, urban eyesores into thriving places that people are proud to call home.

Regeneration is at the heart of our levelling up mission and this new brownfield first fund will help communities across the country unlock disused, council-owned sites to build more of the right homes in the right places"

**Cabinet Office Minister Alex Burghart said:**

This funding is absolutely crucial for stimulating growth and forms part of a push across the whole of government to get the UK economy moving.

Unused land such as this is ripe for investment and I'm thrilled we're opening the door for more than 2,200 new property owners to potentially take their first step onto the property ladder.

This funding is great news for businesses, it's great news for industry and it's even better news for local people in these communities who are seeing housing and jobs moving to their area."

Local areas were invited to bid for a share of the first round of funding from the new scheme. The remaining £140 million is to be allocated over the next two years – creating up to 17,600 new homes in total across the country, as well as support up to 54,000 jobs in the sector.

**Cllr James Jamieson, Chairman of the Local Government Association, said:**

We are delighted to be a key partner in supporting the Government's £180m Brownfield Land Release Fund (BLRF2).

Councils play a vital role in driving progress to provide more and better housing, and the awarding of this fund will ensure English councils unlock their brownfield land for new homes and deliver local housing priorities.

With built-in support from the One Public Estate programme, councils can tackle complex and challenging brownfield sites to benefit their communities."

This scheme builds on the success of the first Brownfield Land Release Fund, which saw £77 million help councils release over 160 brownfield sites for around 7,750 new homes across the country.

Today's allocations will now support the transformation of more previously developed, council-owned sites, by funding infrastructure and remediation



work to release the land for new homes. Examples include:

- Lancaster – one of two successful projects will see over £1.6 million will transform the city centre with 140 new homes, including new affordable homes, cultural venues, and facilities to the Canal Quarter regeneration area.
- Hull – £175,000 will release land to deliver 10 new affordable homes for the local community, as part of the city's regeneration drive.
- Mid-Devon – a total of £280,000 will release land for two modular, affordable housing sites in Tiverton and Cullompton to build 14 quality, low-carbon homes for the community.
- Great Yarmouth – £219,155 for one of two successful projects will boost the city centre by helping to transform old industrial buildings into 32 high-quality affordable homes, turning the area into a vibrant place for people to live.

Increasing housing supply is central to the levelling up agenda and supports the government's ongoing target to deliver 300,000 new homes a year. Just before the pandemic in 2019/20 over 242,000 homes were delivered – the highest number for over 30 years,

As with the previous scheme, the new fund will be delivered through the One Public Estate – a partnership between the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, the Office of Government Property and the Local Government Association. Find out more about the latest [One Public Estate funding](#).

Brownfield Land Release Fund 2 (BLRF2) funding:

Local Authority	BLRF Award (£)
Amber Valley Borough Council	1,033,901
Babergh District Council	210,000
Basildon Borough Council	1,847,037
Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council	220,000
Bristol City Council	515,649
Cambridge City Council	643,329
Canterbury City Council	554,500
Chorley Borough Council	650,000
Darlington Borough Council	223,049
Dover District Council	100,535
Epsom & Ewell Borough Council	75,000
Essex County Council	1,119,015
Exeter City Council	293,391
Folkestone & Hythe District Council	465,000
Great Yarmouth Borough Council	237,711
Haringey Council	5,913,369
Harrogate Borough Council	33,000
Havant Borough Council	1,650,000

<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>BLRF Award (£)</b>
Hull City Council	175,000
Ipswich Borough Council	3,340,500
Lancaster City Council	2,769,343
London Borough of Barnet	1,598,968
London Borough of Waltham Forest	1,048,946
Mid Devon District Council	280,000
Mid Suffolk District Council	238,000
Mole Valley District Council	90,000
Norfolk County Council	330,000
North East Lincolnshire Council	50,000
Oxford City Council	404,081
Rother District Council	185,000
Sevenoaks District Council	1,215,000
Shropshire Council	334,500
St Helens Borough Council	812,142
Sunderland City Council	1,943,657
Tendring District Council	420,001
Torbay Council	337,748
Warwickshire County Council	153,800
Wealden District Council	300,000
West Sussex County Council	986,722
Wigan Council	506,168
Worthing Borough Council	104,349