

How does the UK terror threat level compare to Europe and America?

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The current threat level in the US is marked at Elevated Condition, which is declared when there is a significant risk of terrorist attacks.

Federal departments and agencies are advised to consider increasing surveillance of critical locations and coordinating emergency response plans to enhance current protective measures.

According to Gov.uk, in France and Germany terrorists are 'very likely' to carry out attacks and in Spain it is likely an attack will take place.

According to data from the Global Terrorism Database, the UK has suffered the most deaths from terrorism attacks in Western Europe.

3395 people have died from such incidents since 1970, with Spain coming in second place, with 1261 deaths from terrorism since this date.

The worst year for terror in Western Europe was 1988, when 440 people were killed by attacks, with the worst being the Lockerbie bomber incident.

As for the US, a study carried out by the Cato Institute indicated that 3024 Americans died between 1975 and 2015 due to terrorism from foreign countries.

This number equates to an average of 74 Americans being killed by terrorist attacks each year.