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Britain Ready For Chance Of Copycat Attacks

London Police Say More Than 1,000 Officers Will Be Sent To Potential Trouble Spots With Armed Response Units Ready

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LONDON — Britain is bracing for clashes with right-wing activists and possible copycat terror attacks by Islamic extremists after the savage slaying of a young soldier, whose grieving family spoke Friday of their loss.

London police said more than 1,000 officers will be sent to potential trouble spots with armed response units. Most British police officers don't carry weapons.

Wednesday's attack was captured on video by passersby and made for gruesome viewing — one man is seen with his hands stained red with blood and holding two butcher's knives as he angrily complained about the British government and troops in foreign lands. A lifeless body is seen on the street behind him.

Terror analysts say the attackers wanted the publicity to inspire copycat attacks, and that they are already seeing an increase in chatter on extremist sites calling for such attacks.

"We can see the tempo being raised," said Maajid Nawaz, a former jihadist who is now with the London-based anti-extremist Quilliam Foundation.

"One of the reasons why these guys acted in this theatrical way was because of the propaganda effect so others would be inspired to do the same thing. The nature of these attacks are that they are so easy to do, and we have definitely seen an increase in chatter calling for such things since the attack."

A British government official who spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to speak about the ongoing investigation, confirmed the increase in chatter since Wednesday's attack but said no specific or credible plots had been detected at this point.

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An Ongoing Recipe For Success



Sister Margo Tschetter stands next to a rosary on the wall of her classroom at Sacred Heart School. Sister Margo has retired after 34 years at Sacred Heart. She will be honored at an open house from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the Sacred Heart Church parish hall.

After 34 Years Of Service To The Yankton Catholic Community, Sister Margo Tschetter Is Set To Retire

BY RANDY DOCKENDORF
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Sister Margo Tschetter knows the recipe for success in both the classroom and the kitchen.

Sister Margo has engaged her fifth-grade students at Sacred Heart School with baking — first with cinnamon rolls, later with cookies — as a learning project. The students gained not only baking abilities but also life and business skills.

"It's been my baby project for 20 years," she said with a laugh. "Each year, the kids name their business, and this year, it was 'Batter Up.'"

Now, the Benedictine Sister will turn over her apron and classroom, as she retires after 34 years of service to Sacred Heart School and the Yankton Catholic Community.

"I just turned 68, so half of my life has been given to Sacred Heart School," she said. "(My retirement) won't hit me until next fall."

Sister Margo will be honored at an open house from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the Sacred Heart Church parish hall. Gifts in her honor will be donated to the Sister Margo Tschetter Endowed Fund to provide tuition assistance for needy families.

Sister Margo has completed 45 years of teaching. During the first 11 years, she taught for two years each at Catholic schools in Lincoln, Neb., and Sioux Falls, then for seven years at a pre-school for handicapped children held at Sacred Heart Monastery in Yankton.

The latter experience spawned her other ministry during the last 34 years: Ecumenical Religious Training for the Handicapped (ERTH). The weekly Bible study and fellowship draws 50-60 physically and mentally challenged persons, ranging in age from their 20s to 80s. Each nine-month cycle rotates monthly among churches of various denominations.

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While fulfilling various ministries, Sister Margo

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Audubon Bend Project Stirring Up Old Memories

BY LINDA WUEBBEN
P&D Correspondent

WYNOT, Neb. — Just downstream from Gavins Point Dam on the Missouri National Scenic River, north of Wynot, Neb., is an area known by local residents affectionately as The Island.

For many years it was owned by Jack and wife Edo Jones, who lived in the heavily wooded area, doing a little farming while enjoying life on The Island, surrounded by river water. The couple never had any children and didn't need much to live on. That's the way it was back in the 1950s and '60s.

Today on a Google map, the area is known as the St. Helena Chute at Audubon Bend and it is being developed by the National Park Service and the U.S. Corps of Engineers as a nature area. The Corps pur-

chased the 2,372 acres with money from the U.S. Land & Water Conservation Fund and is taking comments to designate a site plan for restoring the area to its natural habitat.

"We're collecting comments and encourage local residents to make suggestions for a plan to develop the area," said Linda Filo of the Corps.

When the Jones couple sold the ground, a development company came in and leveled the wooded area, renting it to a chain of local farmers. Eventually, a large family farm purchased the ground, sunk several pivots and farmed from the river bank a couple miles south to existing local landowners. A few years ago, the family decided to sell the ground to the Conservation Fund with the idea of returning the area to the way it was.

Since beginning the project, a couple hundred

acres have been restored to native grass plantings but much cleanup was needed to remove old machinery and concrete that had accumulated over the years. Also, noxious weed control is a priority.

Audubon Bend will probably never return to its former glory remembered by local residents.

Longtime local farmer, 93-year-old Louis Hans, took a trip down memory lane and recalled his fondest memories of The Island. He recalls it was simpler time when money was precious and the land was gift from God.

"You could almost hibernate on your farm," said Hans. "You raised most of your own food with a garden and then corn and hay for your livestock."

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PHOTO: LINDA WUEBBEN
Louis Hans, 93, of Wynot, Neb., recalls his days growing up on and around "The Island," now known as the St. Helena Chute at Audubon Bend in Cedar County. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is now looking to develop the area and restoring it to its natural habitat.

Special Legislative Session Set For June 22

PIERRE (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard says he will call the South Dakota Legislature into a special session on June 22 to deal with cost overruns in the construction of a new State Veterans Home in Hot Springs.

The Legislature earlier this year approved a bill authorizing the spending of \$41.3 million in state and federal money to build the new home. But Daugaard says when bids from contractors were opened recently, the lowest bid was considerably above projections. He says that will lead to a total project cost of \$51.3 million.

Daugaard says the state can't wait until the next legislative session in January to deal with the issue.

Current estimates show there should be \$14 million to \$20 million in year-end funds available.

DANCING DAYS



KELLY HERTZ/P&D
These young dancers from Judi's Dance Studio work on their moves during a dress rehearsal Friday at the YHS/Summit Activities Center theatre. The studio will present its spring recital today (Saturday), with performances at 1 and 5 p.m. To see or purchase images from this event, visit spotted.yankton.net.

City To Discuss Water System Upgrade

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With promising preliminary test results on a collector well at Paddle Wheel Point, the Yankton City Commission will resume discussion Tuesday about a looming water system upgrade.

Kyle Goodmanson, Yankton's environmental services director, said it is hoped the well will be able to produce at least 5.5 million gallons per day.

"We've got 100 feet of sand and gravel before we hit shale," he said during a media briefing Thursday. "That's a good sign ... in terms of getting a good amount of water."

Tuesday night's discussion will determine whether the City Commission wants to apply for a State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan by the July 1 application deadline.

City Manager Amy Nelson said staff is looking for direction and not any official action at this point.

"It's quick, but we wanted to get that option out there," Goodmanson said. "If we don't, it's six

months to a year before we could really get our funding in place (through the SRF)."

If the funding is sought in July, construction could get under way next spring or summer.

The estimated cost of the well and the pipe to transport it to the water treatment plant is \$9.3 million.

Goodmanson said staff is proposing that the loan application to build a new treatment plant be handled separately. The estimated cost of that facility is \$12 million.

Also, a bid opening will be held June 12 for improvements to Water Plant No. 2, located east of the Meridian Bridge. The estimated cost of those upgrades is in the \$900,000-\$1 million range.

During next Tuesday's meeting, the City Commission will also hear a presentation from City Finance Officer Al Viereck regarding potential options to pay for the estimated \$28.7 million in water system improvements.

He said Thursday he will offer six scenarios that

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