#### **#StopTerrorFinance:**

Joint UN/FATF open briefing on depriving terrorist groups of sources of funding

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## Financial Intelligence and Terrorist Funding

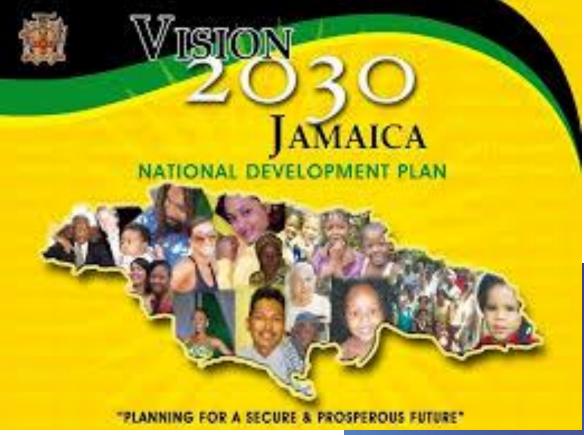
#### **Neil Bennett**



#### **Partnership is Key**



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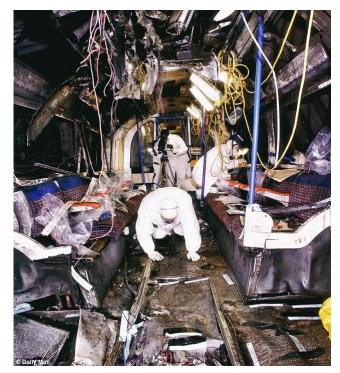
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#### 112 Recorded Terrorist Attacks

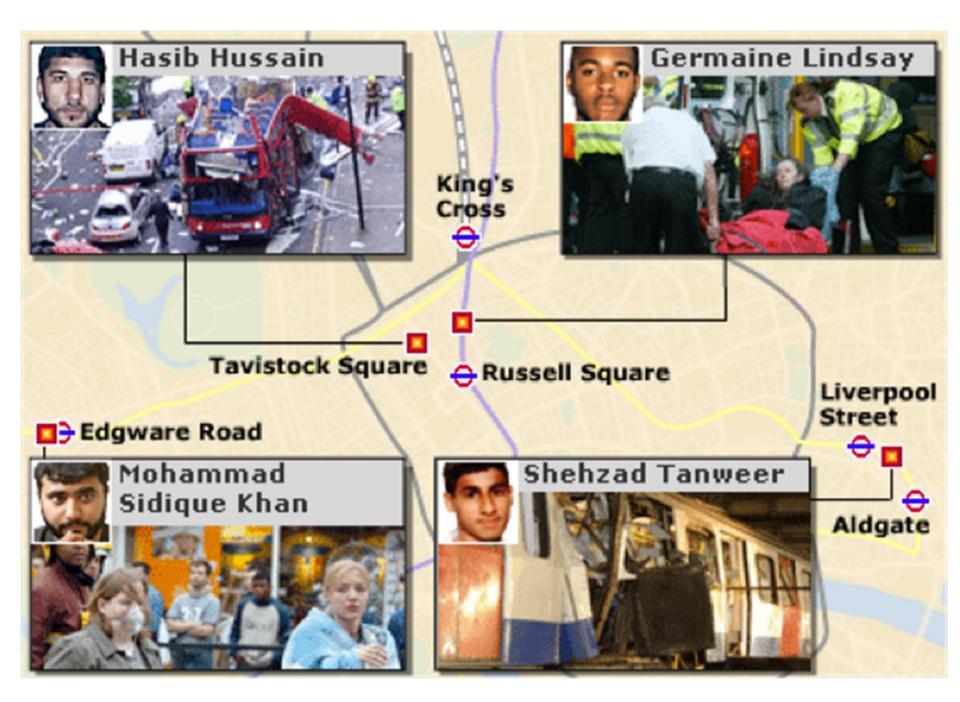
564 Deaths

1082 Injuries







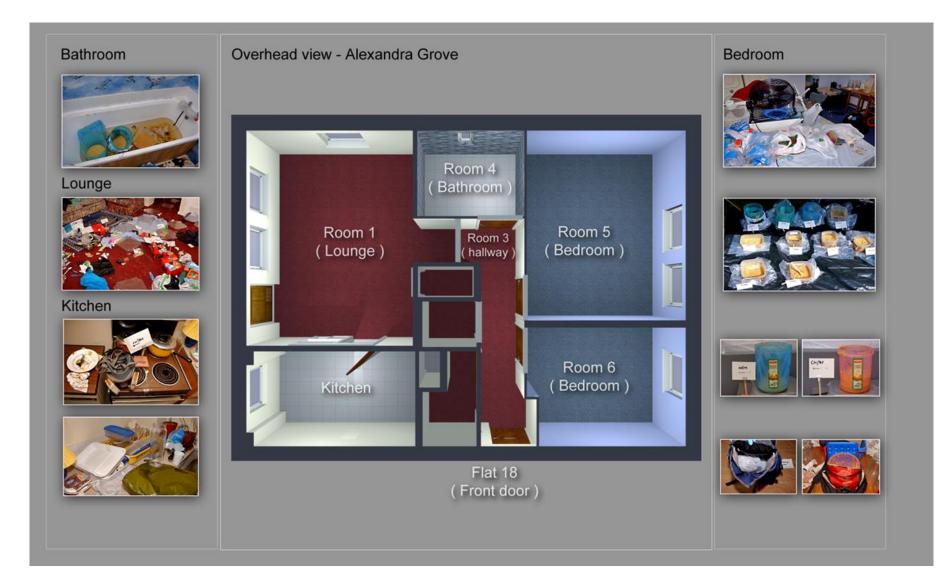












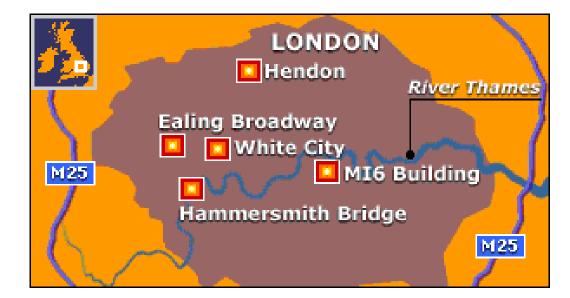
## Size of the Investigation

- 163 Financial Investigation Targets
- 350 Production Orders
- Over 1000 accounts
- 210 Financial Information Orders

## What was Achieved by Financial Investigation

- Identity of two of the four suicide bombers
- 75% of all Communications Intelligence in first 48 hours
- Timeline of activity by suspects
- Overseas Leads Intelligence Agencies
- Funding Mechanisms
- Purchase of IED components
- Understanding Financial Threat
- Links to other CT Investigations















#### Funding: How'd They Pay For All That



Sangam.org - Ilankai Tamil Sangam Association of Tamils of Sri Lanka in the USA



LTTE operations are funded both internally (by Tamils on the island of Sri Lanka) and exernally (the Tamil diaspora - LTTE branches in over 50 countries).

For a time, the Tigers ran their own banks. But they also relied on funds generated through everything from bank robberies to prostitution to credit card fraud to extortion. Piracy - both the traditional kind practiced by the Sea Tigers and the modern, digital boot-leg variety - has been another income source.

A great deal of money comes from charitable donations from Sri Lankans living abroad who believe in the cause as well as those Tigers who have to industrialized nations specifically to establish businesses (restaurants, grocery stores) to generate revenue to support the LTTE.

Traditional investments (stocks, real estate), as well as involvement in, but not personal use of, narcotics andweapons smuggling play major roles as well.

## Funding the "Final War"

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## **Staff Skills Profile**

- Intelligence Specialists
- Serious and Organised Crime
- Exhibits & Major Crime Scene
- Fraud & Money Laundering
- Surveillance & Covert Policing
- Analysts

## Teamwork

- City of London
- Intelligence Agencies
- Charity Commission
- Customs
- Tax
- Benefits Agency
- Immigration
- County Secondments

- Intelligence Agencies
- FIU
- Defence
- Communications
  - **Exploitation**

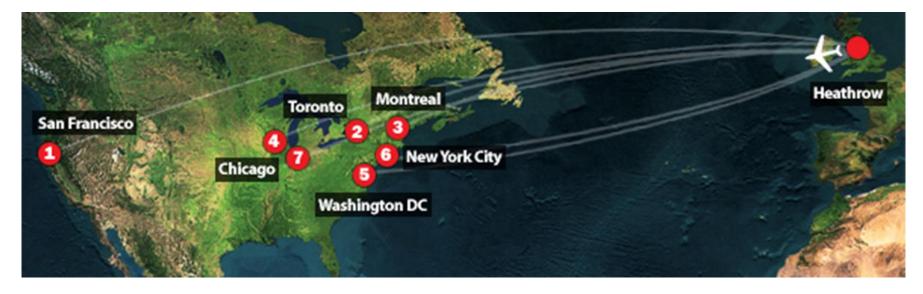


## Strategic

- Service Level Agreement with ALL UK Forces
- Government Funding
- Government Coordination Terrorist Finance Action Group (TFAG)
- Financial Action Task Force
- National / International Training
- Public Private Partnership
- International Relationships

#### Understanding the Financial Threat Picture





#### Think Before You Pack

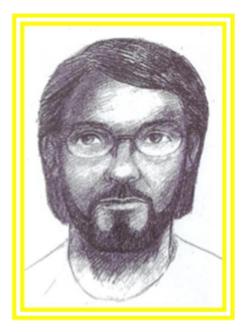
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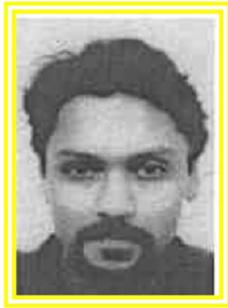
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- Overpacked 'open bags'
- Sharp items













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#### **Counter-Terrorist Finance Strategy** The Aim

#### The Aim of the Counter-Terrorist Finance Strategy is:

To reduce the terrorist threat to the UK and its interests overseas by depriving terrorists and violent extremists of the financial resources and systems required for terrorism-related activity.

#### The Strategy has three main elements:

- 1. To reduce fundraising in the UK for the purposes of terrorism;
- 2. To reduce the movement of terrorist finance into and out of the UK and;
- 3. To reduce the threat to the UK and its interests from the raising and movement of terrorist finance overseas.







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