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

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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

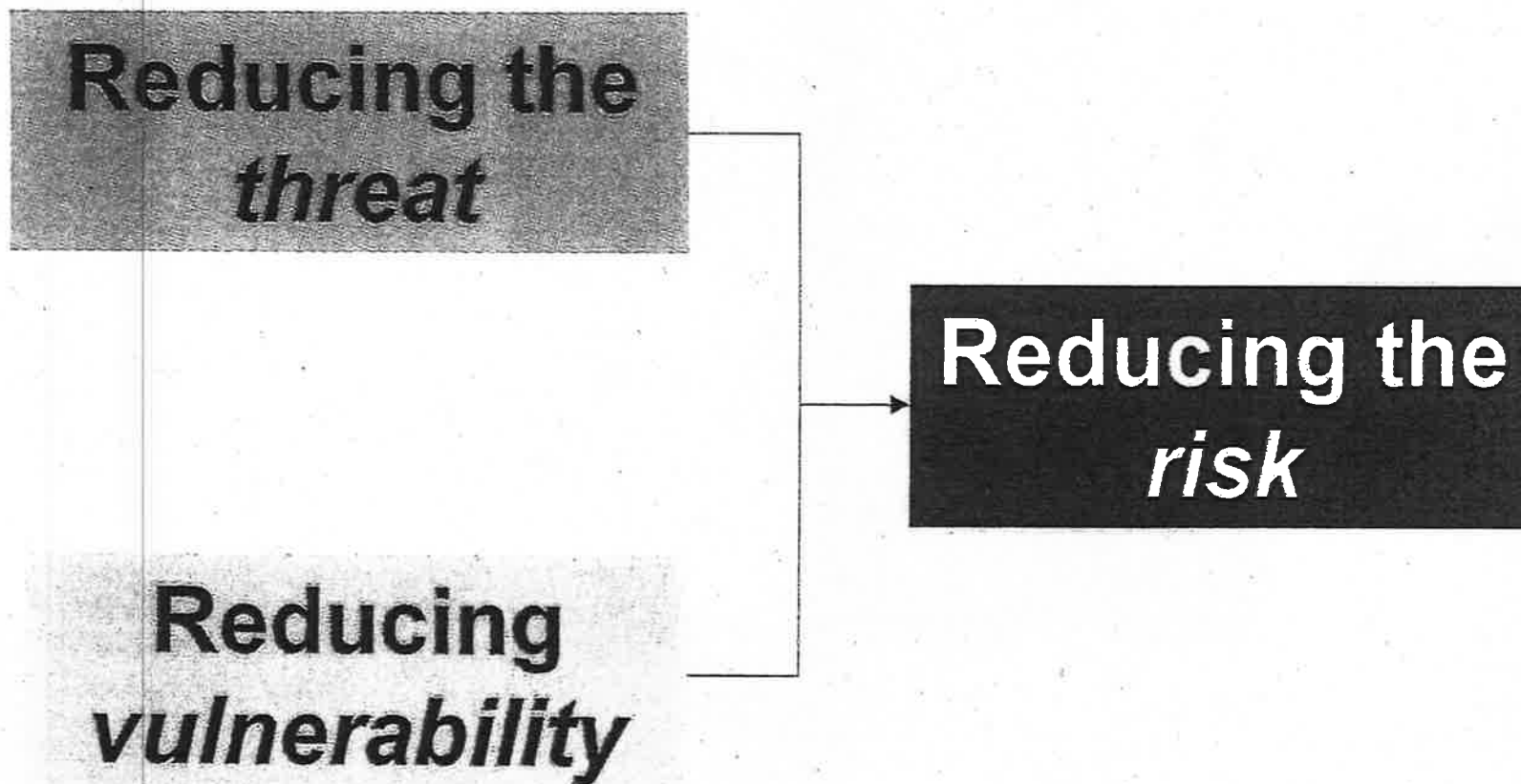
Shift to 'soft' targets in response to hardened security

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





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



PREVENT the next generation of terrorists

A long term but vital element in the strategy:

CURRENT ACTIVITY...

Department(s)

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

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...

- making the UK increasingly a **harder target**, with focus on **Vulnerable Sites and Sectors** including **civil nuclear installations**
- raise international standards of **aviation security**
- established capacity to intercept **rogue aircraft** and handle **CBRN devices**

Department(s)

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

DfT - Transec, FCO

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

} **Cabinet Office lead**

ODPM, DEFRA, DoH / PHA

BUT WE WILL NEED TO DO MORE TO:

- **build capacity to respond at local level**

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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

www.homeoffice.gov.uk/terrorism

www.niscc.gov.uk

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