

# UK Media Hype: Terror Scare Early for Christmas

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## **Don't look over here! Look over there!**

Home Secretary Jacqui Smith made today the most cynical – and least convincing – move yet to exploit “terror” politically in the UK. On the day that New Labour hit a twenty year low in the opinion polls and Harriet Harman blamed Gordon Brown’s office for her dodgy donations, we now have the first headline on the television news as a government announcement of the threat of a “Dirty Bomb” over Christmas.

I cannot say this loudly enough. I have checked with my own contacts and there is NO specific or new intelligence indicating a threat of a terrorist dirty bomb – or any other terrorist threat – this Christmas. Doubtless that will not stop Frank “Goebbels” Gardner appearing any minute now nobly to warn us of the grave danger we face.

Interestingly, even my friends in the Security Services – who normally are pretty happy to see the threat exaggerated, thus adding to their ever increasing budgets and career prospects – this time are sickened by the cynicism of the timing of this “Christmas Warning”.

Incidentally, there is no track record of an attack on “Christmas” and no actual reason to believe that a terrorist attack is more likely to occur at Christmas than any other time of year. The notion is based on a rather simplistic notion of the “Clash of civilisations”.

I have a lingering personal faith which won’t quite die, irrespective of the continuing evidence on the Dawkins side of the equation that the religious, given any power, are evil and dangerous. George Bush did no harm when he was just a parasitic alcoholic, then he discovered Christ and look what happened. Which just goes to show that alcohol is a much more beneficent social force than religion.

Blair has revealed he didn’t tell us about his religious faith while in office in case people thought he was a “nutter”. If he thinks we didn’t notice he was a nutter, he is more deluded than I thought – plainly religion hasn’t helped his thought processes. Finally we have the vile authorities of the Sudan. I am of course outraged by their action against a British teacher, but compared to the appalling actions of that bunch of theocratic arseholes against their own people, it is minor indeed.

I had occasion to read General Gordon’s original diaries in the course of researching my master’s thesis. I found it an extraordinary thrill to hold in my hand the paper he had held and decipher his increasingly shaky handwriting. Gordon was a religious fanatic in the Blair mode; portraits show a remarkable similarity of “look” to Blair in the fixated gaze of the eyes. Gordon had a similar approach to Blair, from the same motivations, to bringing the

benefits of civilisation to what he viewed as benighted peoples. But unlike Blair, Gordon was a man of incredible personal courage who paid the price for his beliefs. Blair just condemned countless (literally) thousands of other people to death, while shamelessly devoting his own life to raking in the cash.

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### Google News “Dirty Bomb” Hits

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At the moment the only UK media source that Google News indexes that has a “dirty bomb” terror scare story is the Grunaid:

Public warned of growing threat of terror attacks

Guardian Unlimited, UK - 4 hours ago

Her comments on the dirty bomb threat come after police in Slovakia arrested three men suspected of trying to sell contraband uranium for \$1m (£485000). ...

☞ <http://politics.guardian.co.uk/news/story/0,,2219966,00.html>

And the other hits are from US based publications:

Britain Dirty Bomb Attack?

Free Market News Network, FL - 3 hours ago

Britain faces an increased threat of a “dirty bomb” attack over the Christmas period, Home Secretary Jacqui Smith warned today. She said the security forces ...

☞ <http://www.freemarketnews.com/WorldNews.asp?nid=52033>

‘Dirty Bomb’ Threat Growing in Britain, Home Secretary Says

Bloomberg - 4 hours ago

30 (Bloomberg) — The UK faces a growing threat of a terrorist attack including the explosion of radioactive bombs in public places, said Jacqui Smith, ...

☞ <http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601102&sid=a7EcswLEyXU&refer=uk>

Official: Britain Faces Serious Risk of ‘Dirty Bomb’ Attack

FOX News - 5 hours ago

In an exclusive interview for Sky News on her department’s efforts to counter the terrorist threat, Jacqui Smith said intelligence analysts believed the ...

☞ <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,314131,00.html>

UK officials say ‘dirty bomb’ attack is a serious threat

International Herald Tribune, France - 6 hours ago

Concern about a “dirty bomb” attack grew following arrests on Wednesday in Hungary and Slovakia of two Hungarians and a Ukrainian who allegedly were trying...

☞ <http://www.iht.com/articles/ap/2007/11/30/europe/EU-GEN-Britain-Dirty-Bomb.php>

Britain faces ‘serious threat of dirty bomb attack’

China Daily, China - 7 hours ago

LONDON — Britain faces a serious threat of a “dirty bomb” terror attack, warned Home

Secretary Jacqui Smith Friday. Britain's Home Secretary Jacqui Smith ...  
[http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/world/2007-11/30/content\\_6291434.htm](http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/world/2007-11/30/content_6291434.htm)

I expect this will have all changed by tomorrow morning and all the UK media will be hyping the latest fabricated terror scare

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