

Matrix Definitions

Activism is defined as activity related to campaigning in public or working for an organization in order to bring about political or social change.¹

Lawful Activism is activism that seeks to bring about political or social change through lawful democratic processes. Lawful activism can be in furtherance of ideologies that seek to change the behaviour of the population; make changes to specific government policies/laws; change the economic system; or enforce the adoption of certain values or behaviour by a particular section of society.

***Aggravated Activism** is activity that seeks to bring about political or social change but does so in a way that involves unlawful behaviour or criminality, has a negative impact upon community tensions, or causes an adverse economic impact to businesses.*

Low Level Aggravated Activism is activism which involves unlawful behaviour or criminality. This criminality is local or cross-regional, and potentially impacts on local community tensions.

This activism can be in furtherance of ideologies that seek to change the behaviour of the population; make changes to specific government policies/laws; change the economic system; or enforce the adoption of certain values or behaviour by a particular section of society.

High Level Aggravated Activism is activity using tactics to bring about social or political change involving criminality that has a significant impact on UK communities, or where the ideology driving the activity would result in harm to a significant proportion of the population.

High Level Aggravated Activism is either:

- a) activism which involves unlawful behaviour or criminality that has i) a significant impact on cross-regional or national community tensions that could lead directly to violence against that community, or ii) a significant negative impact on UK businesses. This activity can be in furtherance of any kind of ideology.

Or

- b) lawful activism or activism involving low level criminality that impacts on local or cross-regional community tensions, but in furtherance of an ideology which seeks the death or subjugation of a specific group or significant proportion of the population; or the dismantling of the state or rule of law; or to relocate a significant proportion of the population from a country or geographic area.

Terrorism is defined by S1 of the Terrorism Act 2000 and for the purpose of the matrix includes all offences defined in the 2000 and 2006 Terrorism legislation.

Terrorism is the use or threat of action, both in and outside of the UK, designed to influence the government, an international government organisation or to intimidate the public. It must also be for the purpose of advancing a political, religious, racial or ideological cause.

Action is defined as:

- involves serious violence against a person
- involves serious damage to property
- endangers a person's life (other than that of the person committing the action)

¹ Based on the Collins Dictionary definition

OFFICIAL SENSITIVE

- creates a serious risk to the health or safety of the public or a section of the public
- is designed seriously to interfere with or seriously to disrupt an electronic system

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