

About the National Day

The National Day for Victims and Survivors of Terrorism is a day of remembrance and recognition for all those affected by terrorism. Observed for the first time on **21 August 2026**, it remembers those who have lost their lives, recognises the experiences of victims and survivors, and provides an opportunity for communities across the United Kingdom to come together in remembrance, reflection and support. It will be marked annually on 21 August.

The National Day recognises **everyone** impacted by terrorism, including:

- Those who have lost their lives
- Bereaved family members and loved ones
- People who have been injured
- Witnesses to terrorist attacks
- First responders and others affected through their involvement in responding to incidents

The Day is dedicated to those affected by terrorist attacks in the UK, as well as British nationals impacted by attacks overseas.

Why it matters

The National Day aims to:

- Honour those whose lives have been lost to terrorism
- Recognise the lasting impact of terrorism on individuals, families and communities
- Highlight the resilience of victims and survivors
- Encourage greater public understanding of the experiences of those affected
- Provide opportunities for reflection, remembrance and community solidarity
- Strengthen community cohesion and social unity by bringing people together in support of those affected by terrorism

Why 21 August?

The date was chosen following a public consultation and was the most popular option among respondents.

It also aligns with the **United Nations International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism**, enabling the UK to stand alongside the international community in honouring victims and survivors of terrorism.

Support for victims and survivors

The Support Hub for Victims and Survivors of Terrorism is available to anyone affected by terrorism and provides access to specialist, trauma-informed support, including

- Practical support
- Specialist mental health support
- Peer support

Further information is available at:

<https://terrorism survivorhub.org.uk/>

How communities can mark the Day

There are lots of ways to mark the National Day, depending on how you would like to remember and reflect. You could:

- Observe a moment of reflection or remembrance
- Share information about the National Day through websites, newsletters or social media
- Encourage learning and discussion about the impact of terrorism on individuals and communities
- Encourage and support local remembrance or community activities
- Promote awareness of support available for victims and survivors

Participation can be tailored to local needs and carried out in a respectful and inclusive manner.

**Together, we remember those lost to terrorism,
recognise the experiences of victims and survivors,
and stand in solidarity with all those affected**

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