

2004-2006: All suspects thought to have arrived in UK ahead of April 2006 Home Office work-permit requirement for doctors from countries outside EU

Apr 2, 2007: *Centre for the Protection of National Infrastructure* issues alert to owners of bars, pubs and nightclubs across Britain, warning of possibility of terrorist attack



1 Apr 22: While attending conference in Jordan, Baghdad-based Anglican minister **Andrew White** is warned by *al-Qaeda*-linked cleric that “those who cure you will kill you.” Alert passed to British government

Apr: MI5's *Joint Terrorism Assessment Centre* warns of possible *al-Qaeda* attack during handover of power from Tony Blair to Gordon Brown

Mid June: U.S. steps up number of armed air marshals aboard American flights to and from Glasgow

2 Jun 29: Two car bombs in central London fail to explode. One of cars is parked outside packed nightclub in Haymarket

Countdown to terror

At least five of the names of eight medical professionals arrested in England, Scotland and Australia in connection with failed car bombings in Glasgow and London were recorded in security-service databases. The MI5 database contains details on more than 1,600 “priority targets” suspected of active involvement in terrorism



3 Jun 30: Two men arrested at Glasgow airport after burning car is driven into doors of main terminal. Lebanese-born **Dr Khalid Ahmed**, 27, and Iraqi-born

Dr Bilal Abdullah, 27, worked at Royal Alexandra Hospital in Paisley. Both carry suicide notes and passports. Ahmed (*inset*) is critically burned in attack



4 Jun 30: Alleged mastermind **Dr Mohammed Asha**, 26, and his wife

Marwah Da'na, 27, arrested on M6 near Sandbach. Palestinian-Jordanian Asha studied neurosurgery at University of Birmingham and worked at North Staffordshire University Hospital. Marwa Da'na worked as hospital laboratory technician

5 Jul 1: Two unnamed Saudi Arabian junior doctors, also working at Royal Alexandra Hospital, arrested

6 Jul 1: **Dr Sabeel Ahmed**, 26, who worked at Halton Hospital in Liverpool, arrested

7 Jul 2: **Dr Mohammed Haneef**, 27, detained in Australia. Haneef and Sabeel Ahmed both trained at Rajiv Gandhi University in India. Haneef worked at Halton Hospital until 2005

