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20241123-We Are Aware: [REDACTED] Update 004-OS

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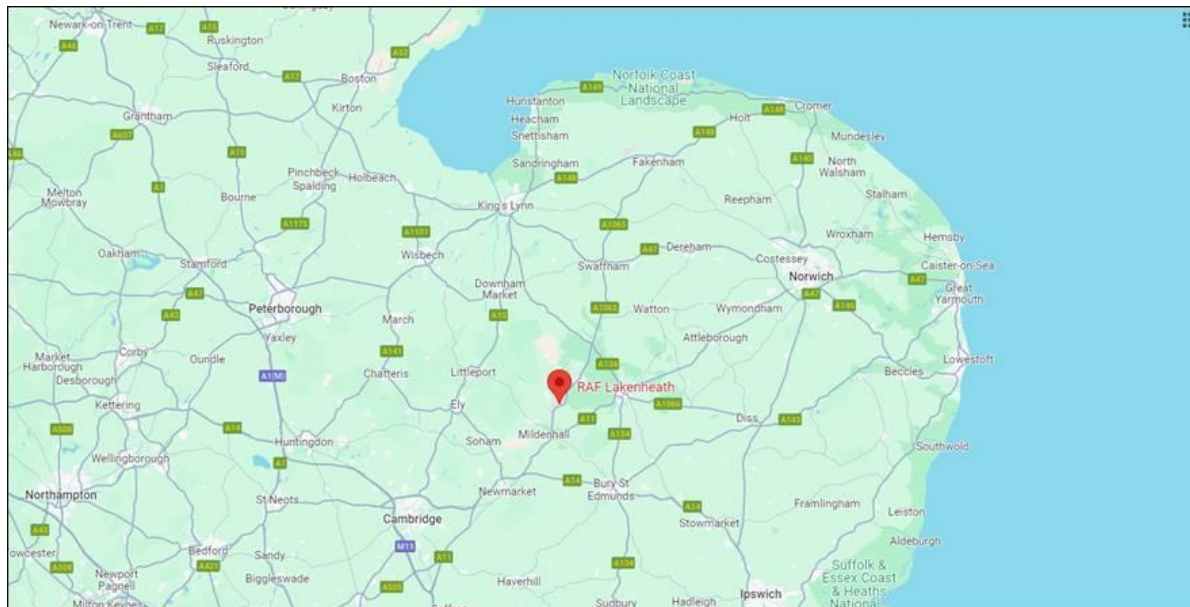
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**– Drone**  
**Activity Response**  
**WE ARE AWARE AS AT**  
**1100Z ON 23 NOVEMBER 2024**

**SITUATION**

**WE ARE AWARE – Update 004**

- Open source media [REDACTED] reports unusual uncrewed aerial system (UAS) activity over RAF Lakenheath, Suffolk, on 20 Nov.
- RAF Lakenheath hosts US Visiting Forces (USVF) in the form of US Air Force Europe F-15 and F-35 combat aircraft.
- Further unusual UAS activity was reported on the evenings of 21 and 22 Nov, following similar patterns.



**DEFENCE ACTIONS**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [REDACTED]</li> <li>• [REDACTED]</li> <li>• [REDACTED]</li> <li>• MOD is linked into Home Office, Cabinet Office and [REDACTED] to ensure shared situational awareness and assessment.</li> </ul>
<b>RISKS/ISSUES</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [REDACTED]</li> <li>• MOD remains the Lead Government Department for this activity, responsible for associated costs and liability.</li> <li>• Storm Bert expected to bring widespread rain, snow and high winds 23-24 Nov.</li> </ul>
<b>MEDIA</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflections have appeared on specialist media (eg The War Zone: <a href="https://www.twz.com">Multiple Drone Incursion Just Occurred Over USAF Fighter Base In England (twz.com)</a> )</li> <li>• Reactive Lines to Take have been agreed.</li> </ul>
<b>KEY TIMINGS</b>
<p><b>Timeline</b> – Assessed timeline at this stage is as follows. These timings are <u>estimated</u> and may change significantly as the task/situation develops:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 Nov: First reports of UAS activity during the evening.</li> <li>• [REDACTED]</li> <li>• [REDACTED]</li> <li>• [REDACTED]</li> </ul>
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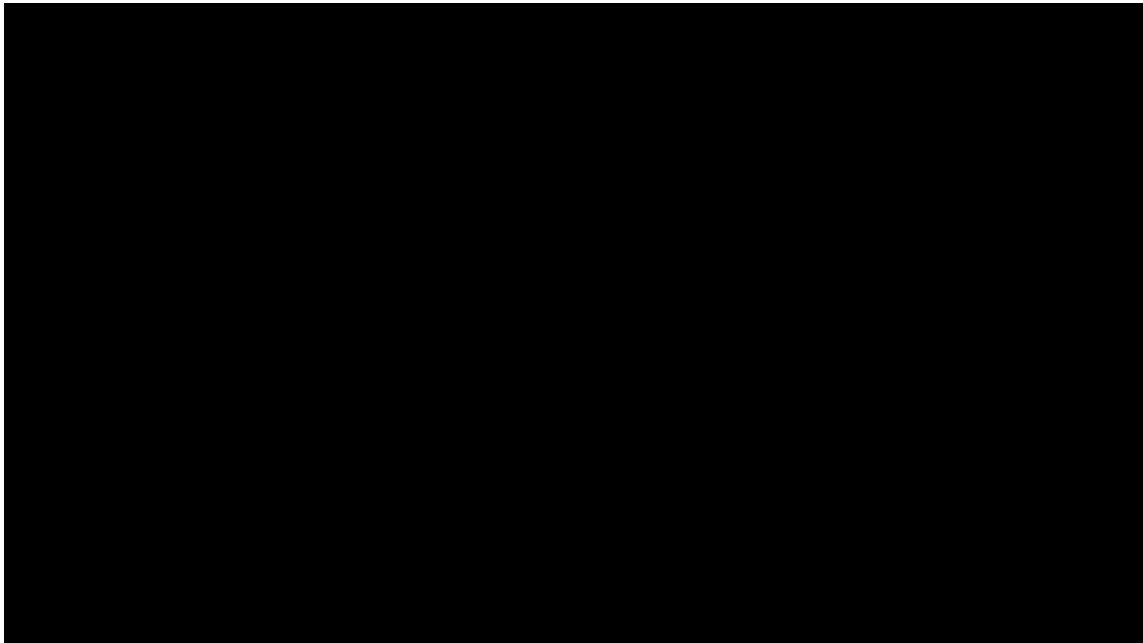
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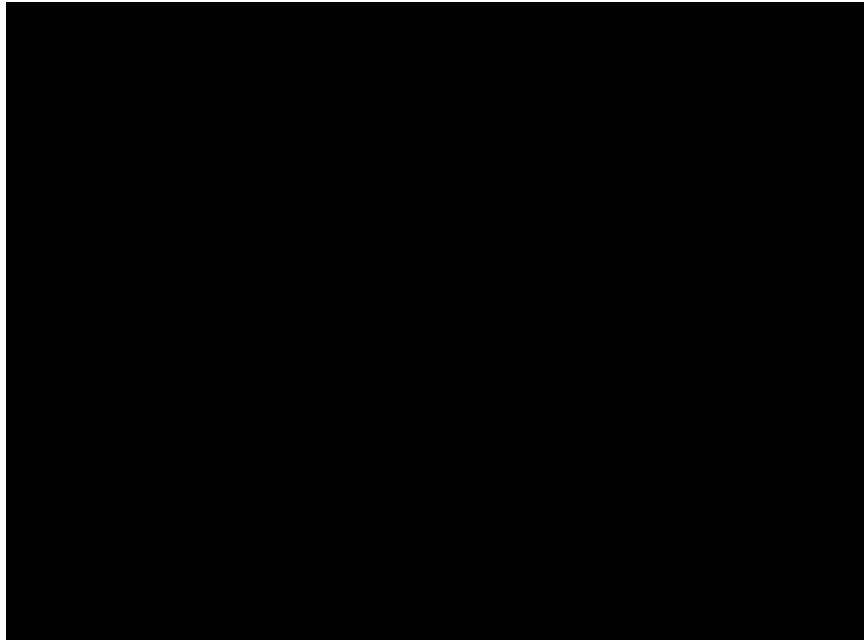
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<b>SITUATION</b>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WE ARE AWARE – Update 005</b></p> <p>[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Open source media [REDACTED] reports unusual uncrewed aerial system (UAS) activity over RAF Lakenheath, Suffolk, on 20 Nov.</li><li>• RAF Lakenheath hosts US Visiting Forces (USVF) in the form of US Air Force Europe F-15 and F-35 combat aircraft.</li><li>• Further unusual UAS activity was reported on the evenings of 21 and 22 Nov, following similar patterns.</li><li>• [REDACTED] [REDACTED]</li><li>• The USAF has confirmed publicly [REDACTED] that unidentified UAS were spotted over RAF Lakenheath, RAF Mildenhall and RAF Feltwell between 20-22 Nov.</li><li>• [REDACTED] [REDACTED]</li><li>• [REDACTED]</li></ul>	





#### DEFENCE ACTIONS

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
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- [REDACTED]

#### RISKS/ISSUES

- [REDACTED]
- MOD remains the Lead Government Department for this activity, responsible for associated costs and liability.
- Storm Bert brought widespread rain, snow and high winds 23-24 Nov.
- [REDACTED]
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20241125-We Are Aware: [REDACTED] Update 006-OS

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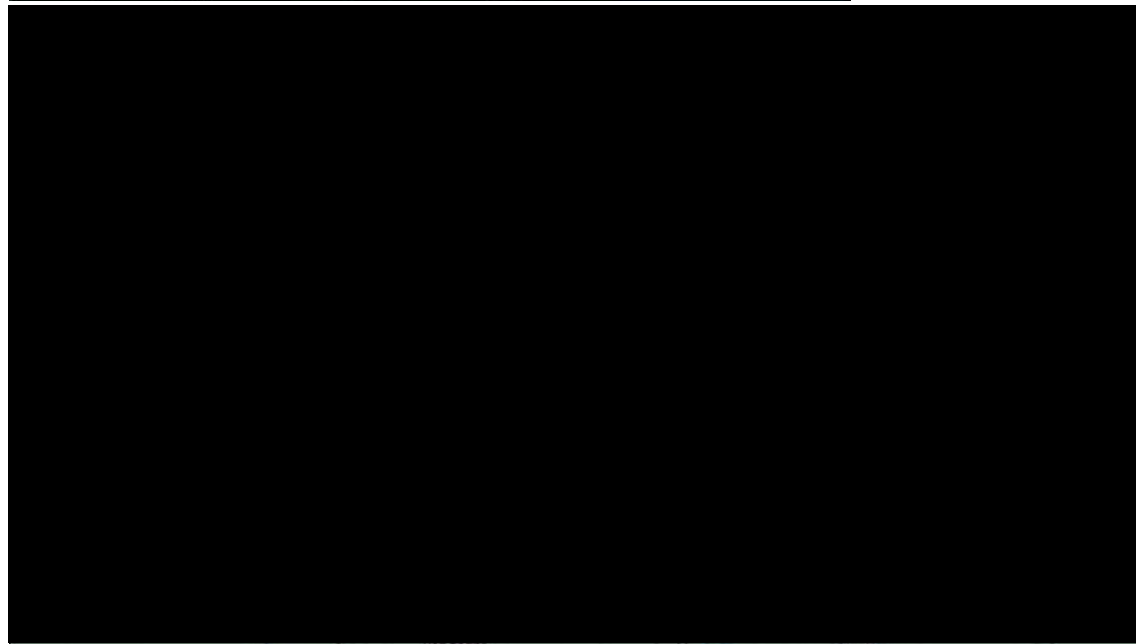
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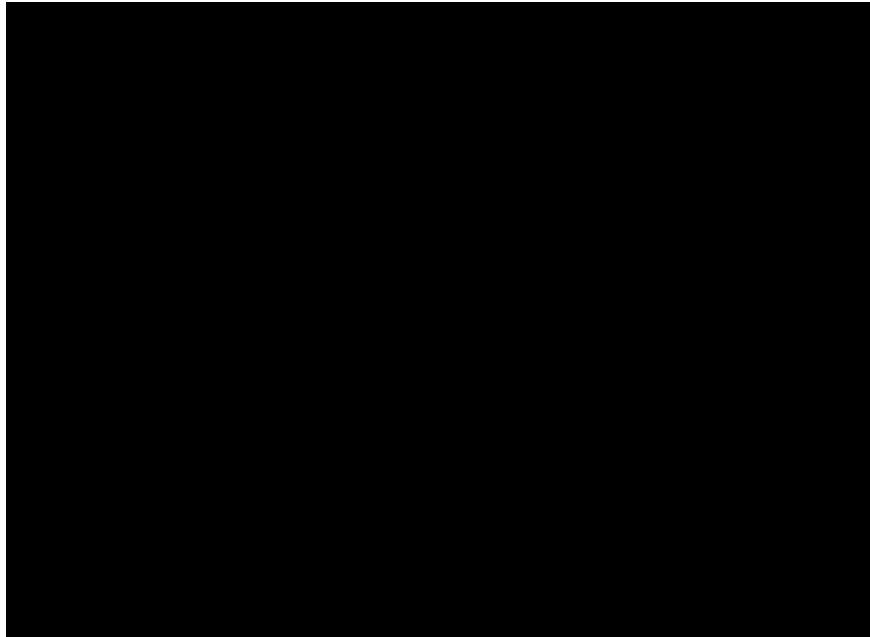
**[REDACTED] – Drone  
Activity Response  
WE ARE AWARE AS AT  
0755Z ON 25 NOVEMBER 2024**

**SITUATION**

**WE ARE AWARE – Update 006**

- Open source media [REDACTED] reports unusual uncrewed aerial system (UAS) activity over RAF Lakenheath, Suffolk, on 20 Nov.
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- [REDACTED]  
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#### DEFENCE ACTIONS

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- [REDACTED]
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Regards,

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