



Kentish Town: three fires, one pattern

Three fires in five days on the PM's wider footprint. Recruited over Telegram by a Russian-speaking handler - the proxy pattern, if not a proven principal.

INCIDENT DETAILS • 5WH

Who Perpetrators - recruited via Telegram by a Russian-speaking handler ("El Money"); two convicted. Casualties - none.

What Three linked arson attacks - a car and two properties connected to the Prime Minister.

Where North London: Kentish Town (Camden) and Islington, roughly 3 km apart.

When 8-12 May 2025.

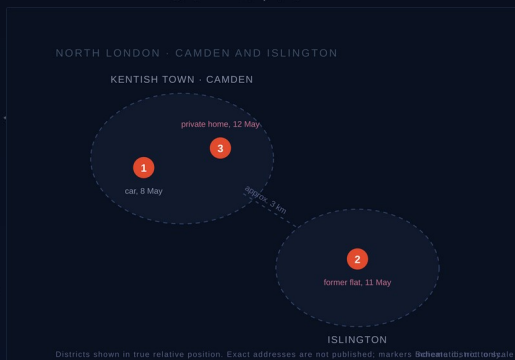
Why Court found a stated financial motive; method mirrors state-linked proxy sabotage.

How Recruited and paid via Telegram; a slow-burning accelerant used on at least one door.

IMPACT

- Physical: no casualties, but life potentially endangered - a resident was helped to safety.
- Psychological: direct pressure on the head of government and his family.
- Reputational: a leader's former homes, car and family shown to be reachable.
- Adversary gain: a template - disposable online proxies to intimidate, cheaply and deniably.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS



- A** Mar 2024: Leyton warehouse arson
- B** Same channel, same method
- C** Counter Terrorism Command led
- 1** 8 May: car alight, Kentish Town
- 2** 11 May: flat door fired, Islington
- 3** 12 May: home fired, Kentish Town
- 4** Counter Terrorism Command leads
- 5** Jun 2026: two convicted, one acquitted

ASSESSMENT, LESSONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Protect the whole footprint - former homes, family, vehicles and routine, not just the guarded residence.
- Method is a signal, motive is a finding - read online recruitment, cash and proxies as an indicator.
- Deniability cuts both ways - platforms, payments and travel leave workable trails.
- It is almost certain that hostile states continue to reach into the UK through paid proxies rather than their own officers.