



RESOURCE 3

WHAT IF...?

Imagine your town is under threat of a terrorist attack. You have been warned about this by a prominent terrorist group, but you have not been informed when and how this attack might occur. The government decides to put together a plan to help prevent this, followed by specific actions to ensure everyone's safety, to be implemented immediately yet indefinitely. The aims of these temporary measures and actions are, amongst others, to:

- strengthen border security
- reduce the vulnerability of the transport network
- increase security in crowded places
- create and constantly update a database of individuals who have been convicted of terrorism charges or who are members of 'a terrorist fighting group'
- use all necessary means to investigate individuals who are considered suspects
- create and constantly update a database of the travelling preferences of all citizens
- impose transport and assembly restrictions on the public when considered necessary
- ban demonstrations when considered appropriate and necessary
- work closely with social media to ensure that they are not used inappropriately by 'terrorist fighting groups'
- create and constantly update a database of the religious beliefs of all citizens
- work closely with the media sector to ensure that no news is published that could tip off the terrorists about the government's activities
- improve the exchange of security information with partner countries
- relax limitations regarding the use of violence by the police
- enhance cooperation between the army and the police
- enhance civilian checks and controls
- install a large number of CCTVs across the city
- ban civilian movements after eight o'clock in the evening
- impose limitations and controls on capital movement (capital controls)
- restrict access to public buildings