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DIRTY WAR

The BBC's Drama and Current Affairs departments have joined forces to co-produce Dirty War, a drama presenting a hypothetical scenario of a radiological "dirty" bomb attack on London, written by Dan Percival and Lizzie Mickery.

As the "war on terror" becomes the defining issue of the early 21st century, Dirty War confronts the reality of the situation faced by Britain today. Following the events of 9/11 and in Madrid in March 2004, both the Metropolitan Police and MI5 have said that it is only a matter of time before a chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear attack is launched on a Western city.

Dirty War is a fictional drama based on extensive research into the preparations made by the UK's emergency planners, government and the emergency services to deal with this threat.

While the film presents a hypothetical scenario of a terrorist attack on London, its focus is the reaction to this attack – particularly by the emergency services and government agencies – and the characters caught up in the unfolding drama. Dirty War blends drama and documentary techniques to offer a very human and realistic insight into a terrifying fictional scenario.





