



Threat

The chance of an attack in the Netherlands is still real. The jihadist threat has by no means diminished.

Both al Qa'ida and ISIS have the will and the means to carry out attacks in European countries. The risk of complex, coordinated attacks has not disappeared. The Netherlands seems to be turning up more often on the radar of individual ISIS members.



Modi operandi

Recent attacks and plans involved a wide array of methods (knives, vehicles, explosives, firearms).

This calls for a variety of measures. Jihadists deliberately spread propaganda containing misinformation, in order to sow fear. They exaggerate their capabilities in the cyber domain too.



Returnees

ISIS continues to pose a threat, even after the fall of Raqqa.

Hardly any people travelled to jihadist conflict zones in the period covered by the current DTN. It is likely that a number of men, women and minors will return in the coming months. They may pose a threat. ISIS has called directly for female sympathisers to take part in actual fighting.



Terrorist Threat Assessment for the Netherlands (DTN)

Current threat level: **Substantial**

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Political Salafists under pressure

Various political Salafist leaders in the Netherlands are under financial and legal pressure. There is only limited support outside their own circles.

Concerns remain about the influence of Salafism and foreign funding of Salafist institutions, because of their intolerant and antidemocratic ideology. There is an increase in Salafist tendencies among Turkish-speaking communities.



Local jihadists

There is also a risk associated with jihadists who have never left the country, and with the local networks they have here.

They could be inspired, encouraged or directed to carry out an attack. Online instructions and the network of jihadist travellers play an important role in this respect.



Extremism and radicalisation

In Europe the threat posed by right-wing terrorism is growing.

There are no indications of such a threat in the Netherlands. Acts of violence committed by lone individuals remain conceivable, as do sporadic confrontations between left- and right-wing extremists. The polarised climate may fuel radicalisation across the ideological spectrum.



The DTN is a periodic analysis of the terrorist threat in the Netherlands
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