



Threat level unaltered

The threat continues to evolve. There are fewer attacks in Europe.

ISIS's ability to plan and carry out attacks in Europe has also been significantly weakened. That said, ISIS and al Qa'ida still pose a threat to the Netherlands and the rest of Europe from their bases in Syria.



The recent stabbing at Amsterdam Central Station illustrates the threat to the Netherlands. Adherents of the Dutch jihadist movement are involved in planning attacks.

Jihadist conflict zone

ISIS is being driven back further in Syria. In Syria and Iraq, ISIS is using insurgent tactics such as hit-and-run attacks and kidnappings.



The causes of discontent among Sunnis in Iraq and Syria have not been resolved. This means that the breeding ground that gave rise to ISIS still exists.

Jihadist movement in the Netherlands

The Dutch jihadist movement is in a process of reorientation.

Its growth is stagnating, but the movement is many times larger than before the war in Syria and continues to pose a violent threat. Due to the collapse of the 'caliphate', jihadists no longer have a compelling reason to travel to that part of the world, and their focus has shifted to da'wa, or spreading the jihadist message.



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Current threat level: **Substantial**



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Intermingling of jihadism and salafism

The influence of salafism in the Netherlands has been growing for several years.



A segment of the salafist movement advocates and legitimises active intolerance and anti-democratic activities. Some adherents only half-heartedly reject jihadist violence while others even condone it. Part of the salafist movement may pose a threat to national security in the future.

Left- and right-wing extremism

Right-wing extremists are growing more confident.



They continue to focus on protesting against the perceived islamisation of the Netherlands, the arrival of asylum seekers and the perceived loss of Dutch identity.

It is conceivable that individuals or small groups may engage in violence. Left-wing extremists have carried out very few protests over the past few months.

Polarisation

Tensions between Turks and Kurds in the region have led to tensions among the diaspora in Europe.



Moreover, protests against the Netherlands abroad were sparked by a (now cancelled) cartoon contest. The situation in the Netherlands remained largely peaceful. However, the contest highlighted divisions between Muslims whose response was moderate and those with more radical views, particularly jihadists.

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