



A changing threat

Despite a changing threat, the chance of an attack in the Netherlands is real.

The main threat is jihadist in nature. With the collapse of the territorial 'caliphate', the threat posed by ISIS is changing. Since October 2017 there have been scarcely any jihadist attacks in Western Europe. The attack in France on 23 March shows that the threat has in no way diminished.



Propaganda

After a sharp drop in the amount of new ISIS propaganda in 2017, signs of recovery have been observed at the start of 2018.

ISIS propaganda continues to be circulated online. Its importance may increase over the long term. Now that the 'caliphate' no longer exists and travel to jihadist conflict zones is virtually impossible, jihadists are focusing, as in the pre-2012 period, on da'wa (missionary work) and lawful activism.



The jihadist conflict zone

The situation in Syria and Iraq remains highly unstable.

There are still pockets of ISIS resistance in the region. Both ISIS and al Qa'ida have the will and the capability to carry out attacks on the West. The territorial 'caliphate' has collapsed, but it endures in the virtual world and as an ideological concept. The Netherlands remains a potential target for jihadists.



Right-wing and left-wing extremism

Right-wing extremists continue to target Islam and Muslims, asylum seekers and ideological opponents.

The racist group Erkenbrand has been attracting more and more followers. Within the Netherlands, the debate on asylum and migration policy remains a causal factor underlying left-wing extremism, as do the controversy surrounding Black Pete and the issue of (perceived) police violence.



Returnees

The threat facing Europe is posed not only by people returning from jihadist conflict zones,

but also by individuals who have never left the Netherlands but who are susceptible to being inspired, encouraged or coached by jihadist organisations. Because ISIS is not capable of sending people to the West, it is increasingly turning its attention to people already living there.



Polarisation

In recent months people have adopted highly polarised positions in the political and societal debate on Salafism.

The tense political situation in Turkey has had an impact on Dutch people of Turkish descent. The Turkish assault on Afrin has also caused tensions to rise.



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