

**Letter of 11 July 2016 from the Minister of Security and Justice to the President of the House of Representatives, accompanying the 42nd edition of the Terrorist Threat Assessment for the Netherlands (DTN42)**

Enclosed please find the public version of the 42nd edition of the Terrorist Threat Assessment for the Netherlands (DTN42), prepared by the Office of the National Coordinator for Security and Counterterrorism (NCTV). This DTN provides an overview of the current threat situation and the factors influencing it.

The situation described in DTN42 calls for ongoing vigilance and learning capacity on the part of all organisations involved. The ISIS-directed attacks in Paris and the attacks in Brussels show all too clearly the nature and scope of the current terrorist threat facing Europe. Such attacks could occur again in the near future, here in the Netherlands as well as elsewhere.

It is vital that we allow ourselves the opportunity to reflect on our approach to the evolving threat, in the wake of every incident and every attack.

The threat assessment as outlined in DTN42 forms part of this opportunity for reflection. Among other things, we are currently considering whether to tighten up our approach, for example in the operational domain, over and above what is already being done every day. The main elements of our present policy will remain intact.

Our progress on implementing the plan of action 'An Integrated Approach to Jihadism' is addressed in the sixth edition of the associated progress report, which accompanies this DTN.