



Threat persists

The threat is substantial, and the situation can change rapidly. The chance of an attack is real.

The picture is mixed: while fewer jihadist attacks have taken place in Europe, there have been attacks in the Netherlands by lone actors, as well as thwarted plots.

This state of affairs could worsen. Jihadist networks continue to evolve, and a number of jihadists will be released from prison in the Netherlands in the near future.



Jihadism and Salafism

Political Salafism poses a threat to national security.

The influence of Salafism continues to grow in the Netherlands. A segment of the Salafist movement advocates and legitimises active intolerance and anti-democratic activities. There are also concerns about the fact that some adherents only half-heartedly reject jihadist violence while others even condone it.



Threat from abroad

Worldwide, the threat of attacks by ISIS and al Qa'ida persists.

This includes attacks orchestrated or inspired by jihadists in Syria and Iraq, or elsewhere. Both al Qa'ida and ISIS are building networks and cells in order to carry out attacks in Europe.



Terrorist Threat Assessment for the Netherlands

Current threat level: **Substantial**



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Right-wing extremism

The upturn in right-wing extremism is manifesting itself primarily in the use of more aggressive language online rather than in violence.

In the Netherlands the threat posed by violent lone actors is greater than that posed by larger groups. The polarised social debate could have an impact on lone actors.



Jihadist movement in the Netherlands

The Dutch jihadist movement is focusing on recruitment but the threat of violence remains.

Its growth has stagnated, but the movement is many times larger than before the war in Syria. Following the collapse of the 'caliphate', the movement is undergoing a process of reorientation. There is now a greater emphasis on spreading the jihadist message.



Polarisation

The right-wing extremist fight against Islam and jihadism is mobilising like-minded individuals and hardening the anti-Islam debate.

At the same time, Salafist leaders are seizing on Islamophobic messages to turn their supporters against Dutch society, thereby contributing to social polarisation.



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