



Threat level 3

The threat is still significant; an attack is conceivable.

The trend of fewer attacks in Western Europe continues. The threat posed by ISIS is less immediate, but ISIS and al Qa'ida both still seek to carry out attacks in Western countries.

The conceivable threat is mainly posed by lone actors, both jihadists and right-wing extremists.



Salafist influences on informal education

Children learn to reject Dutch society and people who think differently.

Salafist agitators systematically teach intolerant, anti-integrationist and anti-democratic ideas in informal education.

This contributes to polarisation, and in the long run it can lead to extremism.



Situation in northern Syria

ISIS may profit from the new situation in northern Syria.

ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi has been killed, but the underground jihadist fight continues. The situation in northern Syria may allow ISIS to regroup.

Jihadist travellers in the region could escape from camps and clandestinely return to Europe.



Right-wing terrorism

Risk of copycat attacks following Christchurch.

There are concerns about right-wing terrorist attacks in other countries. It is conceivable that a lone actor in the Netherlands will try something similar.

On right-wing extremist online platforms, violence is encouraged and glorified; this may fuel violence among lone actors.



Terrorist Threat Assessment Netherlands

Current threat level: **Significant**

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The Dutch Jihadist movement

The Dutch Jihadist movement is fragmented but continues to pose a threat.

Government measures are having an increasing effect and are damaging the movement's cohesion. The risk posed by lone actors or small groups remains, however.

In terrorist wings in prisons, jihadists influence each other and form networks. This can strengthen the movement and eventually become a threat.



Polarisation and extremism

Division in society remains a potential threat to public order.

Activists form groups around various issues. Anti-government sentiment has played a role in several large-scale protests.

In some cases lawful activism can degenerate into violence on the part of a small segment of the group.



The DTN is a periodic analysis of radicalisation, extremism and the terrorist threat in the Netherlands.

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