



Threat level 3

A terrorist attack is conceivable; the threat is significant.

Jihadism poses the biggest terrorist threat to the Netherlands. Both ISIS and al Qa'ida still intend to carry out attacks in or against Western countries. Coronavirus makes a large-scale attack less likely at present, because it is more difficult to find large groups of people to target.



Salafist agitators

Salafist agitators pose a threat to national security.

Salafist agitators propagate an anti-democratic and intolerant ideology. They seek to impose their views in a coercive and sometimes intimidating way on their fellow Muslims. In their statements to the media and in posts on social networks, they reinforce their narrative of a biased, untrustworthy government that seeks to violate Muslims' democratic rights.



Threat posed by ISIS and al Qa'ida

The threat posed by ISIS and al Qa'ida has declined but it has not disappeared.

ISIS is far smaller than it once was. The ground offensive by the Syrian army could cause a new flow of refugees in the direction of Turkey. Jihadist fighters can move around more freely in the region.



Terrorist Threat Assessment Netherlands

Current threat level: **Significant**

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Right-wing extremism

An attack in the Netherlands by a lone right-wing terrorist remains conceivable.

Offline, the Dutch right-wing extremist scene is fragmented and marked by weak leadership and internal divisions. Most lone extremists find ideological inspiration online.



The jihadist movement in the Netherlands

The jihadist movement has the intention of committing acts of violence.

Thanks to the efforts of intelligence and security services, such attacks can generally be prevented. Jihadist travellers and potential returnees (including women) can also pose a violent threat.



Polarisation and anti-government sentiment

Various issues are fuelling social polarisation.

Excesses at protests have fostered social polarisation, due in part to counter reactions from far-left, animal rights or climate activists. Opponents of 5G technology accuse the government of endangering public health, the environment or individual privacy. Some conspiracy theorists see the introduction of 5G as a reason to set fire to telecom towers.



The DTN is a periodic analysis of radicalisation, extremism and the terrorist threat to the Netherlands. You can find more information on www.nctv.nl