



Threat level remains at 3

A terrorist attack is conceivable, with the threat posed mainly by lone actors.

Attacks in Europe are normally improvisational in nature and are carried out by lone actors, with few victims. The jihadist threat is still very much alive, and it is still conceivable that small-scale attacks will continue to be carried out in Europe, including in the Netherlands.



Salafism

Political Salafist agitators are continuing their activities.

Political Salafist agitators continue to pass on their anti-integration and anti-democratic ideology to their followers in response to domestic and international developments, such as the findings of the Parliamentary Committee on Undesirable Influence Exerted from Unfree Countries (POCOB). So, they contribute to polarisation and radicalisation.



Global jihadism

ISIS more active in Syria and Iraq compared to last year.

ISIS is focusing primarily on regaining power in Syria and Iraq, although the strength of the group is not what it was at the height of the 'caliphate'. Both ISIS and al Qa'ida frequently exploit local and regional circumstances. The COVID-19 pandemic has temporarily limited the opportunities for jihadist travellers to return to Europe.



Right-wing extremism

A right-wing extremist attack remains conceivable.

Known right-wing groups are limited in their influence, internally divided and focused primarily on capitalising on current social trends. Online activities are a special case in this regard; digital platforms offer ample opportunity for lone actors to potentially become radicalised through contact with like-minded individuals.



The Jihadist movement in the Netherlands

The Dutch jihadist movement: fragmented but unpredictable.

The immediate violent threat posed by the Dutch jihadist movement appears to have slightly abated, due to social and ideological fragmentation and the lack of strong leaders and agitators. Although most of the movement's activities are non-violent, but the threat remains unpredictable.



Polarisation and extremism

Social dissatisfaction.

Demonstrations concerning various issues relating to the government or wider society are primarily lawful in nature, though they can pose a threat to public order. Alongside the diverse, law-abiding upper layer of activists, there is also a radical undercurrent in which staunch distrust of the authorities can lead to extremist conduct. Social media can fuel this fire even further.



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