



Threat level remains at 3

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

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



Salafism

A number of informal Salafist educational institutions are spreading a harmful message.

The classes given at a small group of informal Salafist educational institutions contain anti-integrationist and anti-democratic elements. These institutions thus contribute to polarisation and radicalisation.



Global jihadism

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

ISIS is now focusing primarily on regaining power in Syria and Iraq, although the strength of the group is not what it was in the heyday of the 'caliphate'. Both ISIS and al Qa'ida frequently exploit local and regional circumstances.



Right-wing extremism

A right-wing extremist attack remains conceivable.

Generally speaking, known right-wing groups are limited in their influence, internally divided and are looking to seize on current social trends. Online activities are different in this regard; digital platforms offer ample opportunity for young Dutch people in vulnerable circumstances to potentially become radicalised through contact with like-minded individuals.



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Current threat level: *Significant*



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The Jihadist movement in the Netherlands

The Dutch jihadist movement: fragmented but unpredictable.

The movement is feeling the effect of repressive government measures. This has sapped their motivation to organise activities. The threat of violence nevertheless remains because the movement continues to regard attacks on the Netherlands as a legitimate tactic.



Polarisation and extremism

Social unrest amid COVID-19 pandemic.

During this past pandemic year, the Netherlands has witnessed an interplay between an upper layer of activists who demonstrate in public spaces and a radical undercurrent that is agitating against the government's coronavirus measures. The continuing coronavirus measures could trigger unlawful behaviour on the part of potentially violent individuals.



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