



Threat level remains at 3

A terrorist attack is conceivable.

At present, there are individuals in the Netherlands who are becoming radicalised or who are already highly radicalised and could pose a threat to national security. Thus far, there are no concrete indications that individuals in the Netherlands are plotting an attack, but it is conceivable.



Jihadist movement in the Netherlands

Jihadist threat to the Netherlands remains unchanged.

Currently, the most conceivable terrorist scenario is an act of jihadist violence carried out by a lone perpetrator or a small group. However, jihadist violence carried out by a larger group is also conceivable. The jihadist movement in the Netherlands is socially and ideologically fragmented. Due to internal division, a lack of initiative and an awareness of security risks, there is little sign of any mobilisation or growth within the movement.



Right-wing terrorism

A terrorist attack in the Netherlands by right-wing extremists remains conceivable.

The conceivability of a right-wing extremist terrorist attack in the Netherlands is mainly based on the involvement of young Dutch people in international online accelerationist networks. Adherents of this ideology seek to use terrorist violence to hasten a race war in order to replace the democratic government with a white ethnostate. A number of terrorist attacks inspired by this ideology have been carried out in Western countries over the past three years.



Extremism

The views of a small segment of the coronavirus protest movement may be hardening.

A segment of the radical undercurrent of the coronavirus protest movement legitimises using violence and taking the law into their own hands. A combination of deepening social tensions, perceived injustice, conspiracy theories, rejection of the democratic legal order and in some cases far-right ideas, could lead to a hardening of positions.



Attacks

Attacks in Europe by lone perpetrators.

The number of terrorist attacks in Europe in the first half of 2021 showed a downward trend in relation to 2020. The attacks that occurred during the period covered by the most recent DTN were consistent with what has been seen in Europe in recent years: lone perpetrators, with a simple modus operandi, a limited number of victims and police officers as preferred targets.



Taliban takeover in Afghanistan

Taliban proclaim 'Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan.'

The assumption of power by the Taliban in Afghanistan could, in time, expand the breeding ground for terrorist organisations like al-Qa'ida and increase their room to manoeuvre there. However, it is not yet clear, what the Taliban's takeover will mean for global jihadism. Given the Taliban's local focus, there is not as yet any direct threat to the Netherlands.



Terrorist Threat Assessment Netherlands

Current threat level: *Significant*

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