Threat level remains at 3

The terrorist threat has increased over the past six months.

There are more and more indications that jihadist organisations are preparing to carry out attacks in Europe. An attack by rightwing extremists remains conceivable as well. Finally there is also the possibility that lone actors or small groups who, based on conspiracy thinking, have turned against the government, could commit an act of violence.

Jihadist threat to Europe

There are indications that ISIS is preparing attacks in Europe.

There are currently ISIS supporters living in the Netherlands and elsewhere in Europe who are part of transnational terrorist networks. It is their intention to carry out attacks in Europe. In addition, ISIS is thought to be capable of sending people to Europe and supporting people who are already there in carrying out an attack.

The Netherlands is a possible target of an attack

The Netherlands is on the radar of jihadist organisations.

The Netherlands has been mentioned by jihadist organisations as a possible target of a terrorist attack in retaliation for a series of protests in this country involving the desecration of the Koran. Dutch interests abroad are particularly vulnerable to attack. Plans for attacks on targets like the Dutch consulate in Istanbul underscore this threat.



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Normalisation of right-wing extremism

Right-wing extremist ideas are being voiced more and more often.

The open discussion of xenophobic and occasionally racist views is common not only on social media but also in the political discourse and, indeed, in daily life. By playing into concerns shared by a segment of the population about the loss of traditions, culture and identity, right-wing extremists seek to make larger groups of people sensitive to the great replacement theory.

Right-wing terrorism

The terrorist threat posed by proponents of accelerationism remains undiminished.

Supporters of accelerationism use deeply disturbing language on the internet. This has not translated into actual attacks in the Netherlands. However, it is alarming that several hundred young Dutch people are actively spreading terrorist ideas and glorifying perpetrators of attacks.

Anti-institutional extremism

Anti-institutional extremism poses a longterm threat to the democratic legal order.

Some conspiracy theorists are fuelling anti-Semitism (possibly unwittingly) and distrust in the government. A large-scale rejection of the legitimacy of the government and democratic institutions can undermine the democratic legal order over the long term.