



## Threat level remains at 4 The chance of an attack is real

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There is still a substantial terrorist threat to the Netherlands. The jihadist threat to the Netherlands is still present, though this has probably abated for the time being. Right-wing extremists continue to pose a terrorist threat, as do a small subset of anti-institutional extremists. Perpetrators of terrorist attacks can also be driven by personal circumstances or be motivated by a fascination with nihilistic violence.

## Jihadist threat

The threat to the Netherlands is still present



Thanks to worldwide, ongoing counterterrorism operations, international terrorist organisations like ISIS and al Qa'ida are currently thought to be less capable of carrying out an attack in Europe. ISIS does have the ability to swiftly rebuild its attack capabilities if such military pressure is lifted. ISIS in Syria, for example, has grown stronger in recent months.

## The Dutch jihadist movement

Ongoing concerns about online radicalisation



The radicalisation of a new generation of young people who are active in the online jihadist milieu is a matter of great concern. In recent years a number of very young people have been arrested for preparing a terrorist attack or for other terrorist offences. In time, online interactions could lead to the formation of new jihadist networks, which may pose a terrorist threat to the Netherlands.

## Right-wing terrorism and extremism

Growing concern about normalisation of right-wing extremist ideas



Dutch people who are active within right-wing terrorist circles can pose a terrorist threat to the Netherlands, though they rarely take any concrete steps to prepare an attack. Most right-wing extremists seek to lower public resistance to right-wing extremist ideas and activities ('normalisation') and thus enlarge their following. Such normalisation leads to fear, hate and racism in society and undermines social cohesion. In some cases it can lead to acts of violence.

## Anti-institutional terrorism and extremism

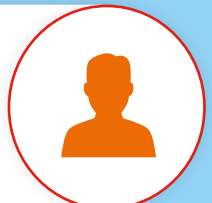
Threat posed by small group of anti-institutional extremists who are willing to use violence has not been entirely eliminated.



A very small segment of Dutch anti-institutional extremists are willing and able to use terrorist violence, for example against institutions and government officials. Despite the arrest of several people in 2024 and 2025, a small number of anti-institutional extremists who are willing to use violence continue to pose a threat.

## Individualisation of terrorism

Individualisation of terrorism makes threat of attacks more unpredictable



More often than in the past, attacks are inspired by personal, unclear or contradictory motives, with traditional extremist ideologies sometimes seemingly taking a backseat to personal grievances and circumstances. Some perpetrators are driven primarily by a fascination with nihilistic violence. This makes it increasingly difficult to predict who will commit an act of violence and when and why they will do so.

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