

New Zealand Terrorism Update: September – November 2017

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Terrorism Threat Level	
LOW	The Combined Threat Assessment Group (CTAG) assesses a terrorist attack in New Zealand is possible, but is not expected.

Summary

Domestic terrorism

- ISIL's decline in Syria and Iraq has not changed the terror threat level in New Zealand: an attack in New Zealand remains possible, but is not expected.
- ISIL is likely losing some supporters in New Zealand as it loses territory in Syria and Iraq, although extremist material online will continue to facilitate radicalisation.

International terrorism

- Counter-ISIL military and paramilitary forces have retaken ISIL's last major urban strongholds in Syria and Iraq, confining ISIL to territory primarily in the Iraq-Syria border region; however, the group is expected to endure as an insurgency into 2018.
- The vehicle-based attack in New York on 31 October 2017 demonstrates the enduring threat from lone actors and unsophisticated attacks, which are possible in New Zealand.