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Ahamed Aathill Mohamed Samsudeen post-release update

Summary

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1. (S) NZSIS assesses that Mohamed Samsudeen almost certainly continues to adhere to a faith-motivated violent extremist ideology specifically relating to his support of designated terrorist entity Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) and his violent-extremist interpretation of Islam.
2. (S) NZSIS continues to assess there is a realistic possibility that Mohamed Samsudeen will mobilise towards a domestic act of violence. NZSIS does not hold specific intelligence on any imminent attack plan.
3. (S) s6(a) [REDACTED] As such, NZSIS assesses that Mohamed Samsudeen poses a high risk of undertaking a domestic act of faith-motivated extremist violence.
4. (R) NZSIS is working closely with New Zealand Police and other New Zealand government agencies to continually manage the threat posed by Mohamed Samsudeen and to provide ongoing and updated assessment regarding his threat to national security and potential mobilisation to violence as this manifests into the foreseeable future.

Report Detail

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Background

5. (S) Ahmed Aathill Mohamed Samsudeen (DPOB: 16 April 1989, Sri Lanka) has been the subject of an ongoing NZSIS Counter Terrorism investigation since late 2015 due to his adherence to a faith-motivated violent extremist (FMVE) ideology, in particular his support for the designated terrorist organisation, Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL).

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6. (S) In 2018, Mohamed Samsudeen was arrested again whilst on bail as he was almost certainly mobilising towards an ideologically motivated act of violence in New Zealand and has been remanded in custody since his arrest. On 17 May 2021, he stood trial in the High Court for charges relating to objectionable material and possession of an offensive weapon; he was later sentenced to 12 months supervision. On 13 July 2021, Mohamed Samsudeen was released from Auckland prison on bail and is currently residing at Masjid e-Bilal (7 Waikaukau Road, Glen Eden, Auckland).

Behavioural indicators of ideology and intent

7. (S) s6(c), s6(a) [REDACTED]
8. (S) Mohamed Samsudeen highly likely continues to be interested in topics relating to Islamic martyrdom s6(a) [REDACTED]
s6(a) [REDACTED]
9. (S) s6(a) [REDACTED] s6(c), s6(a) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] It is likely that Mohamed Samsudeen will continue to employ increased security awareness while out in the community. The experiences of his arrest, his time in prison and paranoia will highly likely be drivers for these behaviours.

NZSIS Comment

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10. (S) Mohamed Samsudeen continues to display concerning indicators of violent extremist ideology. s6(a) [REDACTED]
11. (S) Intelligence indicates Mohamed Samsudeen almost certainly continues to adhere to a FMVE ideology. His ideology was almost certainly not diminished by his arrests and incarceration in 2017 and 2018. NZSIS assesses this almost certainly continues to be the case post release. It remains a realistic possibility Mohamed Samsudeen will mobilise towards an unsophisticated act of ideologically motivated violence, which may manifest without prior warning.
12. (S) The intelligence gathered to date supports previous NZSIS assessments which indicate that he will almost certainly continue to demonstrate anti-authoritarian attitudes. Further to this, NZSIS assesses that Mohamed Samsudeen will almost certainly have learned from his previous experiences with New Zealand authorities and,

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consequently, will deploy increased security measures s6(a)

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