

New Zealand Terrorism Update: June – August 2019

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Terrorism Threat Level	
MEDIUM	The Combined Threat Assessment Group (CTAG) assesses a terrorist attack in New Zealand is feasible, and could well occur.

Summary

- No individuals mobilised to terrorist violence in New Zealand in the June –August 2019 reporting period. New Zealand-based extremists remain under counter-terrorism investigation.
- Extreme right, white nationalist and racial agitation continued over the reporting period, especially online. However, some individuals and groups appear to be disengaging from such rhetoric, possibly to avoid attention from authorities.
- Known ISIL-inspired extremists in New Zealand are in general disorganised, unmotivated, and uncoordinated. Meanwhile, some New Zealand citizens remain in Syria after travelling there to join terrorist groups active in the Syrian conflict.
- Lone actor terrorist acts remain possible in the current environment, and individuals with extremist views may resort to violence due to personal grievances and feelings of disempowerment rather than to deliberately advance any ideological cause.