

## New Zealand Terrorism Update: December 2018 – February 2019

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

### Summary

- No mobilisation to terrorist violence was detected in New Zealand from December 2018 to February 2019.
- Although NZSIS and CTAG analysts do not expect the overall domestic terrorism threat environment to deteriorate over the next three months, we note that unsophisticated acts of terrorist or terrorist-inspired violence can occur without warning.
- Some New Zealanders remain in Syria after travelling there to associate with terrorist groups active in the Syrian conflict.
- Syrian Defence Forces are poised to recapture ISIL's remaining territory in the Middle Euphrates River Valley. ISIL fighters and civilians in the area are expected to continue efforts to leave ISIL territory.