



THREAT ASSESSMENT Ko Tātou, Tātou – We are One National Remembrance

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New Zealand

Terrorism - MEDIUM

~~(R)~~ CTAG continues to assess the terrorism threat level for New Zealand as **MEDIUM**; *terrorist attack is assessed as feasible and could well occur.*

Ko Tātou, Tātou – We are One National Remembrance

Terrorism –LOW

Violent Protest – VERY LOW

~~(R)~~ CTAG assesses the threat of terrorism to Ko Tātou, Tātou – We are One National Remembrance 2021 as **LOW**; *terrorist attack is assessed as a realistic possibility.*

~~(R)~~ CTAG assesses the threat of violent protest to Ko Tātou, Tātou – We are One National Remembrance as **VERY LOW**; *violent protest is assessed as unlikely.*

~~(R)~~ CTAG has moderate confidence in our assessments, which are largely based on an historical understanding of major events in New Zealand and our understanding of the current New Zealand terrorism threat environment. **6(a)**

- ~~(R)~~ This Threat Assessment (TA) covers the terrorism and violent protest threat specific to the Ko Tātou, Tātou – We are One National Remembrance (hereafter National Remembrance) in Christchurch. CTAG continually monitors the threat of terrorism to New Zealand and New Zealand interests offshore, including during high profile events. This TA was requested by the Major Events Security Committee.
- ~~(R)~~ The National Remembrance event, commemorating the 15 March 2019 Christchurch mosque attacks, will take place on 13 March at 1500 at the Christchurch Arena (previously the Horncastle Arena). Invited guests include the Governor-General, the Prime Minister and other ministers, members of the diplomatic corps, central and local government officials, local *iwi*, members of the Muslim community and upwards of 5000 members of the public with tickets for the event.

Terrorism

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4. ~~(R)~~ We assess the Christchurch attacks continue to influence the current New Zealand terrorism threat environment and the attacks and associated propaganda continue to be discussed and shared by New Zealand-based extremists supportive of Identity-Motivated Violent Extremism (IMVE). ~~(a)~~ [REDACTED]

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5. ~~(R)~~ CTAG is aware of individuals in New Zealand adhering to a variety of violent extremist ideologies. CTAG continues to assess there is a realistic possibility that individuals adhering to any ideology could mobilise to violence without coming to the attention of intelligence and law enforcement agencies. We assess a lone actor using low-sophistication attack capabilities, such as knives, firearms or a vehicle, continues to be the most likely attack scenario in New Zealand.

6. ~~(R)~~ CTAG assesses the threat of terrorism to the National Remembrance as **LOW**; *terrorist attack is assessed as a realistic possibility.*

Violent Protest

7. ~~(a)~~ [REDACTED]. Protests at major events in New Zealand have been peaceful in recent years, and we assess the majority of New Zealand-based activists engage in peaceful protest activity.

8. ~~(R)~~ CTAG assesses the threat of violent protest to the National Remembrance as **VERY LOW**; *violent protest is assessed as unlikely.*

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CTAG Threat Definitions

Likelihood Assessment	Threat Level
Terrorist attack, or violent protest, or violent crime is expected	EXTREME
Terrorist attack, or violent protest, or violent crime is assessed as highly likely	HIGH
Terrorist attack, or violent protest, or violent crime is assessed as feasible and could well occur	MEDIUM
Terrorist attack, or violent protest, or violent crime is assessed as a realistic possibility	LOW
Terrorist attack, or violent protest, or violent crime is assessed as unlikely	VERY LOW

Probabilistic language

<< Lower likelihood		Even chance		Higher likelihood >>	
Remote/Highly unlikely	Unlikely	Realistic possibility	Likely Probable Probably	Highly likely	Almost certain