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## **Threat Insight: New Lynn attack: Potential for threats to New Zealand interests abroad**

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- This Threat Insight assesses the potential global reaction to the New Lynn attack on 3 September 2021 and assesses the likelihood of threats to New Zealand's overseas interests. This is in response to a request from New Zealand's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT).
- CTAG has moderate confidence in the assessments made, which are drawn from both open source information and information received from domestic and international partners.
- CTAG has sighted no indication of a credible, specific threat to New Zealand interests abroad in relation to the 3 September 2021 New Lynn terrorist attack [21-129-TA refers].
- CTAG has sighted limited support for the attack from pro-Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) faith-motivated violent extremists (FMVEs) globally. We have sighted no specific credible threat to New Zealanders or New Zealand interests abroad from adherents of the ISIL ideology or other likeminded FMVEs in relation to the New Lynn attack.
- CTAG has sighted some reactions from white identity-motivated violent extremists (W-IMVEs) and anti-government politically-motivated violent extremists (PMVEs), drawing attention to the immigration and refugee status of the New Lynn attacker, expressing hatred of Muslims, and suggestions the attack was a 'false flag' event. We have sighted no specific credible threat to New Zealanders or New Zealand interests abroad from adherents of W-IMVE or PMVE ideologies in relation to the New Lynn attack.