

Broad front against Jihadism

The Cabinet plans to use all possible means to combat Jihadism. Where possible, this phenomenon will be nipped in the bud. The Cabinet has proposed a series of additional measures, over and above the measures already taken.

The objective of the 'Integral Approach to Jihadism' action programme is to weaken the jihadist movement in the Netherlands and take away the breeding ground for radicalisation. The action programme will also focus on anyone who plans to join the jihadists. The proposals are both preventative and repressive and in some cases demand new legislation.

A broad front is needed in order to combat jihadism effectively. All partners must work together in order to be successful: nationally, internationally, but also on a local level. Everyone who can play a role here will be called upon. All possible resources will be deployed to prevent the departure of Jihad-supporters, and the same applies to recruiting new followers. The partners involved in contra-terrorism in the Netherlands are working in close collaboration on a coordinated and controlled, integral approach. Detection, descriptions, tracking down and prosecution will go hand-in-hand with administrative interventions.

The action programme describes the integral approach to Jihadism on the basis of five lines of policy: 1. risk reduction, 2. intervention, 3. tackling radicalisation and societal tension, 4. social media and 5. exchanging information and (international) cooperation. Implementing this action programme successfully demands clear authority and programme-based control. The key words here are cooperation and the exchange of information.

The criminal prosecution of – and administrative approach to – jihadists will be reinforced. Recruiters and preachers of hate will be dealt with more forcefully. The online dissemination of Jihadist propaganda will be counteracted as far as possible. The action programme will also introduce measures and proposals for new legislation. The Ministry of Security and Justice is preparing legislative proposals that will increase possibilities for stripping Jihadists of their Dutch citizenship. Administrative powers will also be extended in order to limit the risks of terrorists who return to the Netherlands. Examples of these are a periodical obligation to report to the police, cooperation in re-location and orders prohibiting contact. The National coordinator for Counterterrorism and Security (NCTV) will be in charge of implementing the action programme.

The action programme also reinforces preventive activities. A centrum of expertise will be set up as well as a radicalisation knowledge platform. These will provide municipalities and first-line staff with practical support. A contact line will be set up where citizens can report signs of radicalisation or Jihadism anonymously. Key figures within the Muslim community who take a stand against jihadism can count on support, for instance in the form of a national confidential

adviser. A national advice centre will offer support to family-members and other relatives of people who have been radicalised or who plan to join the jihadists.