

CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT # 2

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Review of Current Threat Environment

Sources

The information contained in this Attachment references information from the "2016 Public Report on the Terrorist Threat to Canada", various [REDACTED], and open source material.

Canada's Domestic Terrorism Threat Level

Canada's Domestic Terrorism Threat Level was raised from Low to Medium on October 17, 2014. The Domestic Terrorism Threat Level was formally re-assessed in the summer of 2017 and remains at "Medium". The definition of Medium is "intelligence indicates that an individual or group within Canada or abroad has the intent and capability to commit an act of terrorism in Canada. ITAC assesses that a violent act of terrorism could occur."

The threat level serves as a tool for government officials, including those in law enforcement, to identify risks and vulnerabilities from threats and, in turn, determine appropriate responses to prevent or mitigate a violent act of terrorism.

Current Terrorism Threat Environment in Canada

The assessments continue to state that the greatest terrorism threat to Canada is posed by domestic extremists who have been inspired or incited online by Islamist terrorist groups. Online propaganda distributed by terrorist groups and their supporters continues to inspire and incite lone-actors and small groups to carry out attacks where they live, using whatever means they have available, such as small arms, VBIEDs (vehicle borne improvised explosive device) and IEDs (improvised explosive device). Recent attacks using these methods demonstrate that relatively simple techniques, requiring minimal planning, have the potential to create significant impacts. Some additional examples include lone-actor attacks using a bladed weapon, single firearm, or a vehicle.

There have been a number of incidents of recent propaganda issued by terrorist organizations, with references to Canada and threats against Canada. This propaganda has named Canada as a target for terrorist attacks and it named deceased Canadian domestic terrorists as attackers worthy of emulation by others.

The reasoning for attacks can vary from terrorism inspired beliefs to grievance based beliefs. These attackers and attack methods have been orchestrated or attempted on Canadian soil and cannot be dismissed as only a problem in other nations.

Targets

Public spaces and soft targets remain the primary target for attacks by both DAESH (Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant) and those inspired by DAESH propaganda. Transnational terrorist groups such as DAESH, AQ (al-Qaeda), and their affiliates continue to call for attacks against targets that carry symbolic significance including unsecured or lightly secured: emblematic buildings, special events, and government facilities. High profile public events, landmarks, commemorative ceremonies and festivities, government officials, and crowds at public events may present appealing targets for terrorist groups / individuals.



Grievance Based Threats

Grievance based threats are also a security concern for Toronto City Hall. Grievance based adversaries can range from disgruntled constituents and groups, disgruntled customers, hate groups, opposition movements, etc. These grievances may be based upon decisions, policies, or comments made by City Council, elected officials, or City Staff. Grievances may be based upon real or perceived actions taken on local, domestic, and/or international issues.

Examples of Violent or Terrorist Related Incidents 2014 to 2017 - Canada

<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Attack Details</i>	<i>Casualties</i>
Sept. 2017	Edmonton, Canada	Police Officer hit by a vehicle and stabbed by the occupant. Attacker used rental van and hit 4 pedestrians.	5 injured
June 2017	Toronto, Ontario	A Toronto-area woman allegedly attacks several people with a golf club at a Canadian Tire store and pulls a large knife out from her clothes.	None
Jan. 2017	Quebec City, Quebec	Lone gunman opened fire at a Mosque.	6 killed and 19 injured
Aug. 2016	Strathroy, Ontario	Lone male allegedly intended to conduct a lone-actor attack against a large urban centre during commuter rush hour.	1 killed (attacker) shot by Police
March 2016	Toronto, Ontario	Attacker carried out a knife attack in a Canadian Forces Recruitment Centre in Toronto.	2 injured
Oct. 2014	Ottawa, Ontario	Attacker conducted an ideologically inspired attack at the Canadian National War Memorial and Parliament Hill.	2 killed (including attacker) 1 injured

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Oct. 2014	Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Québec	Car rammed military personnel in Shopping Centre parking lot.	2 killed (including attacker), 1 injured

Examples of Terrorist Related Plots - Canada

In 2013, two men were charged as part of an alleged al-Qaeda plot to derail a New York to Toronto train on the Canadian side of the border.

In 2006, Canadian counter-terrorism forces arrested 18 persons (dubbed the "Toronto 18") inspired by al-Qaeda. They were accused of planning to detonate truck bombs, shoot persons in a crowded area, and attack a number of Toronto downtown buildings - amongst other targets.

Examples of Violent or Terrorist Related Incidents 2014 to 2017- United States

<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Attack Details</i>	<i>Casualties</i>
Nov. 2017	New York, New York	Attacker drove vehicle into people on a bike path, killing 8, then drove into a school bus injuring 4. Attacker was shot and injured.	8 killed, 12 injured
Oct. 2017	Las Vegas, Nevada	Sniper attack on concert.	59 killed, 527 injured
June 2017	Alexandria, Virginia	Shooting attack targeting Republican lawmakers at a baseball field.	1 killed, 5 injured
Nov. 2016	Columbus, Ohio	Driver of a car rammed pedestrians at Ohio State University and slashed people with a butcher knife.	1 killed (attacker), 11 injured
Jan. 2017	Fort Lauderdale, Florida	Shooting attack at Fort Lauderdale Airport.	5 killed, 6 injured
Sept. 2016	New York, New York	Bombing on street in Manhattan. Additional bombs were found at other locations in Manhattan and nearby New Jersey but were safely detonated or defused.	29 injured
June 2016	Orlando, Florida	Shooting attack at nightclub.	50 killed, 53 injured
Dec. 2015	San Bernardino, California	Two attackers killed 14 and injured 21 at a county employee meeting and Christmas party; both attackers were killed hours later in a shootout with police in which 2 police officers were injured.	16 killed, 23 injured

Examples of Violent or Terrorist Related Incidents 2014 to 2017 - Europe

<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Attack Details</i>	<i>Casualties</i>
Sept. 2017	London, England	Bomb (IED) exploded on a London subway.	22 people injured
Sept. 2017	Paris, France	Car rammed six soldiers patrolling the area.	6 injured
Aug. 2017	Barcelona, Spain	Vehicle driven into pedestrians.	14 killed, 130 injured
June 2017	London, England	Van driven into pedestrians.	1 killed, 7 injured
June 2017	London, England	Van driven into pedestrians. After the van crashed, its three occupants ran to the nearby Borough Market area and began stabbing people in and around restaurants and pubs.	8 killed, 48 injured
May 2017	Manchester, England	Man detonated a bomb inside the large indoor public foyer of the Manchester Arena at the end of a concert.	21 killed, 120 injured
April 2017	Stockholm, Sweden	Truck rammed a department store in the city center.	8 killed, 48 injured
March 2017	London, England	Car mounted the pavement on London's Westminster Bridge and drove at high speed through pedestrians. The attacker then entered the Parliament complex on foot and fatally stabbed a police officer, before being shot by police.	8 killed (including an attacker), 50 injured
Dec. 2016	Berlin, Germany	Truck rammed pedestrians at outdoor Christmas market.	12 killed, 56 injured
July 2016	Nice, France	Man drove a truck for two kilometers through a large crowd gathered to watch Bastille Day fireworks.	87 killed (including attacker), 434 injured
March 2016	Brussels, Belgium	Three coordinated suicide bombings occurred in Belgium: two at Brussels Airport in Zaventem, and one at Maalbeek metro station in central Brussels	35 killed (including 3 perpetrators), 300 injured

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Nov. 2015	Paris, France	Multiple gunmen opened fire during a concert at the Bataclan concert hall.	89 killed and 101 injured
June 2015	Lyon, France	Van rammed gas cylinders at gas factory.	2 injured
June 2015	Graz, Austria	Car rammed pedestrians in the city centre.	3 killed, 36 injured
Dec. 2014	Nantes, France	Van rammed pedestrians at Christmas market.	1 killed, 10 injured (including attacker)
Dec. 2014	Dijon, France	Car rammed pedestrians throughout the city.	11 injured