



MONITORING  
JIHADISM  
PROJECT

I N F O R M A T I O N   H U B

**Quarterly Newsletter**  
**Issue No. 1**  
**January-March 2026**

# Index

- Belgium Section** ..... 3
- France Section**..... 6
- India Section**..... 13
- Italy Section**..... 31
- North Africa Section**..... 35
- The Netherlands Section** ..... 42
- Spain Section**..... 48
- Switzerland Section** ..... 56
- Turkey Section**..... 57
- United Kingdom Section** ..... 82

## Belgium Section

- **25 March 2026 - Minors Arrested Following a Car Fire in Antwerp's Jewish Quarter Have Been Sent to a Care Home**

The Anversa Public Prosecutor's Office has announced that the two minors arrested following the arson attack on a car in Antwerp's Jewish quarter have been sent to a care home. According to the lawyer representing one of the 16-year-olds, the boys did not realise what they were doing; they had no terrorist motives and no ideological reasons. According to the lawyer, someone had taken advantage of vulnerable young people, using them as cannon fodder.

Sources: <https://www.hln.be/antwerpen/jongens-die-auto-in-brand-staken-geplaatst-in-instelling-geen-extremisten-maar-kanonnenvlees-a984ee24/> and <https://www.rte.ie/news/world/2026/0324/1565003-fire-terror-belgium/>

- **24 March 2026 - Arson Attack Targets Jewish District in Antwerp; Videos Circulate on Antisemitic Terror-Linked Telegram Channel**

Another arson attack has targeted the Jewish district in Antwerp, with a vehicle deliberately set on fire. This marks yet another incident in this sensitive area. Footage of the attack was quickly shared on a Telegram channel associated with a terrorist group, prompting concerns about potential ideological motivations and online coordination.

Belgian police later arrested two minors in connection with the incident. They are expected to appear before a judge, and the public prosecutor's office has opened an investigation into intentional arson. The authorities are also examining whether the attack is connected to Harakat Ashab al-Yamin al-Islamiyya (HAYI).

Sources: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/europe-antisemitism-attacks-group-threatens-us-israel-interests-worldwide/> and <https://www.hbvl.be/binnenland/beelden-tonen-hoe-minderjarigen-auto-in-brand-steken-vlakkbij-joodse-wijk-antisemitische-terreurgroep-eist-aanslag-op-parket-opent-onderzoek/144360336.html>

- **11 March 2026 - Belgium Pays Over €600,000 in Compensation to Convicted Terrorist Nizar Trabelsi**

Belgium has paid more than €600,000 in damages and penalties to Nizar Trabelsi, a Tunisian former footballer convicted in Belgium for plotting an attack against the Kleine-Brogel Air Base and linked to Al-Qaeda. The compensation follows legal rulings related to Belgium's 2013 extradition of Trabelsi to the United States despite a suspension order from the European Court of Human Rights. Trabelsi's rights, as he faced the possibility of a life sentence without parole in the U.S. courts. The compensation reflects damages awarded following that judgment.

Source: <https://www.21news.be/nizar-trabelsi-la-belgique-condamnee-a-plus-de-600-000-euros-dindemnites/>

- **09 March 2026 - Explosion Damages Synagogue in Liège in Suspected Anti-Semitic Attack**

An explosion damaged the entrance of a synagogue in Liège, Belgium, on 9 March 2026, causing material damage but no injuries. Local authorities and the city's mayor described the incident as an "extremely violent act of antisemitism." The case is being investigated by the Belgian federal prosecutor's office, which handles terrorism-related cases.

While no suspects have been publicly identified in Belgium, the attack occurred shortly before a similar incident targeting a synagogue in Rotterdam, where four teenagers aged 17–19 were later arrested by Dutch authorities after police stopped a suspicious vehicle near another synagogue. Authorities are examining whether the incidents targeting Jewish sites in Belgium and the Netherlands could be connected.

Social media has suddenly been flooded with posts from a previously unknown group: the Movement of the Righteous. In a series of videos, this group has claimed responsibility for attacks on various Jewish targets in Belgium and the Netherlands.

Sources: <https://www.vrt.be/vrtnws/nl/2026/03/14/beweging-van-de-rechtvaardigen-eist-anti-joodse-aanslagen-op-in/> and <https://www.juedische-allgemeine.de/juedische-welt/steckt-der-iran-hinter-dem-terroranschlag-von-luettich/>

- **13 February 2026 - The European Court of Human Rights Upholds Belgium’s Refusal to Issue Passport on National Security Grounds in Terrorism-Linked Case**

The European Court of Human Rights ruled in *Cimpaka Kapeta v. Belgium* that Belgium did not violate the European Convention on Human Rights when it refused to issue a passport to a Belgian national convicted of terrorism-related offences. The European Court of Human Rights noted that the applicant had previously been convicted for travelling to Syria and joining the jihadist group Jabhat al-Nusra between December 2013 and March 2014.

The refusal was based on a State Security (VSSE) note identifying him as a person at risk of returning to Syria, as well as a police visit to his home during which a Daesh flag was discovered. The Court held that these elements constituted relevant and sufficient reasons linked to national security concerns, and concluded that the refusal to issue a passport was proportionate and did not violate the Convention.

Source: <https://www.echrcaselaw.com/en/echr-decisions/ecthr-cimpaka-kapeta-v-belgium-refusal-to-issue-passport-on-national-security-and-terrorism-grounds-no-violation-of-article-2-p4-and-article-13-echr/>

- **11 February 2026 - Brussels Foreign Fighter Arrested Upon Return to Belgium**

Belgian authorities arrested a female Syrian foreign fighter from Brussels upon her return to Belgium. The woman had previously travelled to Syria and was suspected of involvement with jihadist groups active in the conflict zone. Upon arrival, she was detained for questioning in connection with terrorism-related offences.

Belgian prosecutors are investigating her role during her time in Syria, including potential participation in a terrorist organisation. The case forms part of Belgium’s continued judicial handling of returnees from Syria and Iraq, where authorities typically pursue prosecution under participation-in-a-terrorist-group provisions.

Source: <https://www.hln.be/brussel/brusselse-syriestrijdster-opgepakt-bij-terugkeer-naar-belgie~a94abc86/>

- **09 February 2026 - Al-Qaida Suspect from Koksijde Appears Before Bruges Court 20 Years After Bomb Investigation**

A 40-year-old man from Koksijde has appeared before the Bruges criminal court nearly two decades after being linked to an al-Qaida-related bomb investigation. The case centres on forensic evidence showing that his fingerprint was found on adhesive tape used in the construction of an improvised explosive device.

The prosecution alleges that the man was connected to extremist networks active in the early 2000s and that he played a role in preparing or facilitating terrorist activity. The delayed trial reportedly follows long-standing international investigations and procedural developments. The court must now assess the evidentiary value of the forensic link and determine whether it establishes participation in terrorist offences.

Source: <https://www.hln.be/koksijde/zijn-vingerafdruk-zat-op-tape-rond-bom-waarom-vermeende-al-qaida-terrorist-40-uit-koksijde-na-20-jaar-terechtstaat-in-brugge~a146f682/>

- **23 January 2026 - Belgian Woman Convicted of Terrorism Sues State to Repatriate from Syrian Camp al-Hawl with Daughter**

A 32-year-old Belgian woman, previously sentenced to five years in prison for participation in terrorist activities linked to ISIS, has filed a legal complaint against the Belgian state seeking a temporary travel document to return from a Kurdish detention camp in Syria. She wants to serve her sentence in Belgium. Her 10-year-old daughter remains detained with her in the camp. The child’s grandmother appeared before a Brussels court, urging authorities to repatriate the girl from what she described as the “Syrian hell.” The case comes amid renewed debate over European responsibility for ISIS detainees,

following Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed Shia al-Sudani's call for European states to repatriate their nationals and prosecute them domestically. A court ruling in Belgium is expected in the coming weeks.

Source: <https://www.hln.be/binnenland/alles-op-alles-om-met-dochter-weg-te-raken-uit-syrische-hel-vrouw-die-veroordeeld-werd-voor-terrorisme-klaagt-belgische-staat-aan~aacc3b1f/>

- **23 January 2026 - Six People Stabbed at Pro-Kurdish Demonstration in Antwerp**

Six people were stabbed on Thursday evening at Operaplein in central Antwerp following a pro-Kurdish demonstration attended by approximately 200–300 participants. The demonstration had started peacefully, with participants waving Kurdish and PKK flags. Violence erupted shortly after the event ended around 19:20. Four suspects were arrested shortly after the incident; their homes were searched, and they have been questioned by police. Belgian police have launched a full investigation, including forensic examination of the scene, CCTV analysis, and review of social media footage.

Source: <https://www.vrt.be/vrtnws/en/2026/01/23/6-people-stabbed-at-pro-kurdish-demonstration-in-antwerp/>

- **12 January 2026 - Belgian Local Councillor Expresses Support for Long-Term Goal of Islamic State**

Radouane Aharouch, a Belgian municipal councillor representing the Islamic Party, stated in a media interview that he supports the long-term establishment of an Islamic state in Belgium governed by Sharia law. He described the objective as a gradual process that could take decades.

Source: <https://www.israelnationalnews.com/news/420769>

---

## France Section

- **30 March 2026 - Two more people arrested as part of the investigation into the foiled attack on Bank of America**

Two more people have been arrested as part of the investigation into the foiled attack on Bank of America in Paris. The National Anti-Terrorism Prosecutor's Office (PNAT) has confirmed that a total of five people are under investigation.

Source: <https://actu17.fr/enquetes/attentat-dejoue-contre-bank-of-america-a-paris-cinq-suspects-desormais-en-garde-a-vue.html>

- **29 March 2026 - Police Foils Terror Attack on Bank of America**

Three people have been arrested in connection with a suspected foiled bomb attack on the Bank of America's headquarters in Paris, France's anti-terrorism prosecutor's office said.

An initial suspect was detained, on 28 March, at the scene after he placed a device containing five litres of liquid, believed to be fuel, and an ignition system close to the bank.

On 29 March, French security services said two more people had been arrested in connection with the incident, which happened at about 03:30 local time (01:30 GMT) in the city's 8th arrondissement, a couple of streets from the Champs-Élysées.

The first person arrested is a 17-year-old Senegalese boy. He stated that he had been contacted via Snapchat and had received €600 to carry out the task. He explained that someone had driven him to the location.

Sources: [https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cd9v234j2v7o?at\\_format=link](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cd9v234j2v7o?at_format=link) and <https://www.leparisien.fr/paris-75/paris-un-engin-explosif-depose-devant-des-locaux-de-la-bank-of-america-un-homme-arrete-et-place-en-garde-a-vue-28-03-2026-RVW6EQXK4NGPFEVCG6YYXXQNLU.php>

- **23 March 2026 - The Appeal Hearing for Audrey Mondjehi Begun**

On 23 March 2026, the appeal hearing for 44-year-old Ivorian Audrey Mondjehi began at the Special Court in Paris. He was sentenced to 30 years' imprisonment in 2024 after being found guilty of aiding and abetting Chérif Chekatt by supplying him with the gun he used to kill five people and injure 11 at a Christmas market in Strasbourg on 11 December 2018.

Source: [https://actu.fr/grand-est/strasbourg\\_67482/attentat-de-strasbourg-le-proces-en-appel-du-complice-presume-de-cherif-chekatt-s-ouvre\\_64040530.html](https://actu.fr/grand-est/strasbourg_67482/attentat-de-strasbourg-le-proces-en-appel-du-complice-presume-de-cherif-chekatt-s-ouvre_64040530.html)

- **22 March 2026 - Jihadist Franck Elong Abé has been committed for trial for the murder of Yvan Colonna**

On 20 February, the National Anti-Terrorism Prosecutor's Office (PNAT) requested that Franck Elong Abé be committed for trial on charges of murdering Yvan Colonna, a Corsican nationalist.

On 2 March 2022, Abé, a radicalised Islamist, attacked Colonna - a Corsican independence activist serving a life sentence for the 1998 murder of Prefect Claude Erignac - in Arles prison. Abé was serving a nine-year sentence for criminal association with a terrorist organisation. Three weeks after the attack, Colonna died.

Sources: [https://www.lepoint.fr/societe/mort-dyvan-colonna-le-profil-glacant-du-djihadiste-chevronte-qui-a-reconnu-lassassinat-K6BDQZF4ORH7ZOVVYDCVSMI5Q/?at\\_variante=Community%20Management](https://www.lepoint.fr/societe/mort-dyvan-colonna-le-profil-glacant-du-djihadiste-chevronte-qui-a-reconnu-lassassinat-K6BDQZF4ORH7ZOVVYDCVSMI5Q/?at_variante=Community%20Management) and <https://www.corsicaoggi.com/sito/lassassino-di-yvan-colonna-dice-di-essere-stato-manipolato-e-incolpa-i-servizi-statali/> and <https://www.micromega.net/indipendentisti-corsica-colonna>

- **20 March 2026 - IS member convicted for genocide, crimes against humanity, and complicity in crimes against the Yazidis**

After a five-day trial, the Paris Assize Court found Sabri ESSID, a member of the Islamic State, guilty of genocide, crimes against humanity, and complicity in crimes against the Yazidis. He was found guilty in absentia of genocide, crimes against humanity and complicity in the crimes, committed between 2014 and 2016 when the jihadists occupied swathes of northern Syria and Iraq.

ESSID, a Frenchman born in 1984 and who joined IS in Syria in 2014, is presumed to have been killed in 2018. But without proof of his death, he was tried and convicted in absentia.

Source: <https://www.justiceinfo.net/en/156789-life-sentence-for-a-french-jihadist.html>

- **18 March 2026 - Former IS combatant convicted for making death threats against staff working in integration services**

Nicolas Moreau, a 42-year-old man from Nantes and a former Islamic State fighter, was sentenced on 18 March to 12 months in prison – six of which were suspended – for making death threats against staff working in integration services and the prison probation service. He had been released from prison just three weeks earlier, having been sentenced to ten years' imprisonment in 2017 for terrorism.

Source: <https://saint-brieuc.maville.com/actu/actudet--on-a-deja-bute-des-gens-tels-que-vous-l-ancien-djihadiste-nicolas-moreau-condamne-pour-menaces-de-mort-a-nantes-54135-7239765-actu.Htm>

- **15 March 2026 - Further information was reported on the Longuenesse prison terror plot in Pas-de-Calais**

Two italo-Moroccan brothers were among the six people arrested after a loaded gun, a bottle of hydrochloric acid and an Islamic State flag were found in a vehicle parked near Longuenesse prison in Pas-de-Calais. Elyasse H., a 22-year-old engineering student, and Moad H., a 20-year-old unemployed man, were arrested in a car near the prison in the northern town of Longuenesse following reports of a drone flying over the jail.

Inside the vehicle, police officers discovered a semi-automatic weapon, a bottle of hydrochloric acid and aluminium foil, as well as an Islamic State flag stretched across the driver's seat headrest.

A video pledging allegiance to the Islamic State group, made by Moad H. on 7 March, was also found. According to the PNAT, Moad H. appears to be in contact with several individuals who are radicalised, under investigation, or convicted of a terrorist offence.

Sources: [https://www.lemonde.fr/en/france/article/2026/03/15/two-brothers-arrested-in-france-over-deadly-and-antisemitic-plot-anti-terror-prosecutors-say\\_6751468\\_7.html](https://www.lemonde.fr/en/france/article/2026/03/15/two-brothers-arrested-in-france-over-deadly-and-antisemitic-plot-anti-terror-prosecutors-say_6751468_7.html) and <https://www.iltempo.it/esteri/2026/03/15/news/francia-due-fratelli-italo-marocchini-giurano-fedelta-all-isis-per-uccidere-ebrei-arrestati-46818197/>

- **11 March 2026 - Six people arrested after a loaded gun, a bottle of hydrochloric acid, and an Islamic State flag were found in a vehicle parked near Longuenesse prison in Pas-de-Calais**

Six people were arrested after a loaded gun, a bottle of hydrochloric acid, and an Islamic State flag were found in a vehicle parked near Longuenesse prison in Pas-de-Calais.

The National Anti-Terrorism Prosecutor's Office (PNAT) has opened an investigation into criminal association with terrorism, as well as the possession of a weapon in connection with a terrorist organisation.

Two drone sightings were reported in the vicinity of the prison on the night of 10 March, at 2 a.m. and then again at 3 a.m.

A police patrol went to the area surrounding the facility. At around 4 a.m., the police arrested two brothers in a nearby vehicle.

The investigation was then extended to include offences of supplying an illegal item to a prisoner, receiving stolen goods, flying aircraft over prohibited areas and the destruction or concealment of evidence.

Between Tuesday evening and Wednesday, a further four people were taken into custody. Among them were three inmates from Longuenesse prison and a family member of the two arrested brothers.

The PNAT said that a search of this relative's home led to the discovery of a second handgun and ammunition. "The investigation is ongoing. Further details will be provided once it has been completed," the National Anti-Terrorism Prosecutor's Office added.

Source: <https://actu17.fr/faits-divers/longuenesse-une-arme-chargee-et-un-drapeau-de-lei-decouverts-pres-dune-prison-une-enquete-antiterroriste-ouverte.html>

- **03 March 2026 – Paris Court of appeal reduced the jail sentences of three men convicted over the 2020 jihadist beheading of Samuel Paty**

On 2 March, the Paris Court of appeal reduced the jail sentences of three men convicted over the 2020 jihadist beheading of Samuel Paty, a teacher murdered in October 2020 by an 18-year-old radical Islamist of Chechen origin Abdoullakh Anzorov, who was killed in a shootout with police.

Two friends of Anzorov, French national Naim Boudaoud and Azim Epsirkhanov, a Russian of Chechen origin, had their sentences of 16 years in prison reduced to six and seven years respectively. Both were accused of having driven Anzorov and helping him to procure weapons before the beheading.

Brahim Chnina, the Moroccan father of a girl who falsely claimed that Paty had asked Muslim students to leave his classroom before showing the caricatures, had his 13-year sentence reduced to 10 years.

The court however left the 15-year term for French-Moroccan Islamist activist Abdelhakim Sefrioui untouched.

The quartet were among the seven men and one woman found guilty in 2024 of contributing to the climate of hatred that led to the beheading of the history and geography teacher in Conflans-Sainte-Honorine, west of Paris.

Source: <https://www.france24.com/en/france/20260302-french-court-slashes-jail-terms-for-trio-involved-in-murder-of-teacher-samuel-paty>

- **26 February 2026 - Mahdiah Esfandiari convicted for promoting terrorism on social media**

Mahdiah Esfandiari, an Iranian national, was sentenced by the Paris Criminal Court to one year in prison and a permanent ban from entering the country for promoting terrorism on social media.

Esfandiari was sentenced to four years, of which three are suspended, the judge said, citing "the nature of the acts and their seriousness."

"The court also issues a permanent ban from the national territory," the judge added.

The court ordered Esfandiari be placed on the list of individuals convicted of terrorism. Four men were also convicted in the case.

Sources: <https://www.dhnet.be/dernieres-depeches/2026/02/26/france-une-iranienne-condamnee-a-un-an-ferme-le-sort-de-deux-francais-en-suspens-YM6XGSWB7ZFCZGAMQVGV2IMCXQ/> and [https://www.lemonde.fr/en/international/article/2026/02/26/french-court-sentences-iranian-linked-to-prisoner-swap-to-a-year-in-prison\\_6750897\\_4.html](https://www.lemonde.fr/en/international/article/2026/02/26/french-court-sentences-iranian-linked-to-prisoner-swap-to-a-year-in-prison_6750897_4.html)

- **21 February 2026 - 5 individuals indicted for financing Hamas under the guise of providing humanitarian aid**

A counter-terrorism investigation launched at the end of 2023 has led to the indictment of five individuals with links to French associations (Humani'Terre and Soutien Humani'Terre), who are suspected of financing Hamas under the guise of providing humanitarian aid.

The National Anti-Terrorism Prosecutor's Office (PNAT) initiated the indictment, which also includes charges of breach of trust within an organised group and money laundering linked to a terrorist organisation.

According to prosecutors, these organisations, which are considered by intelligence services to be associated with the Muslim Brotherhood movement, allegedly transferred funds to Hamas in the form of humanitarian aid intended for the Palestinian territories. The defendants have been placed under judicial supervision.

Investigators found nearly €35 million in various bank accounts held by the associations, as well as more than €5 million in cash distributed among several local branches. Two buildings located in Paris and La Courneuve were also seized.

Source: <https://www.i24news.tv/fr/actu/france/artc-financement-du-hamas-cinq-personnes-mises-en-examen-en-france>

- **20 February 2026 - Two minors arrested for planning attacks**

Earlier this week, two 16-year-old youths were arrested in northern France for allegedly planning attacks on a shopping center or concert venue. The Prosecutor's Office stated that one of these youths had reportedly started following jihadist propaganda, heightening concerns about radicalization among young individuals.

Source: <https://www.reuters.com/world/two-youths-arrested-france-says-it-has-foiled-planned-attack-2026-02-20/>

- **13 February 2026 - Islamist terrorist, Brahim Bahrir, was shot after charging French police with a bladed weapon near the Arc de Triomphe**

On 13 February 2026, as the sun set in Paris, the Islamist terrorist Brahim Bahrir was shot after charging at French police with a bladed weapon near the Arc de Triomphe during the solemn Flame of the Unknown Soldier ceremony.

Brahim Bahrir, a 48-year-old French national who had been released from prison on 24 December 2025 after serving 12 years of a 17-year sentence for terrorism-related violence.

Bahrir was convicted in 2013 for stabbing three Belgian police officers in Molenbeek. He was later transferred to France to complete his sentence before his release at the end of last year.

Source: <https://www.dailywire.com/news/police-fatally-shoot-suspected-islamic-terrorist-behind-paris-knife-attack>

- **11 February 2026 - The 18-year prison sentence for the two main defendants in the Nice attack trial confirmed by Supreme Court**

The Court of Cassation rejected the appeal against the conviction in June 2024, upholding the guilty verdicts against Mohamed Ghraieb and Chokri Chafroud for criminal association with a terrorist organisation.

On 13 December 2022, six other people (five men and one woman) were sentenced to prison terms ranging from two to twelve years for common law offences. As no appeal was possible, their convictions became final.

Upon reviewing the case, the Paris Special Assize Court concluded that the attack had indeed been 'planned within the framework of a terrorist criminal association', of which Mohamed Ghraieb and Chokri Chafroud were members.

According to the court, Chafroud sent 'decapitation messages' and, in other exchanges, hinted that 'the vehicles were heading towards people'. He himself admitted that he could have influenced Mohamed Lahouaiej-Bouhlel,' said the president of the Court of Appeal.

Regarding Mohamed Ghraieb, the court noted that, despite his alleged secularism, the defendant had consulted religious texts and published a message approving the January 2015 attacks. Furthermore, Mohamed Ghraieb 'participated in the search for weapons and the lorry' used by Mohamed Lahouaiej-Bouhlel.

Source: <https://www.lapresse.ca/international/europe/2026-02-11/attentat-de-nice/la-justice-francaise-rend-definitives-deux-condamnations-a-18-ans-de-prison.php>

- **07 February 2026 - The brother of the terrorist who killed Dominique Bernard remains in prison**

The 19-year-old younger brother of the terrorist—who has been imprisoned for over two years for terrorism—who murdered teacher Dominique Bernard at a school in Arras in October 2023, risked being placed under electronic surveillance following a release order on January 16, 2026. Suspected of complicity and showing worrying signs of radicalization in prison, his release was ordered. However, the anti-terrorism prosecutor intervened, lodged an appeal, and his detention was confirmed.

Observations made during monitoring in prison revealed that the young man recites verses from the Koran when he feels upset or stressed. Furthermore, during a meeting with an imam, he allegedly made statements interpreted as expressions of jihadist ideology.

These observations weighed heavily on the prosecutor's decision to oppose his release. For the anti-terrorism magistrates, allowing a person exhibiting such signs to be released would pose an unacceptable risk to public order.

Source: <https://viralmag.fr/frere-du-terroriste-darras-liberation-evitee-de-justesse/>

- **22 January 2026 - Murder of Professor Paty: Four people to be retried**

The appeal trial of four individuals suspected of varying degrees of involvement in the murder of Samuel Paty, a history and geography teacher who was beheaded by a Russian Islamist of Chechen origin in France in October 2020, is set to begin soon in Paris.

Following the initial trial in December 2024, eight defendants were found guilty and sentenced to prison terms ranging from one to sixteen years. Four of the defendants have appealed against their convictions and will be retried by a special appeals court in Paris until 27 February.

These are two friends of Mr Paty's assassin, Abdoullakh Anzorov: Naïm Boudaoud, a French national, and Azim Epsirkhanov, a Russian national of Chechen origin. They were found guilty of complicity in murder and sentenced to 16 years in prison.

The other two men who have appealed are Brahim Chnina, a Moroccan national, and Abdelhakim Sefrioui, a Franco-Moroccan Islamist preacher. They were sentenced to 13 and 15 years in prison respectively after being found guilty of terrorist conspiracy for launching a "hate campaign" that made Samuel Paty a "target".

Source: <https://www.tvanouvelles.ca/2026/01/22/assassinat-du-professeur-paty-en-france-quatre-personnes-rejugees-a-partir-de-lundi>

- **21 January 2026 - Three men from Toulouse arrested by the DGSI; they were planning to go to Afghanistan for training**

According to the National Anti-Terrorism Prosecution's Office (PNAT), three men were apprehended by the DGSI (the domestic security service) in Toulouse and taken into custody. They are suspected of planning to attend Taliban training camps in Afghanistan.

They are accused of participating in a terrorist criminal association with the intention of committing crimes against people. The three people, who are in their thirties, were reportedly flagged by intelligence services after booking their trips. This prompted law enforcement to conduct an initial check.

They live in the Purpan and Papus districts of Toulouse and are all related. Furthermore, none of them has a significant criminal record.

At this stage of the investigation, it is unclear whether the men intended to return to France after their trip or if they planned to remain in the war zone.

Source: <https://www.ladepeche.fr/2026/01/22/trois-toulousains-arretes-par-la-dgsi-ils-prevoyaient-de-partir-sentrainer-en-afghanistan-13178827.php>

- **16 January 2026 – Trial of Mahdiah Esfandiari: the prosecution requested a four years prison sentence, three of which suspended**

The prosecution requested a four-year prison sentence, three of which would be suspended, against Iranian Mahdiah Esfandiari, a possible bargaining chip against Frenchmen Cécile Kohler and Jacques Paris, as well as a permanent ban from French territory.

Against the four other defendants in this trial for condoning terrorism, the prosecution in Paris requested sentences of up to three years' imprisonment, with the harshest sentence sought for the far-right essayist and long-convicted author Alain Soral, who was absent. An arrest warrant was requested for Soral, who has 30 prior convictions.

The 39-year-old Iranian woman has been on trial since Tuesday in the Paris criminal court for glorifying an act of terrorism committed online, direct incitement online to an act of terrorism (offenses punishable by seven years imprisonment and a fine of 100,000 euros), public insult online on the grounds of origin, ethnicity, nation, race or religion and criminal association.

French justice suspects her of having supplied publications to the accounts of the organization Axe de la Résistance in 2023 and 2024, notably on the platforms Telegram, X, Twitch and YouTube and the Egalité et Réconciliation website of Alain Soral.

In particular, the organization's Telegram account praised the bloody attack carried out by the Palestinian Islamist movement Hamas on October 7, 2023 in Israel, inciting acts of terrorism and insulting the Jewish community, which led the Ministry of the Interior to report it to the authorities.

In court, the defendant admitted to being the originator of the Axe de la Résistance channel but denied being the author of the publications.

Source: <https://information.tv5monde.com/france/proces-de-mahdiah-esfandiari- quatre-ans-de-prison-dont-trois-avec-sursis-requis-contre-liranienne-2805714>

- **16 January 2026 – A homeless man with a criminal record shouted anti-Semitic and extremist insults in court. He added: “Allah sent me to humiliate you”**

On 16 January, a 43-year-old homeless man appeared before the criminal court in Le Mans, Sarthe, to stand trial for racist insults and death threats. During the hearing, he verbally abused the judge, saying, “Allah sent me to humiliate you.”

The man had been occupying the lobby of a building in Le Mans. One day, a 20-year-old resident asked him to stop smoking inside the building. He immediately became aggressive and threatened her. Subsequently, he showed up twice at her workplace.

Following these events, he was arrested on 15 January. During his detention, he was aggressive and provocative and showed a total lack of remorse, insulting those around him, as reported by our colleagues. At the hearing on 16 January, he attacked the judge and repeatedly uttered anti-Semitic insults, extremist comments and calls for the 'rehabilitation of Philippe Pétain'. He also added, 'Allah sent me to humiliate you'.

He was already known to the justice system, as his criminal record includes 34 charges, notably for violence, contempt of court, sexual assault, and incitement to terrorism. He had previously been tried and sentenced to 18 months in prison.

Source: <https://www.cnews.fr/faits-divers/2026-01-18/allah-ma-envoye-pour-vous-humilier-en-pleine-audience-il-senprend-au>

- **15 January 2026 – 40-year-old man convicted of spreading hate**

Sliman S., aged 40, was sentenced by the Court of Digne to six months' imprisonment, continued detention and bans on owning a weapon and residing in the Alpes-de-Haute-Provence department for three years.

In 2025, authorities reported a TikTok account created by the convicted man which had amassed over 1,600 followers. The channel featured various anti-Semitic videos, including one in which Jews were accused of being 'a people of paedophiles, manipulators, dogs and infidels who must be fought'.

Sliman was born in northern France, was baptised Catholic and converted to Islam in 2020. The father of four children, born to two different mothers, has been living in Digne for three years, where he finds himself isolated and unemployed.

Source: <https://www.laprovence.com/article/faits-divers-justice/1510569170941714/videos-et-propos-islamistes-sur-les-reseaux-un-bas-alpin-au-profil-inquietant-condamne>

- **14 January 2026 - Minor convicted of terrorism**

On 14 January 2026, the Paris Juvenile Court sentenced a minor born in 2008 to four years in prison, two of which were suspended, for criminal association with a terrorist enterprise.

The National Anti-Terrorism Prosecutor's Office had requested an extended four-year prison sentence.

Alongside this, the juvenile court ordered the minor to undergo educational measures until the age of 21 and to be placed under socio-judicial supervision for three years. The court also imposed a sentence of up to 18 months for the violation, including a ban on possessing or carrying weapons, contacting individuals accused or convicted of terrorist offences, and a compulsory treatment order. The minor was also obliged to participate in multidisciplinary care and to undertake work or training. They were also required to inform the judge responsible for enforcing anti-terrorism sentences (JAPAT) of any intention to travel abroad with immediate effect.

The minor had been arrested in 2024 on the outskirts of Le Mans for researching various potential target locations, including a synagogue in Le Mans.

Source: <https://www.cnews.fr/faits-divers/2026-01-15/terrorisme-un-mineur-condamne-deux-ans-de-prison-ferme-pour-un-projet>

- **01 January 2026 - The trial of the Iranian Mahdieh Esfandiari is set to begin**

Mahdieh Esfandiari, an Iranian citizen, will stand trial at the Paris Criminal Court alongside Alain Soral on charges of glorifying terrorism and inciting terrorist acts online between 2023 and 2024.

The 39-year-old defendant, who arrived in France in 2018, is accused of playing a central role in the 'Axis of Resistance' organisation. She is accused of celebrating the 7 October massacres committed by Hamas in Israel on Telegram and X, charges which she denies.

Ms Esfandiari could be used by Tehran as a bargaining chip in exchange for the release of French citizens Cécile Kohler and Jacques Paris.

Source: <https://www.midilibre.fr/2026/01/13/elle-pourrait-etre-une-monnaie-dechange-contre-les-francais-cecile-kohler-et-jacques-paris-le-proces-de-liranienn-mahdieh-esfandiari-souvre-ce-mardi-13158956.php>

## India Section

- **30 March 2026 - Delhi Police arrest Lashkar-e-Taiba commander Shabbir Ahmed Lone**

On March 30, the Delhi Police Special Cell confirmed the arrest of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) commander Shabbir Ahmed Lone near the Bangladesh border. The arrest followed a two-month multi-state intelligence operation led and monitored by Police Commissioner Satish Golcha, Additional Commissioner Pramod Kushwaha, and their team. Lone was running a terror module from a hideout near Dhaka and had been recruiting youths for activities in Delhi, Kolkata, and Tamil Nadu.

Lone, from Kangan in Jammu and Kashmir's Ganderbal district, was first arrested in 2007 under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, serving six years before release in 2013. In 2016, he was re-arrested with Sajjad Gul under the Arms Act. After bail in 2019, he fled to Bangladesh, reconnecting with terror handlers and building a cross-border network. Educated up to Class 8 and madrasa-trained in Batmalu, Lone was recruited into LeT around 2004–05 by Huzaifa. By 2025, he was tasked with expanding recruitment beyond Jammu and Kashmir to other Indian states and Bangladesh. Investigations indicate that Lone reconnected with Huzaifa via Telegram in 2016 and began radicalising and recruiting youth. He was later introduced to Pakistan-based LeT commander Sumama alias Babar alias Iliyas, who played a central role in guiding recruitment, particularly in the Kashmir Valley.

In 2025, Lone was tasked with recruiting Bangladeshi nationals and individuals from across India. He then traveled through Delhi and, with Umar Faruk's help, crossed into Bangladesh, where he recruited at least seven people. On February 8, 2026, pro-Pakistan and pro-terror posters appeared at Janpath and several Delhi Metro stations. The posters praised militant Burhan Wani and included slogans like "India Stop Genocide & Free Kashmir" and "Hum Pakistani Hain, Pakistan Hamara Hai." On February 22, coordinated raids in Kolkata (West Bengal) and Tiruppur (Tamil Nadu) resulted in the arrest of eight operatives, seven of whom are Bangladeshi nationals with fake Indian IDs. Investigators reported that the group was advanced in planning attacks on major targets. Data recovered included photos and coordinates of a temple in New Delhi's Chandni Chowk. The suspects reportedly recorded themselves placing the posters and sent the footage to handlers in Bangladesh as proof they carried out the task.

Technical surveillance tracked the suspects' movement from Delhi to Kolkata via Patna, enabling targeted raids. Investigators assert that Lone, also known as Raja Kashmiri, received advanced training in 'Daura-e-Aam' and 'Daura-e-Khas' in Muzaffarabad and maintained ties with senior LeT leaders, including Hafiz Saeed and Zaki-ur-Rehman Lakhvi. Officials further allege that Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) facilitated funding channels supporting recruitment among illegal Bangladeshi migrants in India, who were seen as low-profile operatives for covert network-building.

Sources: <https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/shabir-ahmed-lone-lashkar-e-taiba-terrorist-jammu-kashmir-arrested-by-delhi-police-101774846236278.html> and <https://www.indiatvnews.com/news/india/kashmiri-let-terrorist-shabir-ahmed-lone-handler-in-metro-poster-case-arrested-by-delhi-police-special-cell-2026-03-30-1035579>

- **26 March 2026 - NIA seeks 45-day extension in Delhi blast investigation**

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has requested a 45-day extension from a special court in Delhi in the blast case near Lal Qila Metro Station on November 10, 2025. They cite new evidence of a complex terror plot with national and international connections and a broader network that needs further forensic analysis and verification.

The NIA's plea to the Special Court at Patiala House Courts in Delhi underscores the investigation's crucial stage, citing recent witness statements and confessions from those arrested. Searches in Jammu and Kashmir resulted in the seizure of digital devices, and approximately 5 terabytes of data are currently under review. Additionally, WhatsApp links to the

banned group Ansar Ghazwat-ul-Hind indicate broader connections across Delhi, Jammu & Kashmir, Haryana, and Uttar Pradesh.

The application concerns several arrested accused individuals, such as Amir Rashid Mir, Jasir Bilal Wani alias Danish, Mufti Irfan Ahmad Wagay, Muzamil Shakeel Ganie, Adeel Ahmad Rather, Shaheen Saeed, and Soyab, whose custody periods are approaching expiration.

Source: <https://www.aninews.in/news/national/general-news/nia-cites-expanding-terror-conspiracy-digital-evidence-trail-to-see-45-day-extension-in-delhi-blast-probe20260326133949/>

- **25 March 2026 - Several Youths Radicalized by ISIS and AQIS were arrested across India as police busted the 'Vijayawada Terror Module' in Andhra Pradesh**

Andhra Pradesh Police have detained three local youths in Vijayawada on suspicion of their links to banned terrorist groups Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) and Al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS). The arrests were made by the Intelligence Wing of the NTR Commissionerate. The suspects have been identified as Mohammad Rehmatulla Sharif, a resident of Wynchipet and an app-based ride-share driver; Md. Danish, an engineering dropout working at a garage in Auto Nagar; and Mirza Sohail Baig, from Mahanthipuram, who was employed as a cashier at a biryani shop and a daily wage worker. Police reports suggest that the three appeared to live normal lives while allegedly engaging in secret extremist activities.

Police investigations revealed that these youths were radicalized through social media platforms, where they viewed and shared propaganda from ISIS and AQIS. They reportedly maintained contacts with terror handlers across multiple states, including Hyderabad, Bihar, Karnataka, West Bengal, and Delhi, and planned to participate in "jihadi activities" and promote the creation of an Islamic governing system (Khilafat) in India. Some reports also mention suspected funding links from Pakistan-based handlers and the formation of a group called "Al Malik Islamic Youth" to radicalize others. The three were also reportedly working toward the goal of Ghazwa-e-Hind (war against India) and had expanded their network across several states by coordinating with operatives in different regions.

Several teams were formed and dispatched to Bihar, Delhi, Karnataka, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Telangana, and Rajasthan, leading to the detention of 12 suspects connected to extremist groups, including three from Andhra. Preliminary investigations indicate that Rehmatullah was influenced by hate speeches from international terrorist leaders and actively shared extremist content on social media. He established contact with a foreign handler known as Al-Hakeem Shukur through social media, and following his instructions, collaborated with Shadman Dilkush from Bihar and Saida Begum from Hyderabad. Rehmatullah also connected with individuals linked to the ISIS-associated "Benex Com" group, including Ajmanullah Khan (Bihar), Lucky Ahmed (Delhi), Mir Asif Ali (West Bengal), Zeeshan (Rajasthan), Abdul Salam (Karnataka), Shah Rukh Khan, and Shiyak Piyaz ur Rehman (Maharashtra).

A case has been registered under various sections of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), 1967, and other relevant laws at the Two Town Police Station. The arrested individuals were brought before a local court and remanded in judicial custody until April 6, 2026.

Sources: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/vijayawada/arrested-terror-sympathisers-remanded-in-custody-in-vijayawada/articleshow/129782941.cms> and <https://theprint.in/india/andhra-police-arrest-12-people-across-states-over-terror-links/2888248/>

- **24 March 2025 - Asiya Andrabi of Dukhtaran-e-Millat and two associates sentenced in Kashmir secessionism case**

On March 24, a special court of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) sentenced three women operatives of the banned Dukhtaran-e-Millat (DeM) to prison in connection with a 2018 Kashmir secession conspiracy case, according to NIA reports. Asiya Andrabi, the founder and chairperson of DeM, received a life sentence, while her associates Sofi Fehmeeda, press secretary of DeM, and Nahida Nasreen, general secretary of DeM, were each sentenced to 30 years. The investigation revealed that the accused promoted DeM's secessionist agenda through speeches, social media, and public platforms, inciting violence and jihad, thereby threatening India's sovereignty, security, and integrity.

They were apprehended in July 2018 and formally charged following a comprehensive review of evidence, including videos, chat transcripts, and media interviews. While Sofi Fehmeeda has eight additional cases registered against her, Nahida Nasreen has four.

DeM is an all-women organization with the declared goal of achieving Kashmir's secession from India. The accused, all from Kashmir, were previously, in January 2026, convicted by the trial court at Karkardooma, Delhi, under sections 18, 38, and 39 of the UA(P) Act and sections 153A, 153B, 120B, 121A, and 505 IPC. The court found the three accused guilty of actively operating DeM to promote the separation of Jammu and Kashmir from the Union of India.

Source: <https://nia.gov.in/secure-pdf/view/495dfb06d69f6f0c05fdebd0dada78ea> and <https://www.outlookindia.com/national/separatist-leader-asiya-andrabi-who-advocated-shariah-rule-in-kashmir-sentenced-to-life-imprisonment-by-delhi-court>

- **20 March 2026 - NIA Court issues arrest warrants for three wanted individuals accused in the 2014 ISIS case**

On March 20, the Mumbai National Investigation Agency (NIA) Court issued a proclamation order against three wanted individuals, Fahad Shaikh, Shaheen Tanki, and Aman Tandel, who are accused in a 2014 case linked to the Islamic State (IS). Based on the NIA's plea, Special Judge Chakor Baviskar issued the proclamation against these three, 12 years after they allegedly left India to join the Islamic State (ISIS) jihadist group. They are required to appear within a month, or they will be declared proclaimed offenders, which could lead to property confiscation under court orders. Areeb Majeed remains the only arrested accused who has returned to India and faces multiple terror charges. He was one of the four people (including the three mentioned above) who traveled to Syria to join IS and returned to India to carry out terror activities. These four individuals reportedly left on an Etihad flight on May 25, 2014, claiming they were going for a pilgrimage to the holy city of Karbala in Iraq. Areeb Majeed was arrested in November 2014 under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and the Indian Penal Code for waging war against the nation and other charges. In March 2021, Majeed was granted bail by a special NIA court. The case remains ongoing.

Sources: <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow/128805730.cms> and <https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/mumbai/nia-kalyan-youths-isis-absconders-proclaimed-offenders-10593442/>

- **17 March 2026 - The Uttar Pradesh Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) arrested Haarish Ali, a 19-year-old dental student connected with Islamic State**

The Uttar Pradesh Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) has arrested a 19-year-old dental student, Haarish Ali, for alleged connections with an online module associated with the banned terrorist group Islamic State (ISIS).

Haarish, a resident of Saharanpur district and a second-year Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) student, was apprehended in Moradabad as part of an ongoing investigation into ISIS-linked online networks operating across India. According to

officials, the accused allegedly communicated with ISIS handlers and sympathizers through social media platforms such as Instagram, as well as encrypted messaging applications including Session and Discord.

Investigators revealed that intelligence inputs had indicated the presence of online groups in Uttar Pradesh and other states, which were being used to spread ISIS ideology and recruit individuals to strengthen the organization's foothold in India.

Source: <https://www.prameyanews.com/up-ats-arrests-dental-student-for-alleged-isis-links>

- **12 March 2026 - Six Propagating Jaish-e-Mohammad's Ideology Held from Nahal Village of Ghaziabad**

The Uttar Pradesh police arrested six Islamists from Nahal village of Rajpur block in Ghaziabad. on charges of involvement in anti-national activities and propagating the ideology of the Pakistan-based terrorist group Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM). According to senior police officer Surendra Nath Tiwari, during surveillance, social media teams learned that several people in Nahal village were involved in anti-national activities. During the investigation, the names of six men emerged, and they were arrested. They were following the terror group Jaish-e-Mohammed on social media and promoting the group's ideology.

The police have identified six suspects: Shavez, also known as Jihadi, Mohammad Junaid, Mohammad Fardeen, Ikram Ali, Fazru Dafedar, and Mohammad Javed. An FIR was filed under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) sections 152 (acts that threaten India's sovereignty, unity, and integrity), 196 (inciting enmity between different groups based on religion, race, place of birth, residence, or language), and 61(2) (criminal conspiracy). Additionally, the FIR includes sections 18, 38, and 39 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, which cover conspiracy, supporting terrorist organizations, and involvement with such groups.

The police further stated that Shavez is a key member of the group, has completed up to Class 12, and works at a grocery store in Nahal. During interrogation, the suspect told police that he watched social media videos and began following Jaish-e-Mohammed and Farhatullah Ghorri ([an Indian-origin terror ideologue hiding in Pakistan](#)). He also shared this information with the other five suspects, who began following the outfit and Ghorri on social media and watching their videos.

The Nahal village in Ghaziabad was in the spotlight earlier when [Noida police constable Saurav Singh was shot dead](#) on May 25, 2025. Police arrested and charged 23 suspects in connection with the case.

Source: <https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/noida-news/ghaziabad-six-accused-of-propagating-jaish-e-mohammad-s-ideology-held-from-nahal-village-101773341763296.html>

- **11 March 2026 - NIA Seeks Life Imprisonment for the Banned Kashmir-Based All-Women Member Terror Group Dukhtaran-E-Millat (Dem) Chief Asiya Andrabi**

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has requested a life sentence for separatist leader and Dukhtaran-e-Millat (DEM) chief Asiya Andrabi following her conviction in a terror-related case under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA). This plea was submitted before Additional Sessions Judge Chander Jit Singh in New Delhi during the sentencing phase of the case against Andrabi and her associates, Sofi Fehmeeda and Nahida Nasreen. All three were [found guilty on January 14, 2026](#), of various charges under the UAPA and the Indian Penal Code (IPC), including conspiracy and crimes against the state.

Andrabi and her associates were convicted under UAPA sections 20 (punishment for being a member of a terrorist gang or organization), 38 (offense relating to membership of a terrorist organization), and 39 (supporting a terrorist organization). The court also convicted the three under IPC sections 153A (promoting enmity between different groups), 153B (imputations and assertions prejudicial to national integration), 120B (criminal conspiracy), 505 (statements

conducting to public mischief), and 121A (conspiracy to commit offenses against the State). During the March 11 hearing, the court also gave Andrabi and the two co-convicts an opportunity to address the court, as they appeared virtually. After hearing arguments from both sides, the court reserved the matter for sentencing and scheduled March 24 for pronouncing the order.

The NIA noted that the accused used the banned DEM organization and social media to spread secessionist ideas and maintain connections with terrorist groups based in Pakistan, such as Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), founded by Hafiz Saeed. DEM is a Kashmir-based women's terror group that has been banned in India since December 30, 2004, under Section 3 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. Andrabi was taken into custody by the NIA in 2018.

Sources: <https://m.greaterkashmir.com/article/nia-seeks-life-term-for-kashmiri-separatist-asiya-andrabi-for-waging-war-against-india/485845/amp> and <https://lawtrend.in/nia-seeks-life-imprisonment-for-dukhtaran-e-millat-chief-asiya-andrabi-in-uapa-case-court-to-decide-sentence-on-march-24/>

- **06 March 2026 - Maharashtra Police Arrest Ayan Sheikh for Suspected Links with Transnational Terror Groups, Promoting Online Radicalization and Recruitment**

Maharashtra Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) arrested Ayan Yusuf Sheikh on suspicion of links to the Pakistan-based terror group Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) and Islamic State (IS) in Mumbai on March 02, 2026. Sheikh was charged under Sections 38 and 39 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), along with Sections 152, 196, and 197 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). Based on intelligence reports about online radicalization, ATS conducted raids in Kurla, Govandi, and Shivaji Nagar, seizing a laptop and a mobile phone. Initial forensic analysis found extremist propaganda, including audio and video clips associated with JeM chief Masood Azhar. Sheikh allegedly circulated propaganda via encrypted platforms like Telegram, attempted to recruit individuals, and added two engineering students to extremist groups.

According to ATS officials, the investigation revealed that Ayan had been attempting to influence several youths in his circle, especially two of his classmates who were also close friends. During questioning, investigators discovered that these two students had been heavily influenced by Ayan's views. Sources said he had allegedly brainwashed them over time, encouraging them to consider traveling abroad to participate in terror-related activities. The plan, however, was stopped before it could progress after the ATS uncovered the alleged radicalization efforts. Investigations are ongoing to identify financial connections and possible contacts with foreign handlers.

Source: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/mumbai/ats-crackdown-in-mumbai-engineering-student-arrested-for-sharing-terror-propaganda-devices-seized/articleshow/129131629.cms>

- **05 March 2026 - Mumbai Court Upholds Conviction of 7/11 Bombs Acquitted Accused for SIMI Links**

A sessions court in Mumbai has upheld the 2016 conviction of Ehtesham Qutubuddin Siddiqui, one of the accused earlier acquitted in the 2006 Mumbai train blasts, for his alleged association with the banned organisation Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI). According to media reports on 5 March, the court confirmed the seven-year sentence awarded to Siddiqui by an Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate in 2016 under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA). The conviction related to the publication and distribution of SIMI-linked literature before his arrest in September 2006.

Siddiqui, now 43, was previously convicted in connection with the July 11, 2006, Mumbai suburban train blasts, which killed over 180 people and injured hundreds. However, in July 2025, the Bombay High Court acquitted Siddiqui and 11 other accused in the blasts case, citing insufficient evidence after they had spent nearly 19 years in prison. Despite the acquittal in the bombing case, the sessions court has now upheld the earlier conviction related to SIMI activities. The

court noted that the books and materials seized from Siddiqui's house in Mira Road were being used by SIMI members "to create religious disharmony amongst people." The books seized by the ATS included Urdu and Hindi titles such as Jihadi-Fi-Sabiullah, Jihadi Azgar, Islam ki Rooh, Tehrik-e-Millat-Atankwad Ka Jimmedar Kau, and SIMI Sangharsh Yatra Ke Pacchis Varsh. He was accused of being a SIMI member despite the ban on the group since 2001 and of publishing articles "to provoke people so that it will help in the commission of terrorists' acts." Legal proceedings related to the case have focused on the possession and dissemination of literature associated with the banned group, separate from the allegations in the train blast conspiracy.

Source: <https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/mumbai-news/711-acquitted-ehsham-siddiqui-convicted-for-ties-with-simi-101772651631601.html>

- **03 March 2026 - NIA Seeks China's Assistance to Trace Camera Used in Pahalgam Terror Attack**

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has approached Chinese authorities through a Letter Rogatory (LR) to obtain details about a GoPro camera allegedly used in the Pahalgam terror attack that targeted tourists in Jammu and Kashmir. Investigators are attempting to trace the purchase and ownership of a GoPro Hero 12 Black (Serial No. C3501325471706), believed to have been used by the attackers for reconnaissance and recording operational preparations before the strike at Baisaran Meadow near Pahalgam in Anantnag district.

The attack on April 22, 2025, killed 25 tourists and a pony operator, making it one of the deadliest attacks on civilians in the region in recent years. NIA said the device could help reconstruct the movement, surveillance patterns, and logistical planning of the terrorist module responsible for the attack. In response to NIA queries, GoPro B.V. in the Netherlands informed the agency that the camera had been supplied to AE Group International Ltd, a distributor based in China. Records show that the device was activated on January 30, 2024, in Dongguan, People's Republic of China. However, the manufacturer indicated that it does not maintain downstream transaction records or end-user data, prompting the NIA to seek assistance from Chinese authorities to identify the purchaser and obtain related technical and transactional information.

The Jammu District Court has authorized the issuance of the Letter Rogatory, allowing investigators to formally request cooperation from China in tracing the device. The Pahalgam attack was carried out by three militants: Suleiman Shah, Hamza Afghani alias Afghan, and Jibrán, who were later killed by security forces during an operation in the Dachigam forest area on July 28, 2025. NIA officials believe that tracing the camera's ownership and usage history could provide more insights into the planning and support networks behind the deadliest jihadi terror attack in recent history.

Sources: and <https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/national/nia-probes-gopro-hero12-black-camera-used-in-pahalgam-terror-case-seeks-chinas-help-to-trace-buyer/article70699512.ece> and <https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/pahalgam-attack-terrorists-used-gopro-that-had-links-to-china-anti-terror-agency-nia-probe-jammu-and-kashmir-attack-11166651>

- **27 February 2026 - Uttar Pradesh Anti-Terrorist Squad arrested Altamash Faridi in Amroha for financing terrorism**

The Uttar Pradesh (UP) Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) arrested Altamash Faridi, a key accused in an ongoing investigation into a suspected terror-funding and radicalization network with international links, from Amroha District of UP. Altamash was attempting to flee to Nepal when arrested.

Earlier, on November 7, 2025, ATS arrested another member, Farhan Nabi Siddiqui, from Kasna in Gautam Buddha Nagar District of UP. Siddiqui was alleged to be a co-founder of Istanbul International Pvt Ltd and a central figure in the network. Investigators revealed that Altamash and Farhan, along with foreign associates, established a digital platform in Turkey

to mobilize funds from foreign nationals. The funds, estimated at over INR 11 crore, were suspected of being routed through hawala (illegal money-laundering) channels and layered into multiple bank accounts linked to firms such as Istanbul International Pvt Ltd and other entities.

In a statement in November last year, the UP ATS said that Siddiqui, along with Turkish national Nasi Torba and others, operated three companies, Istanbul International Private Limited, Hakikat Wakfi Foundation, and Real Global Express Logistics Private Limited.

Through these companies, the Hakikat Printing Publications in Greater Noida was printing religious books whose content was deemed to incite hostility and violence. The ATS also said that these three companies were housing people from Turkey and Germany without any government notification and were providing refuge to Bangladeshis living illegally in India.

A total of 12 books in Hindi, Arabic, and Bengali, two mobile phones, and three laptops were also recovered from Siddiqui at that time. Nasi Torba, is believed to have played a crucial role in introducing Siddiqui to the network in late 2022. Officials said Torba, who is currently absconding, is being tracked.

Source: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/lucknow/terror-funding-ats-arrests-key-accused/articleshow/128863888.cms>

- **25 February 2026 - Two Ansar Ghazwat-ul-Hind (AGuH) militants arrested in Delhi bomb blast case in J&K**

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) arrested two al-Qaeda-linked Ansar Ghazwat-ul-Hind (AGuH) militants from Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir (J&K), in connection with the bomb blast in the Delhi Red Fort area on November 10, 2025. They were identified as Zameer Ahmad Ahangar and Tufail Ahmad Bhat, residents of Ganderbal and Srinagar respectively.

This brings the total number of arrests in the Red Fort blast case to eleven. The arrested accused have reportedly supplied weapons to the prime suspect, Umer Un Nabi, who was killed in the explosion that resulted in eleven fatalities. NIA investigations revealed that Zameer and Tufail were involved in various terrorist plots, including the procurement of arms and ammunition intended for attacks against the Indian State.

Previously, nine additional conspirators, comprising Muzammil Ganai, Shaheen Saeed, Mufti Irfan, and Adeel Ahmed Rather, had been detained from Jammu and Kashmir and Haryana for providing shelter and logistical support to the main perpetrator.

Sources: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/red-fort-blast-case-nia-arrests-two-more-terror-suspects-11-apprehended-in-total/articleshow/128788585.cms> and <https://www.newsonair.gov.in/nia-arrests-2-more-individuals-linked-to-conspiracy-behind-delhis-red-fort-bomb-blast/>

- **22 February 2026 - JeM “Israel Group” cell dismantled in Kishtwar in Jammu and Kashmir after months long operation**

Security forces dismantled a seven-member terrorist module of Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), known as ‘Israel Group’, operating in the Kishtwar region of Jammu and Kashmir, concluding an intelligence-led operation that spanned nearly 18 months. The ‘Israel Group’ had infiltrated into Indian territory from Pakistan in April 2024.

According to Inspector General of Police (Jammu Zone) Bhim Sen Tuti, the module was engaged 17 times by security forces after crossing the Line of Control (LoC) and had remained a high-priority target. The final three members of the group, including its self-styled commander Saifullah, were killed on February 22 during a joint operation in the Chhatroo area of Kishtwar.

The encounter marked the end of a sustained pursuit involving multiple security agencies. The counter-terror campaign intensified in early 2026 following fresh Intelligence inputs from police and Intelligence agencies. On January 18, security forces located and destroyed a well-stocked hideout used by the remaining militants. On February 4, a member codenamed Adil was killed during ongoing operations. The final phase began on the night of February 21–22, when security forces cordoned off a remote mountain shelter, known as a “dhok” (hut), where the remaining terrorists had taken refuge.

Officials said the broader offensive over the past several days dealt a significant blow to militant infrastructure in the Jammu region. Six terrorists were killed during this period, including two in the Jophar Forest area of Basantgarh under Operation Kiya and another in Kishtwar during Operation Trashi-I on 4 February.

Earlier, in April 2025, three members of the same module had been eliminated in initial operations, leaving four, including Saifullah who continued to evade capture until the latest phase. The operation was carried out jointly by the Indian Army, Jammu and Kashmir Police, and the Central Reserve Police Force under the White Knight Corps.

Sources: <https://www.indiatvnews.com/news/india/operation-trashi-i-indian-armed-forces-326-day-high-altitude-hunt-crushes-terror-network-in-jammu-and-kashmir-kishtwar-2026-02-23-1031382> and

<https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/j-k/israel-group-of-jem-neutralised-after-18-month-operation-in-jk-officials/>

- **22 February 2026 - Eight suspected terrorists were arrested in Tamil Nadu and West Bengal for plotting attacks in India**

The Delhi Police has taken into custody eight suspects from Tamil Nadu and West Bengal on suspicion of plotting a terrorist conspiracy, allegedly supported by Lashkar-e-Taiba, Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), and Bangladeshi terrorist groups. Among those arrested, including several Bangladeshi nationals are suspects caught at garment factories in Tamil Nadu's Tiruppur district. A joint police team investigating the case recovered eight mobile phones and 16 SIM cards for analysis as digital evidence. The suspects identified as Mizanur Rahman, Mohammad Shabat, Umar, Mohammad Litan, Mohammad Shahid, and Mohammad Ujjal, are in custody, with two more apprehended in West Bengal, totalling eight. Evidence shows they used fake Aadhaar cards to hide their identities and posted social media content supporting Lashkar-e-Taiba and Pakistan. The conspiracy was uncovered after provocative messages like "Free Kashmir" and "Stop Genocide in Kashmir" appeared at over 10 locations, including metro stations in Delhi and Kolkata, last week. This follows reports from security sources on February 21, indicating Lashkar-e-Taiba's plans to detonate bombs near Delhi's Red Fort and key religious sites, including a temple in Chandni Chowk, possibly involving IEDs.

Source: <https://www.wionews.com/india-news/delhi-police-foils-major-terror-plot-8-arrested-with-links-to-pakistan-bangladesh-1771735730563> and <https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/6-with-links-to-pakistans-isi-bangladesh-arrested-from-tamil-nadu-for-plotting-attack-in-india-11119789>

- **21 February 2026 - NIA chargesheets two more people in Vizianagaram Islamic State terror conspiracy case**

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has chargesheeted two more accused in the 2025 Vizianagaram (Andhra Pradesh) Islamic State (IS) terror conspiracy case. In a supplementary chargesheet filed before the Special Court in Visakhapatnam, the NIA has charged Arif Hussain, (alias Abu Talib), and Imran Akram in the 2025 Vizianagaram Islamic State (IS) terror conspiracy case under various sections of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), BNS, the Explosive Substances Act, 1908, and the Arms Act. The case was initially registered at the Vizianagaram Police Station, and the accused, Siraz Ur Rahiman and Syed Sameer, were apprehended.

The NIA chargesheeted these two in November 2025, soon after taking over the investigation. During the investigation, the NIA found that Imran Akram, who is still absconding, had provided terror funding to Siraz Ur Rahiman and Syed

Sameer for the procurement of explosive materials. Arif was arrested by NIA officials on August 27, 2025, while attempting to flee the country from New Delhi Airport. Investigations revealed that Arif Hussain, a native of Bihar, had also conspired with Siraz to supply weapons for carrying out terrorist acts. He was involved in the illegal transportation of weapons across borders and had been using social media platforms to propagate the extremist jihadi ideology.

Source: <https://newsmeter.in/crime/vizianagaram-isis-terror-conspiracy-absconder-imran-among-2-chargesheeted-763407> and <https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Visakhapatnam/vizianagaram-terror-conspiracy-case-nia-files-supplementary-chargesheet-involving-two-more-accused/article70659495.ece>

- **15 February 2026 - White-collar' terror probe: Radicalised Doctors formed 'Ansar Interim' to carry out attacks in J&K and beyond**

The Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) Police uncovered the 'white-collar' terror module in which radicalised doctors formed a group named "Ansar Interim" to carry out subversive activities in J&K and the hinterland. The case is currently under investigation by the National Investigation Agency (NIA). The accused Muzamil Gannie, Umer-un-Nabi (died in Delhi's Red Fort blast on November 10, 2025), Adeel Rather, Muzaffar Rather (absconding), Maulvi Irfan, Qari Aamir, and Tufail Gazi met in Srinagar in April 2022 and organized the group with specific roles. Adeel was named the 'Ameer' (chief) of the group, Maulvi Irfan as 'Deputy Ameer', and Gannie as treasurer.

The arrested individuals told the interrogators that they formed the new group because all their contacts with active terrorists had been severed. Umer became the coordinator while Gannie handled the finances and procurement.

Police investigations into the case have revealed the procurement of fertiliser and chemicals from Haryana for the manufacturing of Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), including Triacetone Triperoxide (TATP). Umer planned a Vehicle-Borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED) attack, which resulted in a premature explosion outside the Red Fort, New Delhi.

Sources: <https://www.wionews.com/india-news/-white-collar-terror-probe-radicalised-doctors-formed-outfit-ansar-interim-to-carry-out-attacks-1771153445817> and <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/white-collar-terror-probe-doctors-formed-ansar-interim-to-carry-out-attacks/articleshowprint/128375291.cms>

- **13 February 2026 - Delhi Court extends custody of Al Falah University chairman in Red Fort car bomb attack**

A Delhi court has extended the judicial custody of Jawad Ahmad Siddiqui, Chairman of Al Falah University, by 14 days in connection with an investigation by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) into the November 2025 Red Fort terrorist attack case which killed at least 15 people.

Investigating agencies believe that the attack was carried out by operatives who were working as doctors at Al Falah University. Just hours before the blast, authorities had taken into custody large quantities of explosives from the university's campus in Faridabad, Haryana. Investigators have described the campus as a crucial part of the alleged conspiracy. During the hearing, the court also responded to a plea from Siddiqui, asking for copies of documents related to the prosecution complaint, including everything used in the chargesheet to help him prepare his defense. The court acknowledged the plea and asked the agency for their reply.

Siddiqui was arrested in November of last year as part of the ED's money laundering investigation tied to the terror case. The agency has alleged that the university generated proceeds of crime totalling Rs 45 crore by dishonestly inducing students to enrol through false claims. The investigation into the financial and logistical aspects of the case remains ongoing. The court directed that Siddiqui remain in custody until the next hearing on 27 March 2026.

Source: <https://www.indiatoday.in/india/law-news/story/red-fort-blast-case-founder-of-terror-tainted-al-falah-university-jawad-ahmad-siddiqui-ed-notice-2867681-2026-02-13>

- **12 February 2026 - UN Report links Jaish-e-Mohammed to 2025 Red Fort blast**

A United Nations sanctions monitoring report has established a link between Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) and multiple attacks within India, including the explosion near Delhi's Red Fort on 10 October 2025. These findings are incorporated in the 37th report of the UN Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team, submitted pursuant to Resolution 2734 (2024) to the Security Council's 1267 Sanctions Committee, which supervises measures against ISIL (Da'esh), Al-Qaida, and related entities. The report was officially released on 4 February 2026.

According to the report, JeM chief Masood Azhar announced the formation of a women-only wing, Jamaat ul-Momminat, on 8 October 2025. Although the unit is not separately listed by the UN, the monitoring team described it as intended to support terrorist activities. The report also noted broader organizational developments within JeM. In response, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said the findings reflect India's concerns about cross-border terrorism. [MEA spokesperson](#) Randhir Jaiswal stated that India had noted the publication of the 37th report and had incorporated India's inputs on the need to strengthen the global fight against terrorism. The [UN document](#) is available in the public domain, and the matter remains under international review through the sanctions monitoring mechanism.

Source: <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/india/taken-on-board-indias-inputs-mea-on-un-report-highlighting-jems-role-in-red-fort-blast-case/articleshow/128265585.cms?from=mdr>

- **06 February 2026 - NIA has charged Abubakar Siddique in connection with the recovery of explosives in Andhra Pradesh in 2025**

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) filed a chargesheet against Shaik Amanulla alias Abubakar Siddique before the NIA Special Court in Vijayawada, in connection with a 2025 explosives recovery case in Andhra Pradesh. The accused Siddique has been charged under provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), the Explosive Substances Act, 1908, and the Arms Act.

According to the NIA, Siddique had been living in Rayachoty town in Annamayya district under the assumed identity of Shaik Amanulla, using forged documents since absconding from Tamil Nadu in 1999. He is reportedly wanted in 14 criminal cases in Tamil Nadu. He was initially arrested by Tamil Nadu Police on 1 July 2025 after being identified as the absconding accused. In August 2025, Andhra Pradesh Police arrested him in the explosives seizure case, which was later taken over by the NIA. Investigators reportedly said that Siddique was in possession of illegal explosive substances and prohibited arms intended for terrorist acts at the time of his arrest. He was also engaged in target selection, radicalisation and recruitment of youth, and training them in the preparation of improvised explosive devices (IEDs).

His [past cases in Tamil Nadu](#) reportedly include the sending of parcel bombs in 1995, planting bombs at five locations across three cities in 1999, carrying explosives illegally on a train in 1999, harbouring absconders in terror-related cases over three decades, planting a bomb during a prominent leader's rath yatra in 2011, and involvement in the killings of several political leaders during 2012–13. The NIA stated that further investigation in the Andhra Pradesh case is ongoing.

Sources: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/vijayawada/nia-filed-charge-sheet-in-2025-explosives-recovery-case/articleshow/128041728.cms> and <https://www.deccanchronicle.com/southern-states/andhra-pradesh/key-accused-in-2025-ap-explosives-recovery-case-chargesheeted-by-nia-1935463>

- **04 February 2026 - ATS conducted searches in Rampur district of Uttar Pradesh following the arrest of Faizan Shakeel Salmani**

A joint team of the Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh Anti-Terrorism Squads (ATS) conducted searches and questioning in Rampur district of Uttar Pradesh, following the arrest of 22-year-old Faizan Shakeel Salmani on terrorism-related charges. Salmani, a native of Dudwala village in Rampur and a resident of the Charpul area in Navsari district, Gujarat, was arrested by the Gujarat ATS on 25 January. Agencies are currently investigating his alleged links with the banned organisations Jaish-e-Mohammed and al-Qaeda jihadist groups. According to officials, Salmani had reportedly prepared a list of seven individuals he intended to target, including prominent Hindu figures from Delhi and Uttar Pradesh. As part of the follow-up investigation, ATS teams visited the Swar area of Rampur to question associates and gather background information. They inspected a local madrasa where Salmani had studied and questioned Maulana Qari Iqbal Ahmad regarding his conduct and possible signs of ideological radicalisation. Officers also visited a coaching centre in Swar and spoke with its operator, Akhtar.

ATS Officials said the inquiry aims to assess Salmani's extremist ideological leanings, local connections, and the extent of any wider international network. The investigation remains ongoing, with authorities reviewing digital and communication records. His Instagram account with the handle 'al.faizangaza. (al.Faizan-Gaza)' is under scanner.

Sources: <https://www.uniindia.com/up-gujarat-ats-questions-family-of-youth-from-rampur-suspecting-terror-links/north/news/3730080.html> and <https://www.bhaskarenglish.in/local/gujarat/news/delhi-up-people-found-weapons-purchased-kill-world-see-137070416.html>

- **28 January 2026 - Intel reported that AQIS established hit squads in Maharashtra, Gujarat, and Uttar Pradesh**

Intelligence agencies reported that al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS) has shifted its strategy from targeting high-profile individuals to focusing on civilian populations, establishing hit squads in Maharashtra, Gujarat, and Uttar Pradesh.

It has been learned that module members, during their online discussions, decided to target ordinary citizens, as such targets are considered easier to attack due to their lack of security measures, unlike high-profile individuals. An official stated that AQIS comprises multiple modules, each directed by senior leadership to conduct extensive operations. Authorities also indicated that AQIS has captured photographs of random individuals across various states, which have circulated within the network; this emerging trend poses significant risks.

The images include the locations of the individuals, thereby facilitating easier targeting. No specific person has been designated to execute these attacks. Furthermore, AQIS has been actively scouting for members of the PFI, who remain underground due to the recent ban. Members involved in hit or dawah squads are in high demand, as their involvement simplifies operational planning owing to their combat readiness.

Source: <https://telanganatoday.com/aqis-forms-hit-squads-to-target-common-man-trigger-panic-and-fear-in-india>

- **28 January 2026 - NIA conducted searches across Kerala as part of an investigation on the Popular Front of India**

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) conducted searches across Kerala, seizing incriminating materials as part of its investigation into a case involving jihadi criminal conspiracy and activities attributed to the proscribed unlawful organization, the Popular Front of India (PFI). Nine locations across the state were searched, resulting in the confiscation of numerous digital devices, documents, and other evidence related to the PFI and its affiliated organizations.

The case, registered by the NIA in September 2022, pertains to PFI's alleged criminal conspiracy and efforts to propagate the ideology of violent jihad in India, with the objective of dismembering the nation and establishing Islamic rule by 2047, as stated by the investigative agency.

NIA investigations indicate that PFI leaders and members conspired to incite communal divisions by radicalizing susceptible youth. Investigations uncovered that PFI established various branches and units, including the 'Reporters Wing,' 'Physical and Arms Training Wing,' and 'Service Teams or Hit Teams,' to advance its malicious agenda. The organization reportedly used its campuses and infrastructure to train selected cadres in arms and physical training under the pretext of activities such as Physical Education and Yoga. The Hit Teams were reportedly being prepared to eliminate designated targets.

Source: [https://nia.gov.in/sites/default/files/Document/enc\\_b7b814a8709fe32d19cbf9ae32e51cc3.pdf](https://nia.gov.in/sites/default/files/Document/enc_b7b814a8709fe32d19cbf9ae32e51cc3.pdf)

- **26 January 2026 - Gujarat Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) arrested Faizan Sheikh on charges of radicalisation linked to Jaish-e-Muhammad and al-Qaeda**

Faizan Sheikh was apprehended by the Gujarat Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) in Navsari District, Gujarat, on charges of radicalisation linked to Jaish-e-Muhammad in Pakistan and al-Qaeda, as well as suspected plans to attack members of the Hindu community. Sheikh is from Rampur District in Uttar Pradesh.

Initial investigations by the ATS suggest that he was radicalised through online platforms and other sources, and that he planned attacks against specific community members in order to instil fear and disrupt social harmony.

Sheikh had been living in the Chaarpul area of Navsari and working as a tailor for the past few years. According to the investigating officials, his primary targets were individuals who spoke out against the Prophet Mohammad. He followed terrorist channels and operated an Instagram account with the handle 'al.faingaza'.

Source: <https://www.bhaskarenglish.in/local/gujarat/news/delhi-up-people-found-weapons-purchased-kill-world-see-137070416.html> and <https://www.bhaskarenglish.in/local/gujarat/ahmedabad/news/gujarat-ats-arrests-terror-suspect-faizan-sheikh-navsari-plan-killings-137078272.html>

- **23 January 2026 - Karnataka High Court refuses bail to PFI member Shahid Khan accused of fundraising and radicalisation**

The Karnataka High Court denied bail to Popular Front of India (PFI) operative Shahid Khan under Section 43D(5) of the UAPA, citing prima facie evidence of terror funding and organisational involvement, thereby activating the statutory bar on bail pursuant to the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

A Division Bench comprising Justice H.P. Sandesh and Justice Venkatesh Naik T. dismissed the criminal appeal and upheld the order rejecting bail issued by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) Special Court. The bench observed that the appellant had failed to demonstrate any arbitrariness or illegality in the impugned order and that the restrictions stipulated under Section 43D(5) of the UAPA explicitly barred the grant of bail.

According to the prosecution, the accused were office bearers, members, and cadres of PFI who allegedly espoused extreme religious views and were incited by developments such as the Citizenship Amendment Act, the National Register of Citizens, the hijab controversy, and the Babri Masjid judgment. It was further alleged that they conspired to radicalise Muslim youth, foment religious enmity, destabilise public peace, and ultimately wage an internal conflict against the Government of India. The charge sheet asserted that the accused sought to eliminate prominent Hindu leaders, instil terror within the Hindu community, and undermine the sovereignty and integrity of the nation by training service teams, conducting arms training, and preparing for acts of violence, including murder and bomb blasts.

Source: <https://lawbeat.in/news-updates/karnataka-hc-refuses-bail-to-pfi-member-accused-of-fundraising-and-radicalisation-1560403>

- **21 January 2026 - Intel flagged a suspected Pakistan-backed terror plot codenamed “26-26” ahead of Republic Day**

Ahead of Republic Day on 26 January 2026, Indian intelligence agencies flagged a suspected Pakistan-backed terror plot codenamed “26-26”. The conspiracy, allegedly orchestrated by Pakistan’s Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) in coordination with Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), was intended to carry out major attacks in India.

The reference to 26 January has prompted heightened security measures across the country, particularly in sensitive locations such as Jammu and Kashmir and the national capital, Delhi.

Following the warning, the Delhi Police issued a wanted poster featuring the photograph of Mohammad Rehan, a terrorist belonging to al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS) and a resident of Delhi. The poster also features Shahid Faisal, who is believed to be the mastermind behind multiple bomb blasts in southern India.

Source: <https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/2026-republic-day-news-delhi-high-alert-for-terror-attacks-on-january-26-26-26-jaish-terrorist-attack-codename-10798848>

- **21 January 2026 - Syed Mohammad Idrish, a Lashkar-e-Taiba operative, sentenced to 10 years in jail for indoctrinating youths in West Bengal**

A special National Investigation Agency (NIA) court in West Bengal sentenced Syed Mohammad Idrish of Karnataka to 10 years’ rigorous imprisonment for recruiting and radicalising Muslim youths for the terrorist group Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT).

The NIA took over the case from the West Bengal Police in April 2020 and arrested Idrish alongside Altaf Ahmed Rather of Jammu and Kashmir during its investigation.

Idrish was charged under sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. The investigation revealed that Idrish and Rather had conspired with Tania Parveen to establish an LeT cell by recruiting local youths. Tania was arrested earlier by the West Bengal Police’s Special Task Force (STF) during a search in Baduria, North 24 Parganas, in March 2020. The STF team seized various incriminating materials, including jihadi textbooks, during the search.

Sources: <https://www.uniindia.com/~sayyad-m-idris-gets-10-years-for-radicalising-youth-for-lashkar-e-taiba/States/news/3714604.html> and <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/nia-court-sentences-man-to-10-years-of-imprisonment-in-bengals-let-recruitment-module-case/article70537196.ece>

- **20 January 2026 - Lashkar-e-Taiba recruiting Pakistanis for 'water force' to execute 26/11 style attacks against India**

A propaganda video released by the terrorist group Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and its affiliate, the Pakistan Markazi Muslim League (PMML), has emerged. The video depicts the training of a “water force” for prospective maritime attacks against India. Training includes scuba diving, boat handling and underwater operations.

LeT militant Haris Dar can be seen inspecting trainees carrying out activities such as professional swimming, high-speed boat navigation and social media operations. Another LeT commander openly admits that a water force is being prepared and acknowledges that the training is conducted by LeT and the PMML.

The commander states that Indian news outlets have broadcast the footage with different narratives. He also says that he has been assigned responsibility for the training programmes, which were conducted across three tehsils and trained 135 youths in boat handling.

Source: <https://www.indiatoday.in/world/story/lashkar-e-taiba-recruiting-pakistanis-for-water-force-to-execute-2611-mumbai-style-attacks-2855020-2026-01-20>

- **19 January 2026 - Eight Army personnel were injured in a grenade and fire attack in Kishtwar carried out by Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM)**

Eight Army personnel were injured in an attack involving grenades and fire by Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM), Pakistan-based terrorists, during Operation Trashi-I. This operation was led by the Jammu-based White Knight Corps in Kishtwar District, Jammu & Kashmir. It is believed that a group of two to three JeM-affiliated terrorists remain trapped in the area. According to the Indian Army, operations are ongoing, with additional forces being deployed to reinforce the cordon in close coordination with the civil administration and security agencies.

This marks the third such conflict in the Jammu region between security forces and terrorists in 2026. The previous two occurred in the Kahog and Najote forests in the Billawar area of Kathua district on 7 and 13 January, respectively.

Source: <https://www.newindianexpress.com/nation/2026/Jan/19/security-forces-resume-hunt-for-terrorists-in-kishtwar-after-grenade-attack-injures-eight-soldiers>

- **17 January 2026 - NIA chargesheets five for propagating AQIS ideologies online**

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) filed a chargesheet against five defendants, including a woman, in a Gujarat case linked to the alleged online radicalisation of individuals by the banned terrorist organisation al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS).

The chargesheet was submitted to a special NIA court in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, against Mohammad Fardeen, Kureshi Sefulla, Mohammad Faique, Zeeshan Ali and Shama Parveen.

According to the NIA, the accused used social media platforms to circulate extremist videos, audio clips and images in order to promote AQIS ideology, incite violence and call for an armed revolt against the democratically elected Indian government. They also advocated Khilafat (Caliphate) and Sharia law.

During the investigation, the NIA seized digital devices, extremist literature and weapons, including a semi-automatic pistol with cartridges and a sword. The agency also stated that the accused promoted the ideologies of other banned organisations, including Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), in order to radicalise vulnerable young people.

Source: <https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/nia-chargesheets-five-for-propagating-ideologies-of-banned-terror-outfit-online-101768649250261.html>

- **14 January 2026 - Intel flags Pakistan plan to use Islamic State label for next terror strike in Jammu and Kashmir**

Indian intelligence agencies have reported that Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) has instructed the militant organisation Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) to infiltrate a 12-strong fidayeen squad into the Islamic State Khorasan Province (ISKP) in preparation for an imminent attack in Jammu and Kashmir.

Intelligence agency assessments suggest that the LeT-ISKP hybrid network is already operational in Budgam, Kishtwar and Srinagar districts. Intelligence sources also indicate that terrorist activities in Jammu and Kashmir are currently being monitored and directed by senior Pakistani military and intelligence officials, including Lieutenant General Ahmad Ehsan Nawaz, Chief of the Pakistan Army's X Corps, and Brigadier Faiq Ayub, the ISI's Sector Commander for PoK.

"The aim of this supervision is to sustain violence within the region while maintaining plausible deniability for Islamabad," the source stated.

It was also reported that Pakistan's army and ISI have authorised groups such as Jaish-e-Mohammed and Lashkar-e-Taiba to revise their operational strategies with the explicit instruction that "Pakistan's direct involvement must remain undisclosed".

According to intelligence reports, the ISKP fidayeen squad is led by Abu Huraira, a senior LeT commander who has been active in India since 2021, and his deputy, Mohammad Umar (also known as "Khargosh"), who has been active since 2022. Abu Dujana, who is in his early twenties, infiltrated India in 2024 following recruitment and indoctrination at an early age, demonstrating LeT's reliance on young recruits for suicide missions. Dujana was trained alongside Umar Lone in 2018; Lone was killed in 2024.

The hybrid LeT-ISKP module is now divided into smaller cells led by Huraira, Umar and Dujana. Security agencies are closely monitoring Kashmir, viewing the hybridisation as an effort to mask Pakistan-backed terrorism under the Islamic State banner and hinder attribution.

Sources: <https://news.abplive.com/news/intel-flags-pakistan-plan-to-use-islamic-state-label-for-next-terror-strike-in-j-k-1821771> and <https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/top-headlines/intel-flags-isi-backed-let-fidayeen-plot-for-jk/>

- **14 January 2026 - Kashmiri separatist Asiya Andrabi and two associates convicted under Anti-Terror Act UAPA**

A special NIA court in Delhi convicted Asiya Andrabi, the leader of the Kashmir-based separatist militant group Dukhtaran-e-Millat (DeM), and her two associates, Sofi Fehmeeda and Nahida Nasreen, under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) of 1967.

They were found guilty of conspiring to commit terrorism, waging war against India and belonging to a banned organisation. The court noted that their actions aimed to secede Kashmir from India and that they did not recognise the Indian Constitution.

Additional Sessions Judge Chanderrjit Singh convicted them under sections 18 (Punishment for Conspiracy) and 38 (Offences Relating to Membership of a Terrorist Organisation) of the UAPA.

Andrabi founded the all-women separatist group DeM in 1987 and was arrested in April 2018. The group was subsequently banned in India for subversive activities.

Source: <https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/kashmiri-separatist-asiya-andrabi-convicted-under-anti-terror-act-uapa-10749218>

- **14 January 2026 - Intel officials revealed that al-Qaeda is using AI for its operations in India**

Al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS) has been using advanced technology to carry out operations in India, which makes investigations more challenging.

Intelligence agencies have discovered that propaganda is being spread and people radicalised via servers hosted in multiple countries.

According to an Intelligence Bureau official, the group is targeting the whole of India and aims to disseminate content across the country. Unlike the Islamic State, which has decided to target only people in the south of the country, al-Qaeda has broader plans.

The official added that the group aims to proceed slowly and steadily without carrying out any major operations. These operations are very low-key, making them very hard to detect.

Investigations clearly indicate the scale of AQIS operations, and the trends are extremely dangerous. Recent investigations have revealed that al-Qaeda has set up servers in Afghanistan, Hong Kong, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Kuwait and Pakistan. Each of these servers is being used to deliver content to an Indian audience, according to another official.

While tracking down these servers has presented a significant challenge to security agencies, the extent to which the organisation is utilising artificial intelligence (AI) for its operations in India is even more concerning. Officials have pointed out that the organisation has been exploiting AI to spread its ideology, recruit and carry out disinformation campaigns against India.

In late December 2025, media reports referenced investigations by the Maharashtra Anti-Terrorism Squad for the first time, disclosing that al-Qaeda had been using servers and control centres in Afghanistan to disseminate radical ideology in India. These findings were revealed during the interrogation of Zubair Hangargekar, who was apprehended in Pune, Maharashtra, in October 2025 for alleged links to the terrorist organisation.

Sources: <https://www.newkerala.com/news/a/al-qaeda-scales-up-tech-enabled-operations-as-185.htm> and <https://www.newsonair.gov.in/maharashtra-ats-investigations-reveal-al-qaeda-using-servers-control-centres-in-afghanistan-to-spread-radical-ideology-in-india/> and <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/pune/techie-held-for-possessing-al-qaida-literature-remanded-in-judicial-custody/articleshow/125355229.cms>

- **07 January 2026 - A man detained at Thiruvananthapuram Airport on suspicion of disseminating IS-related content online**

The Kerala Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) detained Muhammed Aadhil upon his return from abroad at Thiruvananthapuram Airport on suspicion of disseminating Islamic State (IS)-related content online. Aadhil has been taken into custody by the ATS for allegedly sharing such content on social media.

As part of the ongoing investigation into the circulation of IS-related posts online, a lookout notice has been issued. Upon his arrival from a Gulf country, immigration authorities intercepted him and alerted the ATS.

The lookout notice was part of the broader investigation into IS propaganda activities.

Muhammad Adil, who was already facing treason charges, is alleged to have maintained links to the Islamic State and used social media to spread anti-national propaganda and recruit young people in Ernakulam, Kerala. He travelled to the Gulf country during the Covid pandemic and was under surveillance for promoting ISIS ideas on social media.

Sources: <https://www.ptinews.com/story/national/kerala-ats-detains-man-for-sharing-isis-posts-on-social-media/3257556> and <https://www.manoramaonline.com/news/latest-news/2026/01/09/agencies-probe-muhammed-adhil-alleged-is-links-after-airport-arrest.html>

- **05 January 2026 - Interrogations of the arrested Imam Mahmuder Kafila (IMK) members started in Guwahati, Assam**

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) began interrogating eleven suspected Islamist terrorists with links to Imam Mahmuder Kafila (IMK), who were arrested by the Assam Police Special Task Force (STF) during a coordinated crackdown across Assam and Tripura.

The arrests were carried out on 29 December 2025 under Operation Pratighat, involving simultaneous raids at multiple locations.

Ten suspects were arrested in the Barpeta, Chirang, Baksa and Darrang districts of Assam, while Jagir Miah was apprehended in the Jaipur locality of Tripura.

In Guwahati, NIA officials have started to question the suspects in detail, and other state agencies, including teams from Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh, are expected to join the investigation, which suggests that there may be interstate links. The groups allegedly used encrypted digital platforms for indoctrination and recruitment, reflecting a growing reliance on 'digital jihad' tactics in north-east India.

IMK is a Bangladesh-based offshoot of Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) that was founded in 2018 by Jewel Mahmud and Sohail. Following the regime change in Bangladesh in August 2024, the IMK leadership received directives from the JMB, the Ansarullah Bangla Team (ABT) and the al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS) to activate and expand their operations in India. Bangladeshi nationals Umar and Khalid were assigned to coordinate activities in Assam. The Assam cell is headed by Nasim Uddin, also known as Tamim, from Barpeta Road.

Source: <https://www.news18.com/india/nia-probes-bangladesh-linked-jihadi-fundraising-network-in-assam-after-11-terror-suspects-held-by-stf-9816413.html>

- **03 January 2026 - NIA takes over probe into Islamic State Khurasan Province (ISKP) linked ricin terror conspiracy**

The Ministry of Home Affairs has transferred the ricin terror conspiracy case linked to the Islamic State Khurasan Province (ISKP) to the National Investigation Agency (NIA). The plot was uncovered by the Gujarat Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) in November 2025. During the investigation, Hyderabad-based Dr Ahmed Mohiuddin Syed and two associates were detained for surveilling markets in Delhi and Ahmedabad, as well as plotting ricin and firearm attacks.

The NIA has re-registered the case under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), 1967, including Sections 13 and 18, as well as Sections 148 and 149 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, and Section 25(1)(B)(a) of the Arms Act. The NIA-led probe in Ahmedabad seeks to identify links to groups such as ISKP, ISIS or Jaish-e-Mohammed by examining digital media and drone activity near the Rajasthan–Pakistan border.

Authorities also raided Dr Syed’s home in Hyderabad, reportedly seizing chemicals for ricin and plans for attacks possibly scheduled for 6 December 2025.

The arrests occurred just days before the Red Fort attack, which killed over ten people and raised fears of a larger conspiracy. Further arrests were made across Gujarat, Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir, and at the Red Fort itself.

Sources: <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/defence/nia-takes-over-ricin-terror-plot-probe-from-ats-gujarat-police/articleshow/126321395.cms?from=mdra> and <https://www.ahmedabadmirror.com/nia-takes-over-probe-in-ricin-terror-plot/81905609.html>

- **02 January 2026 - NIA questions two suspects in Kishanganj, Bihar, over links with the banned Popular Front of India group**

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) conducted a raid in Kishanganj district in the state of Bihar and detained Mahfuz Alam and Aftab for questioning regarding their alleged associations with the banned organisation Popular Front of India (PFI).

The investigation relates to a 2022 case concerning alleged involvement in terrorist training and conspiracy in Phulwarisharif, Patna. Both individuals were subsequently released following questioning.

The NIA had previously issued notices to both individuals to appear for questioning. Following their interrogation, Aftab was released, while Mahfuz was detained until the late evening before being released.

The NIA’s inquiries focus on Mahfuz’s possible connections with the PFI and his participation in its activities.

This case dates back to 2022, when a case was filed in Phulwarisharif against PFI operatives suspected of plotting terrorist activities, providing arms training and inciting communal unrest.

Sources: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/patna/nia-questions-two-in-kishanganj-over-links-with-banned-pfi/articleshow/126312066.cms> and <https://www.pib.gov.in/Pressreleaseshare.aspx?PRID=1862754&reg=3&lang=2>

- **01 January 2026 - NIA filed charges against three individuals in connection with a 2023 terror conspiracy case in Bengaluru linked to Lashkar-e-Taiba**

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has filed charges against three individuals, including a psychiatrist, in connection with a terror conspiracy case in Bengaluru in 2023, which is linked to Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) in Pakistan. In a second supplementary chargesheet filed with a court in Bengaluru, the NIA named Anees Fathima, Chan Pasha A and Nagaraj S under various sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), the Explosives Substances Act, the Prevention of Corruption Act and the Karnataka Prisons Act.

The NIA took over the case from the Bengaluru City Police in October 2023 and had previously charged nine individuals, including the fugitive Junaid Ahmed.

Among those charged was Junaid's mother, Anees Fathima, who allegedly provided logistical support and funds to Naseer while he was imprisoned at Parappana Agrahara Central Prison.

She is also accused of handling hand grenades and walkie-talkies on her son's instructions, as well as facilitating communication among the accused.

The NIA stated that Fathima played a key role in sheltering the accused, Salman Khan, and helping him to escape to Dubai by arranging travel documents. Salman was later extradited from Rwanda to India.

Source: <https://www.newindianexpress.com/cities/bengaluru/2026/Jan/03/nia-chargesheets-three-more-in-2023-bengaluru-prison-radicalisation-case-linked-to-let>

---

## Italy Section

- **25 March 2026 - 23-year-old foreigner deported**

The Minister of the Interior stated that 23-year-old foreign national with a history of criminal convictions showed clear signs of radicalisation during a police check, threatening officers with religiously motivated remarks and praising Allah and the Koran. Given the danger he posed to society and the risk associated with religious fanaticism, the man was first transferred to a CPR centre and then repatriated to his country of origin.

Source: Italian Ministry of the Interior

- **17 March 2026 - Five people investigated in connection with the terrorist attack on the synagogue in Rome on 09 October 1982**

The Public Prosecutor's Office in Rome has concluded its investigation into complicity in the terrorist attack carried out on 9 October 1982 outside the Synagogue in Rome, which resulted in the death of Stefano Gaj Taché, aged just two, and left 40 Jewish worshippers injured.

The Public Prosecutor's Office has issued a notice of the conclusion of the investigation. The suspects are Abou Zayed Walid Abdulrahman, aged 68, currently detained in France and on trial for the massacre of 2 August 1982 on Rue des Rosiers in Paris; Abed Adra Mahmoud Khader, a 71-year-old Palestinian national residing in the West Bank; Al Abassi Souheir Mohammad Hassan Khalil, a 74-year-old of Palestinian origin residing in Jordan; Hamada Nizar Tawfiq Mussa, a 65-year-old of Palestinian origin residing in Jordan; and Abu Arkoub Omar Mahid Abdel Rahman, a 66-year-old of Palestinian origin residing in Jordan. "It is believed that they also acted in collusion with Alhamieda Rashid Mahmoud, alias Fouad Hijazy, and Maher Said Al Awad Yousif, alias Arabe El Arabi Tawfik Gamal, who are now deceased.

Source: [https://www.ansa.it/sito/notizie/cronaca/2026/03/17/lattentato-dell82-alla-sinagoga-di-roma-in-cinque-rischiano-il-processo\\_904f6fdf-38d9-4d41-bf3b-80b60b3fc381.html#](https://www.ansa.it/sito/notizie/cronaca/2026/03/17/lattentato-dell82-alla-sinagoga-di-roma-in-cinque-rischiano-il-processo_904f6fdf-38d9-4d41-bf3b-80b60b3fc381.html#)

- **13 March 2026 - The Islamic centre in Monteroni d'Arbia and the home of the president of the Nur association searched**

As part of an anti-terrorism investigation by the Public Prosecutor's Office in Florence, the Islamic Cultural Centre in Monteroni d'Arbia (Siena) and the home of the president of the 'Nur' association, a 36-year-old Italian national, have been searched. The president is currently under investigation for belonging to a terrorist organisation.

The investigation, which began on a large scale in 2022, reportedly aims to verify potential links between individuals frequenting the Islamic centre in Monteroni and terrorist circles. Investigators' suspicions were reportedly aroused by conversations intercepted inside the Islamic cultural centre. Some of these referred to ISIS and Gaza.

Source: <https://corrieredisiena.it/news/cronaca/437193/blitz-anti-terrorismo-islamico-a-monteroni-d-arbia-indagine-e-slegata-dai-finanziamenti-ad-hamas.html>

- **12 March 2026 - 26-year-old Islamist extremist foreigner repatriated**

On 12 March 2026, the Italian Minister of the Interior announced the repatriation of a 26-year-old foreign national to his country of origin, following his detention at a Repatriation Centre (CPR). The man was homeless and had numerous previous convictions for offences relating to property and personal injury. Furthermore, he had been identified by DIGOS as being involved with Islamic extremist circles.

Source: Italian Ministry of the Interior

- **07 March 2026 - A 24-year-old man of Egyptian origin already in prison for terrorism has been reached by a further preventive custody order**

Police have issued a pre-trial detention order for Saied El Naijar, a 24-year-old of Egyptian origin. He was arrested in October 2024 for publicly glorifying terrorist crimes, which were committed through multiple acts intended to promote and glorify the activities of Islamic State.

The latest investigation has led to a charge of participating in an association with the aim of committing international terrorist acts, specifically those of the Islamic State Khorasan Province (ISKP).

This investigation was prompted by information received from the Italian intelligence agency AISE, enabling investigators to conduct targeted inquiries into the suspect. He had displayed considerable activity on various social media platforms and youth-oriented virtual networks, demonstrating an interest in jihadist themes.

Investigative evidence showed that he had consistently shared and praised online propaganda content related to ISIS, Palestinian Islamic Jihad and martyrdom.

The investigation also revealed that he had been planning an attack on worshippers at the Church of Sant'Alessandro in Colonna in the centre of Bergamo.

Source: [https://brescia.corriere.it/notizie/cronaca/26\\_marzo\\_07/terrorismo-islamico-arrestato-di-nuovo-un-24enne-di-origine-egiziana-faceva-parte-de-i-pericolosi-d-egitto-595dba7d-da3c-4da4-8662-2488bfca4x1k.shtml?refresh\\_ce](https://brescia.corriere.it/notizie/cronaca/26_marzo_07/terrorismo-islamico-arrestato-di-nuovo-un-24enne-di-origine-egiziana-faceva-parte-de-i-pericolosi-d-egitto-595dba7d-da3c-4da4-8662-2488bfca4x1k.shtml?refresh_ce)

- **04 March 2026 – Egyptian Imam Mohamed Shahin will not be deported**

Supreme Court rejected the appeal by the State Attorney's Office against the decision by which the Court of Appeal of Turin on January 21 annulled the detention of Imam Mohamed Shahin in the CPR of Caltanissetta. Therefore, the Imam will not be expelled.

The imam was the subject of an expulsion order signed by the Minister of the Interior because, in addition to publicly praising the October 7 massacre carried out by Hamas, according to the Interior Ministry's assessment, he is radicalized and in contact with "individuals known for their fundamentalist and violent view of Islam."

Source: [https://www.secoloditalia.it/2026/03/imam-di-torino-niente-espulsione-la-cassazione-annulla-il-trattenimento-ira-di-fdi-e-lega-i-giudici-ostacolano-governo-e-sicurezza/?utm\\_source=dlvr.it&utm\\_medium=twitter](https://www.secoloditalia.it/2026/03/imam-di-torino-niente-espulsione-la-cassazione-annulla-il-trattenimento-ira-di-fdi-e-lega-i-giudici-ostacolano-governo-e-sicurezza/?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter)

- **15 February 2026 – Terrorist deported after being released from prison**

On 15 February 2026, the Italian Minister of the Interior announced the expulsion and repatriation to his country of origin of a 22-year-old foreign national residing illegally in Italy.

The young man was arrested immediately after being released from prison, where he had served four years for terrorism, and taken to a repatriation centre.

He was part of an association that produced and distributed material inciting violence against 'infidels', and was in contact with one of the perpetrators of the Charlie Hebdo attack.

Source: Italian Ministry of the Interior

- **14 February 2026 - Italian minor arrested for terrorism**

An Italian minor from Caserta, Italy, was arrested following an order issued by the Naples Juvenile Court. He had taken part in an association with terrorist aims through virtual channels, having formulated and shared an oath of allegiance to the Islamic State online in the summer of 2025.

He had direct virtual contact with individuals claiming to belong to ISIS and based in Syria. Furthermore, investigations revealed that he had widely distributed videos depicting terrorist techniques downloaded from the dark web and sent them to some of his peers living in Campania, who are currently under investigation.

## Monitoring Jihadism Project (MjP) - Quarterly Newsletter Issue No. 1

Source: [https://www.ilmattino-it.cdn.ampproject.org/c/s/www.ilmattino.it/AMP/caserta/giura\\_fedelta\\_all\\_isis\\_studente\\_minorenne\\_arrestato\\_per\\_terrorismo-9359518.html](https://www.ilmattino-it.cdn.ampproject.org/c/s/www.ilmattino.it/AMP/caserta/giura_fedelta_all_isis_studente_minorenne_arrestato_per_terrorismo-9359518.html)

- **12 February 2026 - Two foreigners deported**

On 12 February 2026, the Italian Minister of the Interior announced that two foreign nationals, who came to the attention of the authorities for being in contact with members of jihadist terrorist groups, were expelled and repatriated to their countries of origin.

Source: Italian Ministry of the Interior

- **01 February 2026 - Foreigner arrested for having links to Islamist extremist**

On 1 February 2026, the Italian Minister of the Interior announced the arrest of a foreign national by the State Police in Salerno, prior to his attempt to leave the country.

Intelligence services had reported him for his links to Islamic extremist circles and for facilitating the entry of fellow nationals into Italy, some of whom were radicalised.

The man was also wanted internationally for committing a double murder in his country of origin. He is currently in prison awaiting extradition proceedings.

Source: Italian Ministry of the Interior

- **30 January 2026 - Foreigner deported following prison release**

On 30 January 2026, the Italian Minister of the Interior announced that a 40-year-old foreign national had praised Allah and threatened to kill prison officers while in detention. Following his release, he was expelled and repatriated to his country of origin.

Source: Italian Ministry of the Interior

- **29 January 2026 - Two Russians investigated for false documents**

On 29 January 2026, a 36-year-old Russian man was arrested near Bologna by the police pursuant to a request from the Bologna Public Prosecutor's Office for the possession and manufacture of false identification documents.

This arrest was part of an investigation that began in June 2025 when the man was stopped by police in downtown Bologna. He was with a 37-year-old Russian man and they were both found to be in possession of false identity documents valid for travel abroad. The 37-year-old was arrested at that time, while the other man (who was arrested on 29 January 2026) was investigated while remaining at liberty.

The subsequent investigation revealed that both men were subject to an international arrest warrant issued by the Russian authorities and entered into the Interpol system via Red Notice. The charges were affiliation with the terrorist organisation "Imarat Kavkaz", as well as active participation in armed conflicts in Syrian territory during the jihadist terrorist organisation "Islamic State's" period of maximum operation.

While validating the arrest, the Court of Appeal of Bologna did not grant extradition to Russia in light of the current international situation involving that country.

Source: <https://www.ilrestodelcarlino.it/bologna/cronaca/documenti-falsi-terrorismo-arrestato-russo-uvt3tinf>

- **27 January 2026 - Radicalised minor placed in a community**

A 17-year-old of Egyptian origin residing in Cantù was arrested pursuant to a pre-trial detention order issued by the Milan Juvenile Court judge, which stipulates that he should be detained in a secure community facility.

## Monitoring Jihadism Project (MjP) - Quarterly Newsletter Issue No. 1

Since 2024, the young man has been responsible for disseminating jihadist propaganda via social media platforms such as Instagram and TikTok, as well as messaging apps like Telegram and WhatsApp. His content has made direct references to organisations such as ISIS and Al-Qaeda.

During the investigation, he was found to have been in direct contact with individuals who were already under investigation for terrorism offences and for disseminating jihadist propaganda content.

The highly radicalised young man is under investigation for inciting crime, aggravated by the use of computers and telecommunications tools, with the aggravating circumstance that applies to crimes committed for the purpose of terrorism or subverting the democratic order.

Source: [https://www.ansa.it/sito/notizie/cronaca/2026/01/27/inneggiava-allo-stato-islamico-via-social-17enne-arrestato-nel-comasco\\_63857dc8-9657-4eef-b2f9-12eeebdc3151.html](https://www.ansa.it/sito/notizie/cronaca/2026/01/27/inneggiava-allo-stato-islamico-via-social-17enne-arrestato-nel-comasco_63857dc8-9657-4eef-b2f9-12eeebdc3151.html)

- **19 January 2026 - The Review Court has ruled that Mohammad Hannoun, a Palestinian, will remain in prison alongside four others. However, three have been released**

The Review Court of Genoa has upheld the precautionary measures for Hannoun, Ra'ed Dawoud, Yaser Elasalay and Ryad Albunstanji.

Those released were Rahed Al Salahat, representative of the association for Florence and Tuscany; Ibrahim Abu Rawwa, an employee of the A.B.S.P.P. and representative for the north-east; and Khalil Abu Deiah, custodian of the Golden Dome in Milan. Unlike the others, the latter two are accused not of belonging to Hamas, but of having contributed to its financing.

Source: [https://www.ansa.it/sito/notizie/cronaca/2026/01/19/fondi-ad-hamas-hannoun-resta-in-carcere-scarcerati-tre-degli-arrestati\\_ac509d9a-7135-4099-8b7c-66bd47c720db.html](https://www.ansa.it/sito/notizie/cronaca/2026/01/19/fondi-ad-hamas-hannoun-resta-in-carcere-scarcerati-tre-degli-arrestati_ac509d9a-7135-4099-8b7c-66bd47c720db.html)

- **16 January 2026 - Palestinian convicted of terrorism and other two acquitted**

On 16 January 2026, the Court of L'Aquila sentenced Anan Yaesh, a Palestinian, to five years and six months in prison for terrorism. Two other individuals, Ali Saji Ribhi Irar and Mansour Doghmosh, were acquitted. The prosecutor had requested 12 years in prison for Yaesh, nine years for Irar and seven years for Doghmosh. The prosecution argued that the three defendants had, in various capacities, 'manifested the terrorist aims of the Rapid Response Group, which sought to organise suicide attacks, including through the use of car bombs, against Israeli civilian and military targets'.

Source: <https://www.agi.it/cronaca/news/2026-01-16/palestinesi-processo-terrorismo-l-aquila-35129847/>

- **10 January 2026 - Two foreigners deported**

On 10 January 2026, the Italian Minister of the Interior announced the deportation of two foreign nationals, aged 29 and 38, believed to be linked to jihadist Islamic extremism. They were returned to their countries of origin. Both had been detained in a CPR (Repatriation Centre) prior to their deportation.

Source: Italian Ministry of the Interior

---

## North Africa Section

- **25 March 2026 - Morocco: Morocco-Spain Operation Dismantles ISIS-Linked Cell**

Moroccan authorities announced the dismantling of a three-member terrorist cell linked to Islamic State in a joint operation between the Central Bureau of Judicial Investigations and Spanish National Police General Information Commissariat. Two suspects were arrested in Tangier, while the cell leader was detained in Mallorca. The group allegedly financed and supported ISIS fighters in the Sahel and Somalia, with the leader suspected of planning a lone-actor attack in Spain. Authorities noted that Moroccan-Spanish cooperation has dismantled over 30 terrorist cells since 2014.

Source: <https://www.agenzianova.com/a/69c49d7194e905.84691777/7191779/2026-03-25/terrorismo-smantellata-cellula-dell-isis-attiva-tra-marocco-e-spagna>

- **19 March 2026 - Morocco: Morocco Pardons 19 Reformed Terrorism Convicts in Eid Amnesty**

As part of an Eid Al Fitr royal pardon covering over 1,200 individuals, Morocco granted clemency to 19 people convicted of terrorism and extremism related offences. These individuals received reduced sentences or full pardons after renouncing radical ideologies and pledging loyalty to state institutions. The decision underscores Morocco's emphasis on deradicalization, rehabilitation, and reintegration of former extremists.

Source: <https://www.moroccoworldnews.com/2026/03/283434/king-mohammed-vi-grants-royal-pardon-to-1201-individuals-on-eid-al-fitr/>

- **19 March 2026 - Algeria: Seven Suspected Terrorists Killed in Algeria Operations**

Algerian authorities reported that seven suspected terrorists were killed in security operations carried out across different regions of the country over the past week. Officials have not yet disclosed which groups the individuals were affiliated with.

Source: [https://www.europapress.es/internacional/noticia-argelia-eleva-siete-presuntos-terroristas-muertos-operaciones-ultima-semana-20260319143329.html#google\\_vignette](https://www.europapress.es/internacional/noticia-argelia-eleva-siete-presuntos-terroristas-muertos-operaciones-ultima-semana-20260319143329.html#google_vignette)

- **17 March 2026 - Tunisia: Tunis Court Sentences Man to 11 Years for Terrorism Charges**

A Tunis court sentenced a man to 11 years in prison for terrorism related offences. Investigations revealed he attempted to produce toxic substances and explosives using encrypted online resources, while adopting extremist ideology and pledging allegiance to Daesh. He also communicated with members for training, spread propaganda, and faced multiple charges including attempted murder, membership in a terrorist organisation, incitement to violence, and logistical support for terrorism.

Source: <https://www.mosaiquefm.net/fr/national-tunisie/1509339/11-ans-de-prison-contre-un-terroriste>

- **16 March 2026 - Egypt: Egypt Adds Senior Muslim Brotherhood Figures to Terrorism List**

Egyptian authorities have permanently placed three senior leaders of the Muslim Brotherhood (Abdel Moneim Aboul Fotouh, Sayed Mahmoud Ezzat Ibrahim, and Moaz Mansour Mansour al-Sharkawy) on the country's national terrorism list. The decision follows final court rulings convicting them under Egypt's law regulating terrorist entities and lists. Their designation carries automatic legal restrictions and is part of standard procedures applied after definitive judicial verdicts.

Source: [https://www.egyptindependent.com/egypt-designates-three-senior-muslim-brotherhood-leaders-on-national-terrorism-list/#google\\_vignette](https://www.egyptindependent.com/egypt-designates-three-senior-muslim-brotherhood-leaders-on-national-terrorism-list/#google_vignette)

- **13 March 2026 - Algeria: Army Neutralizes Six Terrorists in March Operations**

During counterterrorism operations in March 2026, the People's National Army killed six terrorists in two separate missions in Tébessa and Ain Defla. Soldiers also seized several Kalashnikov weapons and ammunition.

Source: [https://www.mdn.dz/site\\_principal/sommaire/actualites/fr/2026/mars/lutte13032026fr.php](https://www.mdn.dz/site_principal/sommaire/actualites/fr/2026/mars/lutte13032026fr.php)

- **12 March 2026 - Morocco: Morocco Plans Repatriation of ISIS-Linked Nationals from Iraq**

Morocco is preparing plans to repatriate citizens who fought for the Islamic State in Syria and were later transferred to detention facilities in Iraq by the United States. The transfers began in January after the collapse of the Syrian Democratic Forces, which had been guarding several detention centres holding Islamic State fighters and affiliated civilians, including foreign nationals.

Source: <https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/morocco-plans-repatriation-is-linked-citizens-iraq-official-says-2026-03-12/>

- **11 March 2026 - Algeria: Terrorist Surrenders, Four Supporters Arrested in Algeria**

A suspected terrorist surrendered to the People's National Army in Bordj Badji Mokhtar, while army units arrested four individuals accused of supporting terrorist groups during separate operations conducted across Algeria between 4 and 10 March 2026, according to an official military report.

Source: <https://www.aps.dz/en/algeria/national-news/mmm6nf9q-one-terrorist-surrenders-four-supporters-arrested-in-one-week>

- **05 March 2026 - Algeria: Two Terrorists Killed, Eight Supporters Arrested in Algeria Operations**

Detachment units of the People's National Army killed two suspected terrorists in Ain Defla and arrested eight individuals accused of supporting terrorist groups during nationwide counterterrorism operations conducted between 25 February and 3 March 2026, according to an official operational report.

Source: <https://www.aps.dz/en/algeria/national-news/mmd4gaty-two-terrorists-killed-eight-terrorist-supporters-captured-in-one-week>

- **02 March 2026 - Tunisia: Tunisia Sentences ISIS Returnee to 14 Years for Terrorism Charges**

A Tunis court's specialized terrorism chamber sentenced a returning fighter who joined the Islamic State in 2014 to 14 years in prison. He was convicted of membership in a terrorist organization, both domestically and abroad, and of receiving training to carry out attacks targeting a foreign country.

Source: <https://www.mosaiquefm.net/amp/fr/national-tunisie/1506198/14-ans-de-prison-contre-un-terroriste>

- **27 February 2026 - Tunisia: Ali Larayedh Sentenced to 24 Years Amid Political Dispute**

The former Tunisian Prime Minister - Ali Larayedh - was sentenced to 24 years in prison on 27 February 2026 for facilitating the travel of jihadists to Syria over the past decade.

Source: <https://www.reuters.com/world/africa/former-tunisian-pm-larayedh-jailed-24-years-syria-jihadist-case-2026-02-27/?taid=69a1723b7abc6e0001a5d967>

- **16 February 2026 - Tunisia: Tunisia Sentences Five Over 2023 Attack on Ghriba Synagogue**

Tunisian courts have sentenced five individuals to prison terms of up to 15 years for their involvement in the attack on the El Ghriba Synagogue in Djerba in May 2023, which resulted in the deaths of five people.

Three colleagues were shot dead by a National Guard officer before the same officer went on to kill two Jewish worshippers at the synagogue. His fiancée was sentenced to eight years in prison for complicity in homicide, while three others received terms ranging from one to 15 years. Defence lawyers plan to appeal.

Source: <https://www.africanews.com/2026/02/16/tunisia-jails-five-over-deadly-2023-djerba-synagogue-attack/>

- **11 February 2026 - Algeria: Algerian Army Foils Cannabis Smuggling Attempt, Arrests 10 Terror Supporters**

On 11 February, Algeria's People's National Army (PNA), working with security services, foiled attempts to smuggle nearly 11 quintals of cannabis resin across the Moroccan border and arrested 10 individuals suspected of supporting terrorist groups, according to an official statement.

Source: <https://www.aps.dz/en/algeria/national-news/mli8jlqg-pna-foils-attempts-to-smuggle-11-quintals-of-drugs-across-moroccan-border>

- **07 February 2026 - Algeria: Five suspects were brought before court on charges of defamation, terrorism, espionage and illegal capital transfers**

Algerian police have solved a case involving coordinated media attacks in November targeting journalists and state institutions. Five suspects were brought before court; two main suspects were detained and three released. The key suspect, a news website owner, allegedly worked with Algeria-based influencers in Europe and a fugitive businessman to organize the campaign, using purchased social media pages and financial transfers. Charges range from defamation to terrorism, espionage, and illegal capital transfers. International arrest warrants may follow for suspects abroad.

Source: <https://elwatan.dz/des-delits-de-diffamation-aux-crimes-de-terrorisme-et-despionnage-plus-dune-dizaine-dinfluenceurs-algeriens-a-letranger-inculpes/>

- **06 February 2026 - Morocco: Six Moroccans Still Detained in Somalia Despite Acquittal and Deportation Order**

Six Moroccan nationals detained at Garowe Prison in Puntland, Somalia, remain in custody despite being acquitted of terrorism charges two years ago and ordered deported to Morocco. One detainee said the International Committee of the Red Cross confirmed in January that all legal and administrative procedures were complete and that their files had been forwarded to the Moroccan embassy in Nairobi, with Moroccan authorities agreeing to cover travel document costs. The men say they are now only awaiting travel permits and plane tickets, while enduring harsh detention conditions and appealing to King Mohammed VI to intervene to secure their return.

Source: <https://www.morocroworldnews.com/2026/02/277756/cleared-of-terrorism-charges-six-moroccans-plead-to-return-home-from-somalia/>

- **06 February 2026 - Libya: Benghazi Attack Suspect Deported and Extradited to the United States**

On 6 February 2026, U.S. authorities announced the arrest, deportation, and extradition of Zubayr al-Bakoush, a long-sought suspect in the 2012 Benghazi attack, who was transferred from an undisclosed foreign country to the United States and arrived at Andrews Air Force Base. A sealed 2015 indictment was unsealed, charging him with murder, attempted murder, arson, and conspiracy to provide material support for terrorism linked to the attack that killed four Americans, including Ambassador Christopher Stevens.

Source: <https://evrimagaci.org/gpt/benghazi-attack-suspect-extradited-to-united-states-527272>

- **04 February 2026 - Tunisia: Tunisia Refers Over 100 Suspects to Trial in ISIS Recruitment and Transfer Case**

More than 100 defendants, including over 20 in pre-trial detention, have been referred to Tunisia's specialized terrorism chamber at the Tunis Court of Appeal for their alleged role in a network that facilitated the transfer of jihadists to West Africa and Somalia to join ISIS. The investigation, launched in December 2024, uncovered a group accused of organizing and supporting the movement of fighters abroad, leading to the arrest of dozens of suspects while others remain at large. The defendants face charges including forming and joining a terrorist organization, planning to join terrorist groups

overseas, and other terrorism-related offences, with the case set to be reviewed once the investigating judge formally closes the inquiry and refers it for trial.

Source: <https://www.mosaiquefm.net/amp/fr/actualites-internationales/1499781/reseaux-terroristes-plus-de-100-personnes-devant-la-justice>

- **04 February 2026 - Tunisia: Tunis Appeal Court Raises Rached Ghannouchi’s Sentence to 20 Years in “Conspiracy 2” Case**

On 4 February 2026, Tunisia’s Tunis Court of Appeal increased the prison sentence of Rached Ghannouchi, leader of the Islamist Ennahda movement and jailed since 2023, from 14 to 20 years in the so-called “Conspiracy 2” case against President Kaïs Saïed, notably for “plotting against the state’s internal security”, according to his lawyer speaking to AFP; the ruling brings Ghannouchi’s total cumulative prison time to over 40 years, as sentences are additive under Tunisian law, and comes in a wider trial involving around 20 defendants, including former presidential chief of staff Nadia Akacha and ex-prime minister Youssef Chahed (both abroad), accused of conspiracy and forming an organisation linked to terrorist crimes, amid sustained criticism from Tunisian and international rights groups of a broader post-2021 crackdown on opposition figures, lawyers and journalists.

Source: [https://www.impact.sn/Tunisie-Rached-Ghannouchi-condamne-a-vingt-ans-de-prison-supplementaires-pour-complot-contre-la-securite-interieure-de-l-a56355.html#google\\_vignette](https://www.impact.sn/Tunisie-Rached-Ghannouchi-condamne-a-vingt-ans-de-prison-supplementaires-pour-complot-contre-la-securite-interieure-de-l-a56355.html#google_vignette)

- **03 February 2026 - Tunisia: Tunisia Court Postpones Passport Forgery Case to Summon Former Prime Minister Hamadi Jebali**

On 3 February 2026, Tunisia’s specialised criminal court in Tunis began hearing a high-profile case alleging the forgery and issuance of fake passports to foreigners wanted for terrorism, implicating four senior Ennahdha figures — Nouredine Bhiri, Mouadh Khériji, Fathi Beldi (all in custody) and former prime minister Hamadi Jebali (at liberty) — but the prosecution successfully asked to postpone the trial so that Jebali can be formally summoned to appear, and the court rescheduled the next hearing for 24 March 2026.

Source: <https://kapitalis.com/tunisie/2026/02/03/affaire-de-falsification-de-passeports-audience-reportee-pour-convoquer-hamadi-jebali/>

- **28 January 2026 - Algeria: Arrest of Five Terrorist Supporters in Nationwide Security Operations (21–27 January 2026)**

Between 21 and 27 January 2026, Algeria’s People’s National Army (ANP) carried out multiple nationwide security operations, resulting in the arrest of five individuals accused of supporting terrorist groups. During a search and sweep operation in Tamanrasset (6th Military Region), a joint force also seized three RPG-7 rockets and a quantity of ammunition, as part of ongoing counter-terrorism and border-security efforts. The ANP stated that these operations reflect the continued vigilance and readiness of Algerian armed forces to combat terrorism and organized crime across the country.

Source: <https://news.radioalgerie.dz/fr/node/78554>

- **22 January 2026 - Tunisia: Tunisian Forces Dismantle Terrorist Cell Near Algerian Border**

Tunisian security forces dismantled a terrorist cell during a preemptive counter-terrorism operation in the Kasserine Governorate, near the Algerian border, an area long affected by extremist activity. The operation, carried out near Majel Bel Abbes and Feriana, resulted in the killing of a wanted terrorist identified as Sadiq Al-Obeidi and the arrest of another accomplice. The Interior Ministry said the operation successfully thwarted an imminent terrorist plot and reaffirmed that

security operations continue nationwide to protect the country and defeat terrorism, noting that extremist groups have been active in Tunisia’s western border highlands since 2011.

Source: <https://asharq.com/politics/169177/%D8%AA%D9%88%D9%86%D8%B3-%D9%82%D9%88%D8%A7%D8%AA-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A3%D9%85%D9%86-%D8%AA%D9%82%D8%B6%D9%8A-%D8%B9%D9%84%D9%89-4-%D8%B9%D9%86%D8%A7%D8%B5%D8%B1-%D9%85%D9%86-%D8%AE%D9%84%D9%8A%D8%A9-%D8%A5%D8%B1%D9%87%D8%A7%D8%A8%D9%8A%D8%A9/>

- **20 January 2026 - Tunisia: Tunisia Postpones Terrorism-Linked “Conspiracy Against State Security 2” Case to February 2**

The Tunis Court of Appeal has postponed the hearing in the high-profile “Conspiracy Against State Security 2” case to 2 February, according to the official TAP news agency. The case, which falls under the judicial counter-terrorism framework, involves allegations of forming and supporting a terrorist group, recruiting and training individuals for terrorist crimes, and conspiring against Tunisia’s internal state security. Originating in September 2023, the case includes prominent political and security figures, and has already led to heavy sentences—ranging from 12 to 14 years in prison, and up to 35 years in absentia—handed down in July. While opposition groups and human rights organizations describe the case as politically motivated, Tunisian authorities maintain that it is a terrorism and national security prosecution, denying the existence of political detainees and insisting all defendants are being tried on criminal charges linked to terrorism.

Source: <https://algeriatimes.net/detail/view/74096>

- **18 January 2026 - Tunisia: Tunisian Islamist Leader Seifeddine Makhoul Arrested on State Security Charges**

Seifeddine Makhoul, a Tunisian parliamentarian and leader of the Islamist Al Karama coalition, was arrested in Tunis on charges of conspiring against internal state security and inciting citizens to attack a public official. The 46-year-old politician, who was known for acting as a lawyer for Tunisian “foreign fighters” returning from Syria before entering parliament, was detained as he arrived at the military court in connection with the 15 March 2021 incident at Tunis-Carthage airport, when he intervened to help a woman on the S17 travel-ban list leave the country, amid verbal assaults on airport security staff. His arrest came on the eve of nationwide protests against President Kais Saied’s exceptional measures, which opponents described as a coup, while Saied insisted he was acting under Article 80 of the Constitution to safeguard the state.

Source: <https://www.agenzianova.com/en/news/Islamist-deputy-seifeddine-makhoul-arrested-in-tunis/>

- **15 January 2026 - Tunisia: Tunisia Postpones Mornaguia Prison Escape Terrorism Case Hearing to 16 January 2026**

The Tunis Criminal Chamber specialized in terrorism cases has postponed the hearing in the case concerning the escape of five high-risk terrorist inmates from Mornaguia Civil Prison to Friday, 16 January 2026. The court has completed the questioning of all defendants and the next session will be dedicated to defence pleadings, after which the case will be taken under deliberation for a final ruling. The case involves more than 40 defendants, including prison officers and senior prison officials, accused of varying degrees of responsibility in the escape, which has sparked serious national security concerns.

Source: <https://news-tunisia.tunisienumerique.com/latest-developments-in-the-case-of-the-escape-of-five-terrorists-from-mornaguia-prison/amp/>

- **14 January 2026 - Algeria: Algerian Army Arrests Five Terrorism Supporters in Nationwide Operations (8–13 January 2026)**

Between 8 and 13 January 2026, units of Algeria’s People’s National Army arrested five individuals specifically for terrorism-related offenses, identified as supporters of terrorist groups, during separate counter-terrorism operations conducted across the country.

Source: [https://www.mdn.dz/site\\_principal/sommaire/actualites/ar/2026/janvier/lutte14012026ar.php](https://www.mdn.dz/site_principal/sommaire/actualites/ar/2026/janvier/lutte14012026ar.php)

- **13 January 2026 - Tunisia: Tunisia Indefinitely Postpones Trial over 2023 Djerba Synagogue Attack**

On 13 January 2026, Tunisian judicial authorities indefinitely postponed the trial of those accused in the May 9, 2023 attack on the Ghriba synagogue in Djerba, which left five people dead, citing procedural reasons. The decision drew strong reactions from victims and survivors. The attack was carried out by a lone assailant, a member of the Tunisian National Guard, who killed three fellow officers and two Jewish worshippers before being shot dead by security forces; several others were injured. Two suspects, including the attacker’s fiancée, remain detained on charges including complicity in murder and belonging to a terrorist group, while other defendants have been released or remain at large.

Source: <https://ultratunisia.ultrasawt.com/%D8%A5%D8%B1%D8%AC%D8%A7%D8%A1-%D9%85%D8%AD%D8%A7%D9%83%D9%85%D8%A9-%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%85%D8%AA%D9%87%D9%85%D9%8A%D9%86-%D9%81%D9%8A-%D9%87%D8%AC%D9%88%D9%85-%D9%83%D9%86%D9%8A%D8%B3-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%BA%D8%B1%D9%8A%D8%A8%D8%A9-%D8%A8%D8%AC%D8%B1%D8%A8%D8%A9-%D8%A5%D9%84%D9%89-%D8%A3%D8%AC%D9%84%D9%8D-%D8%BA%D9%8A%D8%B1-%D9%85%D8%B3%D9%85%D9%89/%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%AA%D8%B1%D8%A7-%D8%AA%D9%88%D9%86%D8%B3/%D8%B3%DB%8C%D8%A7%D8%B3%D8%A9/%D8%A7%D9%94%D8%AE%D8%A8%D8%A7%D8%B1>

- **12 January 2026 - Egypt: Egypt Concludes Trial of 57 Defendants in Muslim Brotherhood Terrorism Case**

The trial of 57 defendants in the case known as “Restructuring the Specialized Committees of the Muslim Brotherhood and Joining a Terrorist Group” has concluded before the terrorism court. Prosecutors accused the defendants of joining an illegal organization, seeking to undermine the constitution and laws, obstruct state institutions, and spread false news to disturb public order and weaken confidence in the Egyptian state, in furtherance of the aims of the Muslim Brotherhood, which authorities designate as a terrorist group. In related proceedings, the court postponed the trial of seven defendants in the “Nasr City Cell” case to 6 April, and delayed hearings for 11 defendants in the “Helwan Cell” case to 4 April, with both cases involving charges of leading or joining terrorist groups and activities aimed at threatening public order, national unity, and social peace.

Source: <https://newsroom.info/256635>

- **10 January 2026 - Morocco: On Independence Manifesto Anniversary, King Mohammed VI Grants Royal Pardon to 15 Convicted of Extremism**

On the occasion of the commemoration of the presentation of the Independence Manifesto (1447 AH / 2026 CE), King Mohammed VI granted a Royal pardon to 15 prisoners convicted in cases of extremism and terrorism. The beneficiaries received Royal approval after formally reaffirming their commitment to the Nation’s fundamental principles and institutions, revising their ideological positions, and renouncing extremism and terrorism. Of these, nine prisoners were

granted a pardon on the remainder of their prison sentences, while six others benefited from a reduction of their remaining prison terms.

Source: [https://fr.hespress.com/457746-grace-royale-au-profit-de-1-386-personnes-condamnees-dont-15-pour-extremisme.html?utm\\_source=chatgpt.com](https://fr.hespress.com/457746-grace-royale-au-profit-de-1-386-personnes-condamnees-dont-15-pour-extremisme.html?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

- **09 January 2026 – Morocco: The 'Lions of the Caliphate' cell members have been convicted following an appeal**

The Criminal Division of the Rabat Court of Appeal has delivered its verdict on members of the 'Lions of the Caliphate' cell, which is affiliated with the Daesh terrorist group and was dismantled in Morocco in February 2025. The total prison sentence handed down amounts to 151 years. The main defendant was sentenced to 23 years, while the other two were sentenced to 18 years each.

The other defendants received sentences of 12 years, six years and four years respectively. The authorities conducted nearly a year of surveillance before dismantling the cell. Members were arrested in Laâyoune, Casablanca, Fez, Taounate, Tangier, Azemmour, Guercif, Oulad Teima and Tamesna, on the outskirts of Rabat.

The cell was planning to attack Morocco under the direct influence of Abderrahmane Sahraoui, a prominent Daesh leader in the Sahel region and Libyan national.

Investigations led to the seizure of a large quantity of equipment intended for an imminent terrorist attack. This included ready-to-use explosive devices, materials suspected of being used in the manufacture of explosives and cutting weapons.

Source: <https://www.yabiladi.com/articles/details/185467/terrorisme-total-prison-pour-cellule.html>

- **8 January 2026 - Algeria: People's National Army Arrests Seven Terrorism Supporters in Nationwide Counter-Terrorism Operations**

Between 1 and 7 January 2026, units of the People's National Army conducted multiple nationwide security operations as part of ongoing counter-terrorism and anti-crime efforts, demonstrating a high state of readiness and operational effectiveness. During these operations, seven individuals were arrested for providing support to terrorist groups.

Source: [https://www.mdn.dz/site\\_principal/sommaire/actualites/ar/2026/janvier/lutte08012026ar.php](https://www.mdn.dz/site_principal/sommaire/actualites/ar/2026/janvier/lutte08012026ar.php)

- **3 January 2026 - Tunisia: Tunisian Security Forces Disrupt Terrorist Plot in Kasserine**

On 3 January 2026, Tunisian security forces foiled a terrorist operation in Feryana, Kasserine governorate, eliminating Seddik El Abidi, a member of the ISIS-affiliated Jund Al-Khilafah battalion, and arresting an accomplice. The pre-emptive operation was carried out following precise intelligence and aimed at preventing attacks on civilians and security forces. Authorities confirmed that investigations are ongoing to identify possible links to other extremist cells and sources of support, as security forces continue counter-terrorism operations in western border regions.

Source: <https://libyaupdate.com/tunisian-security-foils-a-terrorist-operation-in-kasserine/>

## The Netherlands Section

- **31 March 2026 - 21-year-old from Eindhoven Remains in Pre-Trial Detention**

A 21-year-old man from Eindhoven remains in pre-trial detention for 14 days after being brought before an investigating judge. He is suspected of inciting a terrorist offence and participating in a terrorist organisation, linked to Islamic State (IS). The investigation was launched on an AIVD intelligence report, indicating he was an IS supporter who spread propaganda online. The suspect was arrested on Saturday and is currently held under restrictions, with contact limited to his lawyer while the investigation continues.

Source: <https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuws/2026/03/31/terrorisneverdachte-eindhoven-blijft-langer-vast>

- **29 March 2026 - 21-year-old man arrested on suspicion of being a member of ISIS**

A 21-year-old man from Eindhoven has been arrested on suspicion of being a member of ISIS and of terrorism. The armed Special Intervention Unit (DSI) raided his home on Ruysdaelbaan in Eindhoven. According to Omroep Brabant, loud bangs could be heard in the vicinity during the raid.

Source: <https://www.telegraaf.nl/binnenland/man-21-uit-eindhoven-opgepakt-voor-mogelijk-is-lidmaatschap-en-terrorisme/144757944.html#Echobox=1774797745>

- **28 March 2026 - Prosecutor's Office requested a seven-year prison sentence for a woman who was deported with her children in 2024**

The Prosecutor's Office requested a seven-year prison sentence for Ayada K., a woman who travelled to Syria with her two young children in 2014 to join the terrorist group Islamic State (IS). One of her children later died in a bomb attack there.

Ms K., aged 49, is suspected of belonging to a terrorist organisation, endangering her children and being an accomplice to a war crime by allowing her son to be recruited as a child soldier.

According to the Public Prosecutor's Office, the woman from Naaldwijk travelled to Syria via Turkey twelve years ago with her children, who were aged 13 and 14 at the time. Shortly before her departure, Ayada K. is said to have told her ex-husband that she was going on holiday and cleared out her home.

She married an ISIS fighter, had a son with him, and, according to the Public Prosecutor, settled in an area controlled by ISIS. Her daughter also married twice at a young age.

It is alleged that Ayada K.'s son attended an ISIS training camp and then enlisted in the terrorist group's military police in Raqqa. According to the Public Prosecutor, he was employed by IS. He supported his mother financially. He died in 2017, aged 15.

Ayada K. was repatriated with her children in 2024 and has been in prison ever since.

Source: <https://nos.nl/artikel/2608097-eis-zeven-jaar-cel-voor-naaldwijkse-die-kinderen-meenam-naar-is-gebied>

- **27 March 2026 - Suspects arrested linked to an explosion at a synagogue in Rotterdam and suspicious incident at a synagogue in Heemstede**

At around 3.45 am on 13 March, the police responded to a small fire and an explosion at a synagogue in Rotterdam. That very same night, four teenagers from Tilburg were arrested. The following week, a fifth man from Tilburg was arrested, and since yesterday, a 20-year-old man from Tilburg has been in custody alongside the 23-year-old man from Amsterdam. On 20 March, the Jewish community was once again shaken by a suspicious incident at a synagogue in Heemstede. According to the Public Prosecution Service, there were plans to carry out an attack. Two teenagers (aged 14 and 17) from Amsterdam had already been arrested in connection with this, and a third Amsterdam resident (aged 18) has been

in custody since yesterday. The three latest suspects are being held in strict isolation and are only permitted to have contact with their solicitor.

Two weeks ago, there was also an explosion at the Cheider Jewish school in Buitenveldert. An external wall of the school was damaged. According to the police, two suspects are involved in this case. No suspects have yet been arrested in this case.

Source: <https://www.at5.nl/artikelen/237539/twee-amsterdammers-vast-in-onderzoek-naar-aanslagen-synagoges-rotterdam-en-heimstede>

- **25 March 2026 - Dutch Court of Appeal Sentences IS Returnee Hasna Aarab to 9 Years for Slavery in Syria**

The Court of Appeal in The Hague has sentenced 34-year-old Hasna Aarab, a returnee from Syria, to nine years in prison. The court found that in 2015, while living under Islamic State (IS) rule, she held a Yazidi woman as a slave, qualifying as a crime against humanity. The defendant was found guilty of preparatory and facilitative acts of terrorist crimes, participation in a terrorist organisation (ISIS), enslavement of a Yazidi woman as a crime against humanity, and leaving her minor son in a helpless situation.

The case marks the first prosecution in the Netherlands for crimes against the Yazidi community.

Sources: <https://nltimes.nl/2026/03/25/dutch-woman-sentenced-9-years-appeal-enslaving-woman-syria> and <https://nuhanovicfoundation.org/news/court-of-appeal-upholds-conviction-in-landmark-yazidi-slavery-case/> and <https://www.rechtspraak.nl/organisatie-en-contact/organisatie/gerechtshoven/gerechtshof-den-haag/nieuws/gevangenisstraf-voor-misdrijven-in-syrie>

- **25 March 2026 - Syrian Suspect Arrested in Vlissingen Planned Concrete Attack on Church in Bremen**

News on 18 December 2025 reported that a Syrian man arrested in Vlissingen shortly before Christmas was suspected of planning a terrorist attack. It has now been confirmed that his plans were well-advanced and targeted a church in Bremen, Germany. According to investigators, the suspect had developed specific plans for the attack, indicating a serious and imminent threat. This case highlights the ongoing risk of cross-border terrorism in Europe.

Source: <https://www.ad.nl/nieuws/syrier-die-vlak-voor-kerst-in-vlissingen-werd-opgepakt-beraamde-aanslag-op-kerk-in-bremen-plannen-zeer-concreet~a4cceb2f/>

- **23 March 2026- Two Arrested in Heemstede Following Suspicious Situation; Terrorism Motive Under Investigation**

Dutch authorities arrested two minors, 14 en 17 years old in Heemstede following a reported suspicious situation, according to the Openbaar Ministerie (OM). The incident prompted a security response, and the suspects were taken into custody for further questioning. The OM stated that investigators are examining whether there may be a terrorism-related motive, though no definitive link has been confirmed at this stage. The investigation is ongoing, and authorities have not yet released further details about the identities of the suspects or the exact nature of the threat.

Source: <https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuws/2026/03/23/update-twee-personen-aangehouden-na-verdachte-situatie-heimstede>

- **20 March 2026 - The Police Foiled a Potential Attack on the Habad Jewish School Building in Heemstede**

The police foiled a possible attack on the Chabad Jewish school building in Heemstede. Various explosive materials were found in the area, likely intended for use in an attack on the Jewish institution. During the night of Thursday 19 March, police officers spotted two boys aged 14 and 17 from Amsterdam loitering suspiciously in the area. They were then stopped and arrested and taken to the police station.

Source: <https://www.telegraaf.nl/binnenland/aanslag-op-synagoge-in-heimstede-verijdeld-in-nabijheid-meerdere-explosieve-materialen-aangetroffen/143711467.html>

- **20 March 2026 - A Fifth Suspect Arrested by Police linked to the Rotterdam Synagogue Attack**

A fifth suspect was arrested by police in the Netherlands investigating an explosion at the Rotterdam synagogue, amid concerns Iran is using Shiite proxies to attack Jewish targets in Europe.

The Rotterdam synagogue attack was preceded by an attack on a Jewish school in Amsterdam and followed the firebombing of a synagogue in the Belgian city of Liege. Responsibility for the attacks has been claimed by a new group calling itself Islamic Movement of the Companions of the Right.

The fifth suspect is a 19-year-old man from Tilburg. The four other suspects, aged 17 to 19, were detained shortly after the incident.

Source: <https://www.thenationalnews.com/news/europe/2026/03/20/arrest-in-netherlands-raises-fears-iran-is-recruiting-iraqi-shia-exiles-for-underground-army-in-europe/>

- **18 March 2026 - Dutch Woman IS Returnee Arrested at Schiphol After Return from Turkey with Two Children**

A 31-year-old Dutch woman from Zevenaar was arrested at Schiphol Airport on 15 March 2026 upon her return from Turkey, together with her two young children. The suspect had travelled to Syria in 2014 to join territory controlled by Islamic State (IS) and is now suspected of participation in a terrorist organisation, according to the Dutch Public Prosecution Service (OM). She had previously been detained by Turkish authorities in November 2025 on immigration grounds before being returned to the Netherlands. Upon arrival, she was arrested by the Royal Netherlands Marechaussee and transferred to the national investigation unit. On 18 March 2026, a judge ordered her pre-trial detention for 14 days while investigations continue.

Sources: <https://www.blikopnieuws.nl/nieuws/309188/terrorismeverdachte-31-uit-zevenaar-bij-terugkeer-op-schiphol-aangehouden.html> and <https://www.gelderlander.nl/zevenaar/syriegangster-31-uit-zevenaar-komt-met-twee-kinderen-aan-op-schiphol-en-wordt-direct-gearresteerd~acee3e26/>

- **16 March 2026 - Explosion at the Atrium office complex in Amsterdam's Zuidas district**

An explosion started a small fire at the Atrium office complex in Amsterdam's Zuidas district overnight, the police confirmed to local media. Unverified video of the attack is circulating on social media, with reports that it was claimed by the same group that claimed earlier attacks on a Jewish school in Amsterdam and a synagogue in Rotterdam.

The video circulating online shows images of the Atrium office complex, followed by a backpack and a lighter, lighting a fuse. The video contains the text: "In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful, this is a final warning to all the peoples of the world, especially in the European Union. Distance yourself from all American and Zionist interests."

The group Harakat Ashab al-Yamin al-Islamiyyah, which roughly translates to 'The Movement of the Righteous', claimed the attack. The group also claimed an arson at a synagogue in Rotterdam during the early hours of Friday, and an explosion at a Jewish school in Amsterdam early on Saturday.

Source: <https://nltimes.nl/2026/03/16/explosion-amsterdam-claimed-group-linked-attack-jewish-school-synagogue>

- **14 March 2026 - Explosion at Jewish School in Amsterdam Investigated as Targeted Attack; Possible Link to Rotterdam and Liège Incidents**

An explosion damaged the outer wall of the Jewish-Orthodox Cheider school in the Buitenveldert district of Amsterdam on the night of 14 March 2026. Dutch authorities consider the incident a targeted attack against the Jewish community

and are examining possible links with a similar attack on a synagogue in Rotterdam a day earlier, as well as a previous incident in Liège.

A group calling itself the “Beweging van de Rechtvaardigen” (Movement of the Righteous) has claimed responsibility on social media, publishing videos of the explosions accompanied by Arabic captions and a recurring logo resembling that of Hezbollah.

Investigators are assessing whether the group represents a previously unknown jihadist-inspired network, possibly framing the attacks as retaliation for the recent Israeli-American strikes against Iran. Two suspects in the Amsterdam incident remain at large while authorities investigate potential connections between the perpetrators in the different cases.

Sources: <https://www.dutchnews.nl/2026/03/explosion-outside-jewish-school-in-amsterdam/> and <https://www.vrt.be/vrtnws/nl/2026/03/14/gerichte-aanslag-joodse-school-amsterdam/>

- **13 March 2026 - Four Teenagers linked to a jihadist organisation are arrested after the Rotterdam Synagogue Attack**

Dutch police arrested four teenagers aged 17 to 19 following a fire attack targeting a synagogue in Rotterdam on 13 March 2026. The suspects were detained after police stopped a suspicious vehicle near another synagogue in the city shortly after the incident.

Authorities are investigating whether the attack is linked to other recent incidents targeting Jewish sites in the Netherlands and Belgium. Footage of the explosion has circulated online and was reportedly amplified by the Islamist group Harakat Ashab al-Yamin al-Islamiyyah (“Islamic Movement of the Companions of the Right”), a pro-Iran jihadist network, which shared the video bearing the group’s logo. The investigation is ongoing to determine the motive and possible extremist connections.

Source: <https://www.vrt.be/vrtnws/nl/2026/03/13/brand-gesticht-bij-synagoge-in-rotterdam/> and <https://www.jns.org/four-teenagers-arrested-for-rotterdam-synagogue-blast/>

- **11 March 2026 - Dutch Court refused to suspend the pre-trial detention of Syrian Asylum Seeker Suspected of Terror Plot**

A Dutch court refused to suspend the pre-trial detention of a 34-year-old Syrian asylum seeker, who was arrested in November 2025 at the Dronten asylum reception centre.

The court cited extremist material found on the asylum seeker's online accounts, as well as concerns about the risk of him fleeing the country. Prosecutors stated that the suspect had used coded language in chats, referring to '300 beans, 4 melons and the iron', which the authorities believe to have been a reference to a firearm, ammunition and cartridges. Later discussions also mentioned a suppressor.

Following an AIVD warning, the suspect was arrested and allegedly attempted to stab a police officer. Investigators believe that he may have held a leading role in a group as he was referred to as 'the sheikh' in chat messages. The next court hearing is scheduled for early June.

Source: <https://www.ad.nl/binnenland/opgepakte-syrier-34-bereidde-vanuit-azc-dronten-aanslag-voor-in-nederland-hij-werd-de-sjeik-genoemd~a963a54a/>

- **27 February 2026 - Conditional Juvenile Detention and Two-Year Social Media Ban for Young IS Supporters in TikTok Terrorism Case**

A Dutch court has imposed conditional juvenile detention, community service, and a two-year conditional social media ban on several individuals aged 15 to 19 convicted of inciting terrorism via TikTok in support of the Islamic State (IS). Some of the suspects were minors at the time of the offences and shared extremist propaganda in Tik-Tok, including

violent content encouraging attacks. The court underlined the seriousness of online youth radicalisation, while imposing partly conditional sentences aimed at preventing reoffending and restricting further exposure to extremist networks. This case reflects the increasing use of mainstream social media platforms in youth radicalisation dynamics in the Netherlands.

Source: <https://www.nu.nl/binnenland/6387635/cel-en-taakstraffen-voor-jonge-is-leden-die-via-tiktok-aanzetten-tot-terrorisme.html>

<https://nltimes.nl/2026/02/27/rotterdam-juvenile-court-convicts-five-teens-isis-tiktok-propaganda>

- **22 February 2026 - Dutch ISIS Fighters Transferred from Syria to Iraqi Prisons**

Approximately fifteen Dutch ISIS fighters who had been detained for years in Kurdish-run prisons in north-eastern Syria have been transferred by U.S. forces to detention facilities in Iraq, or are expected to be moved there shortly. A significant number originate from The Hague, particularly the Schilderswijk district, and travelled to Syria between 2012 and 2013 to join ISIS. The Dutch government confirmed that Dutch nationals are among the thousands of ISIS detainees relocated to Iraq, but does not have a precise overview of their current whereabouts. Repatriation to the Netherlands is not under consideration. Most of the men have already been irrevocably convicted in absentia, and some have been stripped of their Dutch nationality. Prosecution in the region remains legally and politically complex, particularly due to Iraq's use of the death penalty.

Source: <https://www.telegraaf.nl/nieuws/van-yasser-uit-gouda-tot-marouane-uit-arnhem-nederlandse-is-terroristen-vanuit-syrische-gevangenissen-op-transport-naar-irak/135275822.html>

- **10 February 2026 - Ten-year prison sentence demanded on appeal for Dutch woman who held Yazidi woman as slave in Syria**

The Openbaar Ministerie demanded a ten-year prison sentence on appeal against a Dutch woman accused of holding a Yazidi woman as a slave while in Syria. According to the prosecution, the suspect travelled to Syria and became affiliated with the terrorist organisation Islamic State (IS). During her time there, she allegedly kept a Yazidi woman in slavery under inhumane conditions.

The case forms part of broader Dutch efforts to prosecute returnees for crimes committed under IS rule, including war crimes and crimes against humanity. The appeal hearing focuses on the severity of the previously imposed sentence, with the Public Prosecution Service arguing that a ten-year prison term is appropriate given the gravity of the offences.

Source: <https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuws/2026/02/10/strafeis-om-in-hoger-beroep-tien-jaar-gevangenisstraf-voor-nederlandse-vrouw-die-in-syrie-jezidi-vrouw-als-slaaf-hield>

- **10 February 2026 - 15 arrested, including four minors, for spreading ISIS propaganda and inciting terrorism online**

The Dutch police arrested 15 individuals, including four minors, on suspicion of inciting terrorism and spreading propaganda linked to the Islamic State (IS). The arrests took place nationwide, with the largest number, four, carried out in The Hague. The alleged ringleader had already been arrested on 20 January.

The suspects, aged between 16 and 53, were reportedly active on TikTok and other social media platforms, disseminating IS propaganda videos with Dutch subtitles. Some content called on viewers to join the IS struggle, while other posts praised martyrdom. Several videos were viewed more than 100,000 times.

Source: <https://www.politie.nl/nieuws/2026/februari/10/06-aanhoudingen-in-verband-met-opruiming-tot-terrorisme-op-sociale-media.html> and <https://www.dutchnews.nl/2026/02/15-arrested-including-four-minors-for-spreading-is-propaganda/>

- **04 February 2026 - Rotterdam man sentenced to 60 hours of community service for insulting and inciting hatred against Jews**

A 51-year-old man from Rotterdam was sentenced to 60 hours of community service for insulting Jews and inciting hatred against them.

He was convicted for making statements that used inflammatory and antisemitic language, including slogans such as: 'From the river to the sea, Israel will never be free', expressed hope that the Arab world would declare war, denied Jewish ties to Palestine and made a derogatory remark about Anne Frank.

The court found that these statements went beyond political expression and constituted criminal insult and incitement to hatred under Dutch law.

Source:

<https://uitspraken.rechtspraak.nl/details?id=ECLI:NL:RBAMS:2026:1057&showbutton=true&keyword=RBAMS%253a2026%253a1057&idx=1>

- **14 January 2026 - American-Lebanese 'Hate Preacher' Mohamed Baajour cancels visit to Utrecht after controversy about past statements**

Controversial preacher Mohamed Baajour cancelled his planned appearance at the Islamic Cultural Centre in Utrecht following political and public backlash.

The American-Lebanese 'hate preacher', who was born in Lebanon and lived in the United States for over 35 years, is associated with the East Plano Islamic Centre in Plano, Texas. He previously made controversial statements glorifying the Hamas massacre of 7 October 2023, inciting hatred against other religions and arguing that amputating the hands of thieves is not cruel.

The planned event prompted criticism from politicians and raised concerns about public order. The minister stated that 'there is no room in our country for people who spread hatred'.

Source: <https://nos.nl/artikel/2598122-omstreden-prediker-mohamed-baajour-zegt-komst-naar-utrecht-af>

---

## Spain Section

- **26 March 2026 - 47-year-old woman sentenced to two years in prison for glorifying terrorism and breaching court-ordered restrictions**

A 47-year-old woman from Gijón, Spain, residing in Norway, has been sentenced to two years in prison by Spain's Audiencia Nacional for glorifying terrorism and breaching court-ordered restrictions.

She was identified as a key distributor of Islamic State propaganda, having shared over 4,000 extremist files - including videos of executions and jihadist anthems - on social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, and Telegram. The investigation started after authorities discovered she was subtitling ISIS videos into Spanish.

The woman had planned to travel to Tunisia on September 5, 2023, to meet a man with whom she had a romantic relationship, who had previously been arrested in Tunisia for attempting to join ISIS. She had purchased a one-way ticket from Barcelona to Tunisia and expressed in private messages her desire to die as a martyr alongside him. She was arrested on August 27, 2023, at Asturias Airport, where her phone was seized, containing incriminating evidence.

Source: <https://www.elcomercio.es/gijon/carcel-gijonesa-propaganda-yihadista-20260326192847-nt.html>

- **26 March 2026 - The Basque police arrested a man accused of attempting to murder a teenager for smoking during Ramadan**

The Basque police (Ertzaintza) have arrested a 44-year-old man in Donostia, accused of attempted murder after trying to stab a 15-year-old minor at the Ategorrieta train station. The incident occurred on March 6 when the suspect confronted the teenager for smoking during Ramadan, later returning with two knives and threatening to kill him. To escape, the minor jumped onto the train tracks and managed to take a photo of the attacker, which helped police identify and arrest the suspect.

Source: <https://www.donostitik.com/detenido-por-intentar-apunalar-a-un-menor-en-la-estacion-de-ategorrieta-por-intentar-apunalar-a-un-menor/>

- **25 March 2026 - Three people were arrested in a joint counter-terrorism operation involving Spain and Morocco**

Morocco's Central Bureau of Judicial Investigations (BCIJ), working with Spain's intelligence services, dismantled a cell with alleged links to the Islamic State operating across both countries, arresting three suspects in a joint counterterrorism operation.

During the operation, security forces detained two suspects in Tangier, while Spanish police arrested the alleged leader in Mallorca. The individual arrested in Spain is suspected of planning a potential attack using so-called "lone wolf" tactics. Preliminary investigations indicate the suspects in Morocco were allegedly financing and providing logistical support to Islamic State-affiliated fighters in the Sahel and Somalia.

Source: <https://barlamantoday.com/2026/03/25/morocco-spain-dismantle-isis-affiliated-cell-arrest-three/>

- **19 March 2026 - Prosecutors have requested a five-year prison sentence for an inmate, A Moroccan man accused of recording and distributing videos with jihadist content**

The Public Prosecutor's Office has requested approximately 5 years and 11 months in prison for a Moroccan man, Adil A., arrested in 2024 in Teulada (Alicante), accused of recording and distributing videos with jihadist content.

According to the prosecution, the man filmed public places along the Costa Blanca, including Calp and Teulada, and then added chants and messages related to martyrdom and propaganda of the Islamic State, publishing the videos on social media (especially TikTok).

Some of the footage raised particular concern: one video showed a hooded person near a railway line, evoking scenarios similar to terrorist attacks, while others combined everyday scenes with violent messages against “infidels.”

The defendant refused to testify during the trial, and the defense argues that the videos do not demonstrate a concrete intention to carry out attacks, therefore requesting acquittal. The case is now awaiting a verdict.

Source: <https://lamarina.eldiario.es/2026/03/19/el-fiscal-pide-5-anos-de-carcel-para-un-detenido-en-teulada-por-grabar-videos-yihadistas-en-calp-y-otras-poblaciones/>

- **17 March 2026 - Father and son detained in Fuentes de Ebro (Zaragoza) on suspicion of jihadist indoctrination and self-radicalisation**

As part of an anti-terrorism operation by the National Police, two people were arrested in the municipality of Fuentes de Ebro (Zaragoza). They are accused of indoctrination and self-radicalisation. The two individuals are a middle-aged man of Algerian nationality and his 25-year-old son.

Sources: [https://www.elespanol.com/aragon/sucesos/20260317/detenidos-operacion-antiyihadista-fuentes-ebro-zaragoza-policia-nacional-investiga-hechos/1003744173789\\_0.amp.html](https://www.elespanol.com/aragon/sucesos/20260317/detenidos-operacion-antiyihadista-fuentes-ebro-zaragoza-policia-nacional-investiga-hechos/1003744173789_0.amp.html) and <https://www.elperiodicodearagon.com/sucesos/sucesos-aragon/2026/03/17/detenidos-fuentes-ebro-operacion-terrorismo-128089814.amp.html>

- **14 March 2026 - A former jihadist prisoner arrested in Melilla for radicalising young Muslim women**

On 10 March, a 40-year-old man was arrested in Melilla for radicalising young Muslim women, some of whom were minors.

He had previously been sentenced to five and a half years in prison for similar offences in 2018 and was on probation at the time of his arrest. He now faces charges of belonging to a terrorist group, glorifying terrorism, self-indoctrinating into terrorism and indoctrinating others.

An investigation involving the National Intelligence Centre (CNI) revealed that the former jihadist had resumed his recruitment activities after serving his sentence. He used social media to identify vulnerable girls aged between 18 and 19, some of whom were not yet of legal age, as a first step in his recruitment activities. Following initial contact online, he proposed face-to-face meetings, during which he "manipulated and controlled them, instilling religious precepts in line with terrorist organisations and encouraging them to indoctrinate other young women".

Source: <https://elpais.com/espana/2026-03-14/detenido-en-melilla-un-reclutador-yihadista-reincidente-por-radicalizar-a-jovenes-musulmanas.html>

- **13 March 2026 - A men with a knife attempted to rob a shop and shouted Allahu Akbar**

A man armed with a large knife attempted to rob a shop in the “200 Viviendas” neighborhood of Roquetas de Mar.

When officers from the Guardia Civil and Local Police arrived, the situation escalated: the suspect reacted violently, attacking them with punches and physical force.

During the arrest, two Guardia Civil officers and two Local Police officers were injured. Despite his resistance, the man was eventually subdued and detained.

According to police sources, during and after the intervention the suspect repeatedly shouted “Allahu Akbar” (“God is greatest”) while continuing to threaten the officers.

Source: <https://www.lavozdealmeria.com/provincia/roquetas-de-mar/489977/ladron-agrede-guardias-civiles-policias-roquetas-detenido-robar-punta-cuchillo.html>

- **10 March 2026 - Two Pakistanis linked to TLP expelled for national security reasons**

The Audiencia Nacional has upheld the Ministry of the Interior's decision to expel - for being a threat to national security and for having spread jihadist concepts - two Pakistanis. They were previously sentenced to two years in prison and then the expelled for being a threat to national security.

Investigations revealed that they had frequently posted on social media, including TikTok, inciting their followers to behead anyone critical of the Prophet Muhammad or Islam. They were followers of the Pakistani Islamist organisation Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP).

Source: <https://www.elconfidencialdigital.com/articulo/seguridad/expulsados-espana-dos-pakistanies-que-animaban-decapitar-quien-ofendiera-mahoma/202603091629511008366.html>

- **10 March 2026 – A men arrested in Melilla for crimes related to jihadist terrorism**

A suspected jihadist was arrested in the Cabrerizas neighbourhood of Melilla, on Ramírez de Madrid Street. The operation was carried out jointly by officers from the General Information Police and Police Headquarters.

This is the second anti-jihadist operation in Melilla this year, though it is not believed to be connected to the first.

Source: [https://www.eldebate.com/espana/20260310/policia-detiene-persona-presunto-terrorismo-yihadista-melilla\\_394201.html](https://www.eldebate.com/espana/20260310/policia-detiene-persona-presunto-terrorismo-yihadista-melilla_394201.html)

- **07 March 2026 - Two expert martial experts arrested in Madrid for their links to Islamic terrorism**

Two mixed martial arts (MMA) experts were arrested on terrorism charges. One of them was an instructor who had also competed internationally. Although their social media profiles appeared clean, the National Police discovered that the instructor and his partner had a secret life. In fact, they had become deeply radicalised and had embraced violent jihad and anti-Semitism.

They are accused of self-indoctrination, indoctrinating third parties, distributing material intended to radicalise people, and falsifying documents.

Source: <https://www.elmundo.es/madrid/2026/03/07/69abf213e9cf4a665d8b4577.html>

- **25 February 2026 - Palestinian man arrested in Ribadumia on suspicion of being involved in a jihadist cell**

A Palestinian man in his thirties was arrested in Ribadumia on suspicion of being involved in a jihadist cell.

The alleged jihadist had rented a room in a house in the parish of Sisán, where he lived with other tenants with whom he had nothing in common.

Searching his hideout, the officers seized various pieces of computer equipment. It is believed that he used this equipment to disseminate hate messages associated with an extreme interpretation of Islam and to communicate with his fellow believers.

According to neighbours in the area, the individual had occupied the room for about a year and was unfamiliar to the municipality of Arousa. They assure us that nothing about his appearance attracted attention. He was never seen driving. In fact, he used to walk around, with no known occupation. He did not even strike up a conversation when he met someone in Mosqueiro Street, where the house in which he lived and was arrested is located.

Sources: <https://www.lavozdeg Galicia.es/noticia/galicia/2026/02/25/policia-nacional-detiene-ribadumia-individuo-vinculos-yihadistas/00031772015843577856111.htm> and [https://www.atlantico.net/o-salnes/detenido-presunto-yihadista-asentado-ribadumia\\_1\\_20260225-4176006.html](https://www.atlantico.net/o-salnes/detenido-presunto-yihadista-asentado-ribadumia_1_20260225-4176006.html)

- **19 February 2026 - Moroccan expelled from Spain for celebrating the anniversary of 9/11 in prison**

The police expelled a jihadist from Spain for celebrating the anniversary of 9/11 in prison. The prisoner was serving a sentence for jihadist terrorism.

This information was included in a report by the General Information Office, the National Police's anti-terrorism investigation unit. This report prompted the Secretary of State for Security (Ministry of the Interior) to order the man's expulsion from Spain and ban him from re-entering the country for ten years.

Source: <https://www.elconfidencialdigital.com/articulo/seguridad/policia-expulsa-espana-yihadista-que-celebro-prision-aniversario-11-s/202602171559591004278.html>

- **09 February 2026 – A jihadist recruiter arrested in Ceuta**

A suspected jihadist recruiter has been arrested in the El Mixto neighbourhood of Ceuta. This arrest was made as part of an operation against radical extremism for terrorist purposes in the autonomous city, conducted by the Jefatura Superior de Policía de Ceuta's Brigada de Información.

As part of the police operation, officers searched the home and seized various materials and electronic devices.

Source: <https://www.elmundo.es/espana/2026/02/09/6989fc5fe9cf4a0a628b456e.html#>

- **08 February 2026 The National Court on Monday is judging an Islamist terrorist who showed his willingness to "wage jihad" and shared videos of ISIS leaders**

The National Court will sit in the dock on Monday a man who expressed, according to the Prosecutor's Office, his "will" to wage jihad and "kill Jews through martyrdom" in a telephone conversation: "To die in bed, I carry someone and take it up the ass".

According to the indictment of the Public Prosecutor's Office, the defendant also published and shared on social networks "messages and files with content of a terrorist jihadist nature, incardinated within the global jihad". Born in Tarragona, he faces a sentence of eight years in prison and a fine of 3,240 euros for two crimes of indoctrination and terrorist glorification.

As reported by the Public Prosecutor's Office, the man posted videos on TikTok, Instagram and Facebook about speeches by leaders of the Islamic State (DAESH) and Al Qaeda, accompanied by "jihadist" 'nasheed' (typical Islamic song). In the same way, telephone calls were intercepted in which he expressed "his willingness to wage jihad". "We should go and kill those Jews, man!" he said, according to the Prosecutor's Office.

In another conversation included in the indictment, he said: "To stay touching your balls, go to jihad." In that same dialogue, the defendant spoke of giving a child "1,000 euros if he hits the red button", that is, to immolate himself.

In addition, videos of the defendant practicing with an 'airsoft' rifle were found on his seized devices. They also found another of him with the same weapon and a djellaba with his left finger facing the sky, a gesture that, according to the writing, "refers to the 'Tawhid' or the oneness of Allah".

Source: La Audiencia Nacional juzga este lunes a un terrorista islamista que mostró su voluntad de "hacer la yihad" y compartió vídeos de líderes de ISIS

- **08 February 2026 - The Audiencia Nacional is set to try a jihadist terrorist, born in Tarragona, for the glorification and indoctrination of terrorism**

The Audiencia Nacional is set to try a jihadist terrorist, who was born in Tarragona, for the glorification and indoctrination of terrorism. According to the prosecution, he expressed his 'willingness' to fight jihad and 'kill Jews through martyrdom' during a telephone conversation. 'If I have to die in my bed, I'll kill someone, fuck it.'

The indictment by the Public Prosecutor's Office states that the defendant also published and shared “messages and files with jihadist terrorist content, placed in the context of global jihad” on social networks.

He faces a prison sentence of eight years and a fine of €3,240 for two counts of indoctrination and glorification of terrorism.

Source: <https://gaceta.es/espana/la-audiencia-nacional-juzga-este-lunes-a-un-terrorista-islamista-que-mostro-su-voluntad-de-hacer-la-yihad-y-compartio-videos-de-lideres-de-isis-20260208-0745/>

- **05 February 2026 – An individual arrested in Madrid on suspicion of belonging to a terrorist group**

National Police officers arrested in Madrid a 38-years-old (Spanish with Moroccan origin) on suspicion of belonging to a terrorist group, glorifying terrorism, and engaging in terrorist indoctrination. The individual was in an advanced stage of jihadist radicalisation and focused on continuously consuming propaganda from terrorist organisations such as Islamic State and Al-Qaeda. Consulted documents included manuals on how to manufacture explosives and combat tactics, as well as videos of attacks carried out by jihadists around the world. These videos are intended to inspire those who consume this propaganda to carry out similar attacks.

The investigation revealed that the individual in question had accessed repositories of terrorist content, including material glorifying attacks committed in Europe, as well as speeches and texts by radical ideologues, and had downloaded large amounts of content from jihadist websites, most of which were linked to the Islamic State. To avoid detection by the police, he used open Wi-Fi networks in public centres.

Source: [https://www.larazon.es/espana/policia-detiene-yihadista-que-utilizaba-locutorios-publicos-conectarse-estado-islamico\\_202602056984745b2f00a04688f8ca0d.html](https://www.larazon.es/espana/policia-detiene-yihadista-que-utilizaba-locutorios-publicos-conectarse-estado-islamico_202602056984745b2f00a04688f8ca0d.html) and [https://www.elespanol.com/espana/20260208/yihadista-daesh-detenido-madrid-contener-no-clavarle-destornillador-policia/1003744120522\\_0.amp.html](https://www.elespanol.com/espana/20260208/yihadista-daesh-detenido-madrid-contener-no-clavarle-destornillador-policia/1003744120522_0.amp.html)

- **02 February 2026 - Two individuals sentenced to more than six years in prison for indoctrinating vulnerable young people in Melilla**

The National Court has sentenced two individuals to over six years in prison for establishing a 'jihadist school' in Melilla with the aim of indoctrinating young people, including minors. The convicts, Wardhani Zariu and Rachid Akawak, were identified in 2021 for their significant online activity, during which they publicly endorsed the ideologies of Islamic State. Despite being arrested in February 2022, a judge released them, a decision that has now been reversed by the court.

The police investigation encountered significant challenges due to its location in the Cañada Gizón of Melilla, a neighbourhood also referred to as the 'Cañada de la Muerte'. Furthermore, the As-Salam mosque plays a significant role as a meeting point for radicalised individuals.

The two convicted individuals, married with children, targeted vulnerable young people for recruitment. The majority of attendees at the school were Moroccan boys who had entered the country without permission and were "very easy to approach as soon as they were offered some help". Akawak's proselytism reached his closest circle, as evidenced by the Islamic State's exchange of propaganda with his 12-year-old nephew, whom he urged to "be a good Muslim".

The educational facility was situated within the living room of Akawak's residence, where radical ideological materials were displayed on a large screen. The material seized included speeches by the same radical teachers that the Ripoll cell, responsible for the attacks on Las Ramblas in Barcelona and Cambrils, had listened to. In addition to the classes, the 'instructors' and their students met in public areas such as 'Los Pinares' for martial arts training. The arrest was executed on 9 February 2022 with the assistance of the Special Operations Group (GEO). Police intercepted Daesh propaganda, which included audios containing messages such as "We are soldiers of Allah, let us do jihad". In one of

the most significant recordings, one of the minors who had passed by the house coldly shouted: "Our objective is to neutralise all hostile entities."

Despite their release following their initial arrest, the court has now ordered their arrest again before announcing the sentence. The chamber was concerned that, upon learning of the sentence of more than six years for indoctrination and terrorist glorification, they could flee to Morocco to escape the action of justice.

Source: [https://www.cope.es/programas/la-linterna/noticias/pablo-munoz-experto-yihadismo-barrio-melilla-habian-creado-escuela-radicalizaban-chavales-jovenes-habia-menores-20260202\\_3299479.amp.html](https://www.cope.es/programas/la-linterna/noticias/pablo-munoz-experto-yihadismo-barrio-melilla-habian-creado-escuela-radicalizaban-chavales-jovenes-habia-menores-20260202_3299479.amp.html)

- **30 January 2026 - The Mossos arrest the owner of a Chinese hair salon for financing Hamas with 600,000 euros**

The Mossos d'Esquadra a 38-year-old man, of Chinese origin and owner of a hair salon, accused of financing the terrorist organization Hamas, was arrested on January 27 in L'Hospitalet de Llobregat. The police have monitored various money transfers through cryptocurrencies worth 600,000 euros, as explained this Friday in a press release. The man is free with charges, in a case being investigated by the National Court, for the crimes of financing terrorism and smuggling.

The investigation - the first carried out by the Mossos d'Esquadra on terrorist financing - began in June last year, following a scam and money laundering operation. The agents discovered that one of those investigated had made cryptocurrency transfers to several addresses linked to an entity that supposedly uses Hamas to finance yourself. In total, the agents detected around thirty transactions with the terrorist organization, totaling around 600,000 euros. During the searches, both at the home and at the hairdresser of the investigated person, the agents found 100,000 euros in cash, luxury jewelry, 9,000 cigars, computer items and two weapons.

The National Court he also ordered the blocking of bank accounts and cryptocurrency assets linked to the detainee. The agents estimate that the value of everything intervened, plus the assets, totals 370,000 euros. The investigation remains open and is under secrecy of the proceedings.

Source: <https://elpais.com/espana/catalunya/2026-01-30/los-mossos-detienen-al-dueno-de-una-peluqueria-china-por-financiar-con-600000-euros-a-hamas.html>

- **20 January 2026 - A man and a woman arrested in Cartagena (Murcia) and Ferrol (A Coruña) for crimes related to jihadist terrorism**

The National Police have arrested two individuals in Cartagena (Murcia) and Ferrol (A Coruña) on suspicion of crimes related to jihadist terrorism.

The operation, carried out by agents of the General Information Commissariat, has been coordinated by the Central Court of Instruction number 6 of the National Court.

The two arrests, of a woman in Ferrol and a man in Cartagena, are part of the same operation, suggesting a potential link between them in relation to the terrorism crimes for which they are currently under investigation.

Source: <https://efe.com/galicia/2026-01-20/detenidos-terrorismo-yihadista-ferrol-cartagena/>

- **20 January 2026 - A woman arrested in Ferrol following an operation against jihadism**

A woman was arrested in Ferrol on suspicion of having links to jihadism. The National Police, with a significant deployment, carried out the operation over several hours at a property in the Recimil neighbourhood. The investigation into crimes related to jihadist radicalisation, carried out by the National Court and the General Information Commissariat, has resulted in a further arrest: a man apprehended in Cartagena.

The police operation was focused on a social housing building located at number 4 on Ortigueira Street. Specialist agents carried out a thorough search of the house, removing several boxes of material that will be analysed as part of the investigation. The detainee was removed from the building at that time and escorted to a police vehicle.

The police deployment took place simultaneously in Cartagena, where a man was arrested for alleged involvement in radicalisation processes in jihadist terrorism. The detainees are expected to be transferred to Madrid in the coming hours to be placed at the disposal of the National Court, the competent body in this type of investigation.

Source: [https://www.lespanol.com/quincemil/ferrolterra/20260120/detenida-ferrol-mujer-operacion-yihadismo/1003744096467\\_0.amp.html](https://www.lespanol.com/quincemil/ferrolterra/20260120/detenida-ferrol-mujer-operacion-yihadismo/1003744096467_0.amp.html)

### • 16 January 2026 - Two Moroccan men convicted for Indoctrinating youth in jihad in Melilla

The Audiencia Nacional has sentenced two men to six and a half years in prison for indoctrinating young people and minors in jihadist ideology in Melilla, including the 12-year-old nephew of one of the convicts. The men, Rachid Akouad and El Ourdani Zaroith, both of Moroccan nationality, were convicted on charges of terrorist indoctrination intended to facilitate recruitment into a terrorist organization or collaboration with its aims. The court's Second Criminal Chamber stated that the accused had used social networks, forums and websites to carry out extensive activity that reflected a progressive radicalisation of their religious beliefs. This activity included the adoption of an ultra-orthodox vision of Islam that was aligned with the ideology of the Islamic State (ISIS).

From 2020 until their arrest in 2022, their activities evolved into intense proselytizing and a constant call to others to embrace jihadist tenets and engage in holy war against perceived enemies.

In addition to digital outreach, they also held in-person meetings in Melilla with others, including minors, where violent jihadist doctrines were taught. It is also important to note that they praised Islamic terrorism and its perpetrators, portraying them in a positive light.

One of the convicted individuals, El Ourdani Zaroith, used his familial connections to influence his 12-year-old nephew. The court found that he sent the boy documents promoting violent jihad and exploited his position of authority to shape the child's beliefs.

Further analysis of one of his devices revealed a video showing multiple minors in a wooded area near Melilla, along with several adults who were later identified as individuals convicted by the National Court for jihadist terrorism offences. The other man used jihadist audiovisual content, hosted young individuals in his home, and also taught them salafist doctrine and martial arts. In one video, attendees at an event were seen shouting that they were "soldiers of Allah" and had been radicalised from childhood. During the trial, both defendants denied the accusations. El Ourdani claimed he shared Arabic content without understanding it and sang certain songs "as one might with a David Bisbal song," a popular Spanish artist.

In its judgment, the court explained that the sentence of six and a half years' imprisonment — in the lower half of the statutory range but close to the maximum — was justified by the high quantity and quality of extremist material disseminated online, which significantly amplified the spread of their message.

The judges also highlighted that the content shared was not only relevant for indoctrination, but included praise of terrorist acts and those who committed them.

Source: <https://www.rtve.es/noticias/20260116/audiencia-nacional-condena-a-dos-marroquis-por-adoctrinar-yihad-a-jovenes-melilla-incluido-nino-12-anos/16897861.shtml>

- **15 January 2026 - Moroccan man expelled for having threatened parishioners with a knife in Almería**

The Provincial Court of Almería issued an order for the expulsion of a 20-year-old Moroccan citizen from the country for a period of seven years, following serious incidents that occurred during the past Holy Week in the Pescadería neighbourhood. The young man brandished a knife and threatened people as they were heading to the Church of San Roque for religious services. He then entered the church with a bloodied face and insulted the worshippers.

Following the defendant's admission of guilt, the court ruled on the sentence of the young man, who was sentenced to two and a half years in prison. The sentence was broken down as follows: two years and one day for threatening religious groups, and six months for disrupting religious services. However, the Third Section of the Provincial Court agreed to substitute the prison sentence with expulsion from Spain for a period of seven years. Until this measure is implemented, the convicted man will remain in a penitentiary. The sentence also prohibits him from entering any Catholic place of worship for eight years.

Source: <https://www.abc.es/espana/andalucia/almeria/expulsan-espana-siete-anos-marroqui-amenazo-cuchillo-20260115161912-nts.html?ref=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.abc.es%2Fespana%2Fandalucia%2Falmeria%2Fexpulsan-espana-siete-anos-marroqui-amenazo-cuchillo-20260115161912-nts.html>

- **13 January 2026 - 16-year-old arrested for jihadism in Agurain while carrying knives near a school**

A 16-year-old boy was arrested on suspicion of jihadism in Agurain-Salvatierra (Álava), in Spain's Basque Country. The Central Investigation Unit of the Ertzaintza (Basque police) detained the teenager, who was suspected of having become radicalized toward jihadism.

Although the youth had been under police surveillance and authorities had planned to arrest him at a later time, his "strange and suspicious behaviour" near a local secondary school prompted officers to intervene sooner.

At the time of his arrest, officers found a backpack containing fixed-blade knives ("armas blancas") and a simulated pistol.

Further, the Basque Security Department, the Ertzaintza and the National Police confirmed that they were continuing to collaborate on the investigation. As is customary in such cases, a court order has placed the matter under judicial secrecy, and the National Court (Audiencia Nacional) is overseeing the proceedings.

According to a report in the Spanish daily El Correo, the young suspect may have expressed online intentions to "attack unbelievers".

Source: [https://cronicavasca-elespanol-com.cdn.ampproject.org/c/s/cronicavasca.elespanol.com/politica/20260113/detenido-yihadismo-joven-agurain-portaba-blancas-instituto/1003742723005\\_0.amp.html](https://cronicavasca-elespanol-com.cdn.ampproject.org/c/s/cronicavasca.elespanol.com/politica/20260113/detenido-yihadismo-joven-agurain-portaba-blancas-instituto/1003742723005_0.amp.html)

## Switzerland Section

- **12 March 2026 - 18-year-old accused of supporting ISIS and planning a knife attack**

The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) has charged an 18-year-old German-speaking Swiss man with supporting ISIS. The teenager, who lives in the canton of Aargau, allegedly planned to carry out a knife attack on behalf of the terrorist organisation Islamic State.

According to the indictment, he took various precautions to carry out this plan, including obtaining relevant instructions, establishing a network of like-minded individuals, researching the religious justification for such an attack and ordering a suitable knife online.

Furthermore, the indictment states that the defendant supported IS by distributing propaganda videos via social media and carrying out various financial transactions. He must also answer for producing and storing multiple depictions of violence.

The defendant was released from custody in early December 2025. This was because the reasons for detention no longer existed.

Source: <https://www.20min.ch/story/fedpol-is-anschlag-geplant-anklage-gegen-18-jaehrigen-aus-dem-aargau-103524939?version=1773307132944>

- **30 January - Woman with mental health issues threatens shopkeepers with knife and shouts 'Allahu Akbar'**

On 30 January 2026, a woman with a history of mental health issues suddenly pulled a knife from her bag in a shop on Viale Stazione in Bellinzona, threatening the manager and an apprentice. As soon as the police arrived, she threatened them too, saying, "Welcome, you bastards! Go away; I know you well. I'm not afraid of guns; kill me," she shouted. She ended her rambling sentences with a poorly pronounced "Allah Akbar", repeated several times. The woman was then detained by the police.

Source: <https://www.cdt.ch/news/col-coltello-in-negozio-urlo-allah-akbar-417520>

## Turkey Section

- **27 March 2026 - One suspect arrested in Sakarya following counter-terrorism operation against ISIS**

One of the five suspects detained in an operation against the ISIS terrorist organisation in Sakarya has been arrested.

Under the coordination of the Sakarya Chief Public Prosecutor's Office, teams from the Counter-Terrorism Branch of the Provincial Police Department conducted an operation to prevent and expose ISIS's activities.

With the support of special operations teams, an operation was launched in the Adapazarı and Serdivan districts against five Iraqi nationals suspected of having previously been active within the ISIS terrorist organisation.

Numerous digital materials were seized during the operation, in which the five suspects were apprehended.

Following police station procedures, four of the suspects were deported and one was arrested.

Source: <https://www.haberturk.com/sakarya-haberleri/40943888-sakaryada-terror-orgutu-deas-operasyonunda-1-zanli-tutuklandi>

- **25 March 2026 - 88 Detentions following counter-terrorism operation against ISIS carried out in 24 Provinces**

The Ministry of the Interior announced that 88 suspects had been arrested in operations targeting the ISIS terrorist organisation in 24 provinces.

According to a ministry statement, the General Command of the Gendarmerie's Counter-Terrorism Department and public prosecutors' offices coordinated operations against ISIS in the 24 provinces, which were carried out by provincial gendarmerie commands.

Eighty-eight suspects were detained in operations conducted in Adana, Agri, Ankara, Antalya, Balıkesir, Bursa, Canakkale, Çankiri, Diyarbakir, Gaziantep, Hakkari, Hatay, Istanbul, Izmir, Kayseri, Kirikkale, Kocaeli, Konya, Malatya, Mersin, Osmaniye, Siirt, Tekirdag and Yozgat.

The suspects were found to be members of a terrorist organisation and to have knowingly and willingly aided it by providing financing through individuals and so-called aid organisations affiliated with the terrorist organisation, as well as spreading terrorist propaganda through social media accounts.

Numerous organisational documents and digital materials were also seized during the operations.

Source: <https://www.trthaber.com/haber/gundem/24-ilde-deas-operasyonu-88-gozalti-939042.html>

- **24 March 2026 - 9 suspects apprehended following counter-terrorism operation against ISIS carried out in Istanbul and Yalova**

Nine people were taken into custody in an operation conducted in Istanbul and Yalova targeting suspects providing financial support to the ISIS terrorist organisation. It was established that the suspects had transferred funds to the families of individuals operating on behalf of the organisation in conflict zones.

The Istanbul Police Department's Counter-Terrorism Branch launched an investigation, coordinated by the Istanbul Chief Public Prosecutor's Office, to identify and apprehend those providing financial support to ISIS. The investigation revealed that the suspects had transferred money to the families of ISIS operatives in conflict zones.

Following the completion of the investigation, simultaneous operations were conducted in Istanbul and Yalova this morning targeting the identified suspects. Nine suspects were apprehended and taken into custody. Searches of the suspects' addresses yielded numerous digital materials, organisational documents and documents related to money transfers. The detained suspects were taken to the police station for processing.

Source: <https://www.hurriyet.com.tr/gundem/istanbulda-deas-operasyonu-9-supheli-yakalandi-43135039>

- **22 March 2026 - Suspect arrested for providing money to ISIS members faces up to 25 years in prison**

A lawsuit has been filed in Adana against a suspect arrested on charges of financing members of the terrorist organisation ISIS, seeking a prison sentence of up to 25 years.

Following an investigation by the public prosecutor's office into H.A., who was arrested on 16 January on suspicion of links to ISIS, an indictment was prepared.

The indictment seeks a prison sentence of between 12 years and 6 months and 25 years for the suspect, on charges of 'membership of an armed terrorist organisation' and 'violation of the Law on the Prevention of Financing Terrorism'. It was accepted by the Adana 2nd High Criminal Court.

It states that H.A. was in contact with ISIS members, actively carried out activities in favour of the terrorist organisation in the city, and collected money to provide it with financial resources.

According to the Financial Crimes Investigation Board report, the indictment states that H.A. transferred 141,490 Turkish lira, sent to his bank account on different dates by Y.A. (who is under investigation by the Istanbul Chief Public Prosecutor's Office for violating the Law on the Prevention of Financing Terrorism), to members of the organisation.

It notes that the defendant allegedly collected aid to meet the needs of organisation members in Syria and transferred money to them, and that organisational correspondence was found on his mobile phone.

H.A., who denies the charges, is currently in custody, and his trial is set to begin in the coming days.

Source: <https://www.trthaber.com/haber/turkiye/deas-uyelerine-para-ulastiran-sanigin-25-yila-kadar-hapsi-istendi-938755.html>

- **21 March 2026 - 14 of the 139 suspects apprehended in operations targeting ISIS in 29 provinces have been arrested**

The Ministry of the Interior has announced that 14 of the 139 suspects apprehended in operations targeting the Islamic State terrorist organisation in 29 provinces have been arrested.

According to a ministry statement, the operations were conducted in coordination with the General Directorate of Security Intelligence Department, the Counter-Terrorism Department, the National Intelligence Organization, and the Chief Public Prosecutor's Offices, and targeted the ISIS terrorist organization in 29 provinces, including Ankara, Istanbul, Konya, Antalya, Kayseri, and Şanlıurfa.

Of the 139 suspects apprehended during the two-week operation, 14 were arrested and nine others were subject to judicial control measures. Proceedings for the remaining suspects are ongoing.

It was determined that the detained suspects had outstanding arrest warrants, had provided financial support to the terrorist organisation and had previously been active within ISIS.

Source: <https://www.aa.com.tr/tr/gundem/teror-orgutu-deasa-yonelik-29-ildeki-operasyonlarda-yakalanan-139-supheliden-14u-tutuklandi/3873972>

- **17 March 2026 - 3 individuals arrested following counter-terrorism operation against ISIS in Mersin**

According to a statement from the Provincial Gendarmerie Command, an operation targeting the Islamic State terrorist organisation was launched in the Silifke, Gülnar and Anamur districts, coordinated by the Mersin Chief Public Prosecutor's Office.

Four suspects were taken into custody during the operation conducted at the identified addresses.

Materials and documents found at these addresses were seized for examination. Following processing at the gendarmerie, three suspects were referred to the courthouse and subsequently arrested by a judge. One suspect was handed over to the Provincial Directorate of Migration Management for deportation.

Source: <https://www.hurriyet.com.tr/gundem/mersinde-teror-orgutu-deasa-operasyon-3-supheli-tutuklandi-43130340>

- **16 March 2026 - One individual apprehended following counter-terrorism operation against ISIS in Yozgat**

Teams from the Counter-Terrorism Branch of the Yozgat Provincial Police Department conducted an operation to identify and expose members of the ISIS terrorist organisation. As part of this operation, M. H., who was identified as an ISIS member, was arrested. Various digital materials were seized during a search of the suspect's address. Meanwhile, M.E.C. and M.N.H., who were found to be staying in the same house illegally, were also detained.

While M. H.'s questioning at the police station continues, it has been confirmed that the other suspects will be handed over to the Directorate for the Smuggling of Immigrants after their interrogations.

Source: <https://www.haberturk.com/yozyat-haberleri/40842602-yozgatta-deas-operasyonunda-1-zanli-yakalandi>

- **10 March 2026 - ISIS member suspected of planning attacks in Gaziantep arrested**

In Gaziantep, a suspect who had entered the country illegally and was assessed as potentially planning terrorist attacks was apprehended by gendarmerie teams. The suspect had also been found to be actively involved in armed activities within the ISIS terrorist organisation.

An operation was conducted in Gaziantep in coordination with the Provincial Gendarmerie Command and the Chief Public Prosecutor's Office to uncover and prevent the activities of terrorist organisations and their collaborators. As a result of the operation, supported by teams from the Counter-Terrorism Branch Directorate, one suspect was apprehended in Nurdağı district. The suspect, a foreign national identified as A.S., was assessed to be potentially carrying out terrorist attacks and was found to have been actively involved in armed activities within the ISIS terrorist organisation in the Aleppo region of Syria between 2015 and 2017. Digital materials found during a search of the suspect's address were seized.

The suspect was arrested by the judicial authorities and sent to prison.

Source: <https://www.karsmanset.com/service/amp/haber/gaziantep-teror-eyleminde-bulunabilecegi-degerlendirilen-deas-uyesi-1652040.htm>

- **09 March 2026 - Thirteen Suspects Apprehended following counter-terrorism operation against ISIS in Istanbul**

A police operation was conducted in Istanbul targeting individuals suspected of having links to the ISIS terrorist organisation, operating in conflict zones and spreading terrorist propaganda via social media. Thirteen suspects were taken into custody during the operation.

The operation was conducted by teams from the Istanbul Police Department's Counter-Terrorism and Intelligence Branches, under the coordination of the Istanbul Chief Public Prosecutor's Office, against the ISIS terrorist organisation. This morning, a simultaneous operation was carried out at numerous addresses to apprehend suspects identified as having links to conflict zones and as spreading terrorist propaganda through social media.

Thirteen suspects were taken into custody during the operation. During searches of the addresses, all technological devices belonging to the suspects were seized, including mobile phones, computers and USB drives.

It has been confirmed that the suspects apprehended in the operation are currently being questioned at the police station.

Source: <https://www.yenisafak.com/gundem/istanbulda-teror-orgutu-deas-operasyonunda-13-zanli-yakalandi-4804564>

### • 09 March 2026 - Digital Traces of ISIS Terrorist Lead to Suspects in Kocaeli

Following the ISIS operation in Yalova that resulted in the deaths of three police officers, an indictment has been prepared against two suspects detained in Kocaeli. It details digital evidence, financial transactions and travel records. The prosecution has requested a prison sentence of up to 15 years for each suspect.

The indictment has been accepted and the suspects have been charged with "membership in an armed terrorist organisation". It seeks up to 15 years' imprisonment for each suspect on charges of 'membership of an armed terrorist organisation'. It includes organisational posts from the digital accounts of Zafer Umutlu, one of the neutralised terrorists, as well as findings regarding his extensive communication with the suspects, financial transactions and travel records. A large-scale investigation is ongoing into the clash that occurred on 29 December 2025 in Yalova against the ISIS terrorist organisation, which resulted in the deaths of three police officers and the injury of eight police officers and one security guard. Following the incident, in which six terrorists were neutralised, operations were expanded to other provinces. On 31 December 2025, Rıza Turgay L. and Abdulmutalip Ö. were detained in simultaneous raids in Kocaeli.

The indictment, prepared by the Kocaeli Chief Public Prosecutor's Office, details the cellular structure and internal communication network of ISIS.

According to the indictment, the Telegram account with the handle "@zafer\_ebuhafsa", which is believed to have been used by Zafer Umutlu (one of the terrorists neutralised in the Yalova clash), was examined by cybercrime units. The account had 'La ilahe illallah' (There is no god but Allah) written in its 'About' section, as well as an audio recording titled 'El-Jihad Arabic March'. It was found to contain videos and photos of ISIS members described as 'martyrs', as well as organisational posts with Sharia and Jihad content. It was also determined that the account was part of a group sharing similar content.

According to information in the investigation file, Zafer Umutlu is believed to have requested a loan of 100,000 Turkish lira from Semih Can Y. in July 2025, with Y. sending a certain amount of money. Analysis of Semih Can Y.'s HTS (historical traffic data) records revealed frequent contact with Rıza Turgay L. and Abdulmutalip Ö., who reside in Kocaeli. It emerged that the suspects had recently travelled together in and around Yalova and were in contact with two individuals: Fatih F., a member of the İlim ve Takva Association operating in Yalova; and Mehmet İ., an alleged ISIS supporter. It was also determined that they had travelled on the Yalova–Aydın route, and this information was added to the file.

Examination of Rıza Turgay L.'s mobile phone, which was seized during the operation, revealed a video on the WhatsApp Business application showing ISIS members forming a vehicle convoy bearing the organisation's flag.

Digital data revealed that Zafer Umutlu, one of the perpetrators of the Yalova clash, was registered in L.'s contacts as "Zafer Yalova", and that the two had exchanged 404 WhatsApp messages between 26 February and 14 December 2025. It was also established that Rıza Turgay L. had communicated with a number registered under the name of Mehmet Cami Sordabak — another perpetrator of the clash — who was listed under a different name in his contacts.

During a search of the home of the suspect, Rıza Turgay L., in the Abdi İpekçi neighbourhood of the Darıca district, a black beret bearing Arabic writing and a metal keychain bearing similar writing, resembling flags and emblems used by ISIS, were seized.

In his statement, Rıza Turgay L. said that he was a street vendor, denied the accusations against him and claimed that he had previously been tried and acquitted of ISIS membership. He asserted that he did not know most of the individuals referenced in the investigation, that the convoy video found on his phone was likely an unintentional occurrence, and that he had purchased the items found in his home solely because they bore the word 'Allah'. His lawyer, Gizem Dirbisoğlu, requested his client's release and acquittal.

In its assessment, the prosecutor emphasised that the suspects, Rıza Turgay L. and Abdulmutalip Ö., had knowingly and willingly acted within the hierarchical structure of the ISIS armed terrorist organisation based on digital evidence, communications and travel records obtained. Their actions were described as continuous and intense, constituting an organisational link. Separate prison sentences ranging from 7 years and 6 months to 15 years were requested for each suspect on charges of 'membership of an armed terrorist organisation'.

Source: <https://www.yalovagazetesi.com/deasli-teroristin-dijital-izleri-kocaelideki-suphelilere-ulasti>

- **08 March 2026 - 2 suspects arrested for propaganda activities in Yalova**

As part of the operations conducted by the Yalova Provincial Gendarmerie Command against terrorist organisations, two suspects, who were identified as members of the ISIS terrorist organisation and found to be engaging in organisational propaganda, were arrested. During simultaneous operations in the central district, one suspect was arrested and the other was placed under judicial supervision.

Following investigations coordinated by the Yalova Governorship, it was determined that the suspects, G.B. and A.B., were involved in ISIS-related activities and propaganda. After technical and physical surveillance by security forces, the operation was launched.

On 4 March 2026, simultaneous operations were conducted at the addresses identified in the central district of Yalova. Two suspects, G.B. and A.B., were apprehended and taken into custody.

They were then referred to the relevant judicial authorities after completing the necessary procedures at the gendarmerie. As part of the judicial process, G. B. was arrested. The suspect, whose name was not disclosed, was arrested by the court and transferred to the Kocaeli Kandıra No. 1 T-type closed penitentiary. A judicial control order was issued for the second suspect, A.B.

In a statement from the Yalova Governorship, it was emphasised that the fight against all crimes and criminals, especially terrorist crimes, will continue resolutely in order to ensure the peace and security of citizens.

Source: <https://cumha.com.tr/yalovada-deas-operasyonu-propaganda-yaptigi-belirlenen-2-supheli-yakalandi>

- **07 March 2026 - Cocaine and hundreds of weapons seized and 2 individuals arrested following counter-terrorism operation against ISIS carried out in Sakarya**

In an operation conducted by police teams in Sakarya's Hendek district, numerous weapons parts were seized from a house that was being used as a workshop for manufacturing weapons. Two individuals with alleged links to the ISIS terrorist organisation were arrested during the operation.

Coordinated by the Hendek Public Prosecutor's Office, teams from the Sakarya Provincial Police Department's Smuggling and Organised Crime Branch (KOM) conducted a planned operation to prevent arms smuggling and trafficking. As part of this operation, it was determined that a person named S.Ö. (49) had travelled to Istanbul.

Upon his return, the suspect was stopped in the Hendek district while driving his vehicle. A search of the vehicle yielded 18.94 grams of cocaine. As part of the ongoing investigation, a search was conducted at the suspect's residence.

During this operation, a person named S.Ş. (43), who was identified as having links to the ISIS terrorist organisation, was also apprehended. Investigations revealed that the residence in question was a workshop used for the maintenance and repair of firearms.

During the search of the property, five firearm frames, one unlicensed pistol, hundreds of internal firearm parts, magazines, springs and various other firearm components were seized, along with materials used in the manufacture of silencers and a large quantity of technical equipment. Following processing at the police station, the two suspects were taken to the courthouse, where they were arrested and remanded in custody.

Source: <https://www.hurriyet.com.tr/gundem/sakaryada-operasyon-ev-deas-baglanti-silah-imalathanesi-cikti-kokain-ve-yuzlerce-silah-parcasi-yakalandi-43123506>

- **04 March 2026 - 22 individuals arrested following counter-terrorism operation against ISIS carried out in 35 provinces**

Ministry of Interior stated that in operations conducted by police against the ISIS terrorist organization in 35 provinces, 184 suspects were apprehended. 22 were arrested. Judicial control measures were applied to 33. The proceedings for the others are ongoing.

Source: <https://www.cnnturk.com/yerel-haberler/ankara/ankara-35-ilde-deas-terror-orgutune-operasyon-22-tutuklama-2402515>

- **03 March 2026 - Lawsuit filed against suspect accused of delivering money to ISIS members**

In Adana, a lawsuit has been filed against an individual accused of providing financial support to ISIS, seeking a prison sentence of up to 10 years.

Following an investigation by the public prosecutor's office into M.C., who was placed under judicial control on 21 January due to alleged links to the ISIS terrorist organisation, an indictment was prepared.

The indictment, which seeks a prison sentence of five to ten years for the defendant on charges of 'violating the Law on the Prevention of Financing Terrorism', has been accepted by the Adana 2nd High Criminal Court.

It states that M.C. was in contact with ISIS members and was actively engaged in activities in the city that supported the terrorist organisation. He also collected money to provide financial resources to the organisation.

According to a report by the Financial Crimes Investigation Board, the indictment includes information that M.C. delivered 10,245 Turkish lire, which was sent to his bank account by M.H. (a Syrian national who is being tried in the Şanlıurfa 6th High Criminal Court for 'membership of an armed terrorist organisation'), to members of the organisation.

It also notes that organisational correspondence was found on the defendant's mobile phone and that he collected financial aid to support organisation members in Syria.

M.C., who denies the charges against him, will begin his trial in the coming days.

Source: <https://www.haberturk.com/adana-haberleri/40716757-terror-orgutu-deas-uyelerine-para-ulastirdigi-iddia-edilen-sanik-hakkinda-dava-acildi>

- **27 February 2026 - A suspect arrested on charges of being a member of ISIS faces up to 15 years in prison**

A lawsuit has been filed against the suspect, who was arrested on 30 January on suspicion of belonging to the terrorist organisation ISIS. The lawsuit demands a prison sentence of up to 15 years for the crime of 'membership of an armed terrorist organisation'.

The investigation conducted by the Adana Chief Public Prosecutor's Office into T.E., a Syrian national arrested on 30 January on suspicion of links to ISIS, has been completed.

The indictment, which seeks a prison sentence of between 7 years and 6 months and 15 years for the suspect on charges of 'membership of an armed terrorist organisation', has been accepted by the Adana 2nd High Criminal Court.

It states that the suspect actively participated in ISIS's armed conflicts in Syria and that photographs exist of him with long-barrelled weapons.

It also alleges that T.E. held organisational meetings to increase participation in ISIS and that numerous photographs of terrorist organisation members and secret communication programmes were found in the digital materials seized. It also alleges that the defendant provided financial support to the organisation.

It notes that he was found to have been in contact with individuals under investigation for ISIS membership, and that he operated within the organisation's hierarchical structure. The indictment requests that T.E. be sentenced to seven years and six months to 15 years in prison for the crime of 'membership of an armed terrorist organisation'.

T. E., who denies the charges, is currently in custody, with his trial due to begin in the coming days.

Source: <https://www.haberturk.com/adana-haberleri/40678395-adanada-terror-orgutu-deas-uyesi-oldugu-iddiasıyla-tutuklanan-sanigin-15-yila-kadar-hapsi>

- **26 February 2026 - Suspect arrested in Kahramanmaraş for spreading ISIS propaganda**

A man detained in Kahramanmaraş for allegedly spreading ISIS propaganda has been arrested.

According to a statement from the Provincial Gendarmerie Command, Counter-Terrorism Branch (TEM) teams established that M.U. (38) had been disseminating ISIS propaganda via his social media accounts. M.U., whose address was identified, was detained in a police operation.

After completing the necessary procedures, the suspect was taken to the courthouse, where he was arrested by a judge.

Source: <https://www.haberturk.com/kahramanmaras-haberleri/40672567-kahramanmarasta-terror-orgutu-deas-propagandasi-yapan-zanli-tutuklandi>

- **24 February 2026 - 11 individuals detained following counter-terrorism operation against ISIS carried out in Istanbul**

Eleven suspects were detained in Istanbul for allegedly engaging in ISIS-linked activities and conducting propaganda through social media channels. They were taken to the police station for processing.

Teams from the Istanbul Police Department's Counter-Terrorism and Intelligence branches conducted the operation, coordinated by the Istanbul Chief Public Prosecutor's Office.

Source: <https://www.trthaber.com/haber/turkiye/istanbulda-deas-operasyonu-11-gozalti-935306.html>

- **24 February 2026 - ISIS member arrested in Afyonkarahisar**

In Afyonkarahisar, a person wanted for membership in ISIS was apprehended after being tracked by police.

According to the information obtained, the Provincial Police Directorate conducted an operation to apprehend wanted individuals. During the investigation, it was determined that a person named T.U. was wanted for membership in the ISIS armed terrorist organization and sentenced to imprisonment. Following this, the teams pursued the suspect and apprehended him in the Emirdağ district. After the necessary procedures, the individual was brought before the court, where he was arrested and sent to prison.

Source: <https://denizliyeniolay.com/ege-haberleri/122174-deas-uyesini-polis-yakaladi>

- **24 February 2026 - 2 individuals arrested following counter-terrorism operation against ISIS carried out in Yozgat**

Teams from the Kırşehir Provincial Gendarmerie Command conducted an ISIS operation in Yozgat, resulting in the arrest and detention of two suspects. The Kırşehir Provincial Gendarmerie Command teams carried out simultaneous operations at four addresses in Yerköy district of Yozgat targeting the ISIS terrorist organization.

During the operation, Syrian nationals H.H.M. and F.E. were apprehended. Numerous digital materials were seized during searches of the addresses. The two suspects, who were taken into custody and brought to Kırşehir, were subsequently arrested by the court after their proceedings.

Source: <https://haberton.com/yozgatta-deas-operasyonu-2-tutuklama/>

- **19 February 2026 - 10 suspects detained following counter-terrorism operation against ISIS and FETÖ carried out in Ankara**

As part of investigations conducted by the Ankara Chief Public Prosecutor's Office's Terrorism Crimes Investigation Bureau, a total of 10 suspects and convicts were detained: 4 Iraqi citizens suspected of being members of an armed terrorist organization and having contact with conflict zones, and 6 fugitive convicts for whom arrest warrants had been issued for the execution of finalized prison sentences related to their membership in the FETÖ/PDY armed terrorist organization.

The Ankara Provincial Police Department and Gendarmerie Command teams are continuing the process of transferring the suspects and convicts to the Chief Public Prosecutor's Office.

Source: <https://www.sabah.com.tr/gundem/2026/02/19/ankarada-deas-ve-fetoye-operasyon>

- **18 February 2026 - 4 suspects and 6 fugitive convicts were detained following a counter-terrorism operation against into ISIS and FETÖ**

In Ankara, four suspects and six fugitive convicts were detained in two separate investigations targeting the terrorist organisations ISIS and the Fetullah Terrorist Organisation (FETÖ).

According to a statement from the Ankara Chief Public Prosecutor's Office, the Terror Crimes Investigation Bureau detained four Iraqi citizens suspected of involvement with ISIS and of maintaining contact with conflict zones.

The statement also indicated that six fugitive convicts, for whom arrest warrants had been issued to enforce their finalised prison sentences in investigations into their membership of FETÖ, were detained.

The Ankara Police Department and Gendarmerie Command teams are currently transferring the suspects and convicts to the Chief Public Prosecutor's Office.

Source: <https://www.aa.com.tr/tr/gundem/ankarada-deas-ve-fetoye-yonelik-sorusturmalarinda-10-gozalti/3833031>

- **18 February 2026 - Three ISIS members suspects apprehended in Yozgat and Yerköy districts**

Three suspects, believed to be members of the ISIS terrorist organisation, were arrested in an operation conducted by the Yozgat Police Department.

Teams from the Counter-Terrorism Branch Directorate carried out simultaneous operations in the Yozgat and Yerköy districts to apprehend ISIS members.

Three suspects were arrested and numerous digital materials were seized. Legal proceedings have been initiated against the suspects.

Source: <https://www.sabah.com.tr/video/yasam/yozgatta-deas-operasyonu-3-supheli-yakalandi-video>

- **17 February 2026 - 13 suspects detained in Istanbul and Adana for spreading ISIS propaganda and transferring funds**

In operations conducted in Istanbul and Adana, 13 suspects were detained on suspicion of spreading ISIS propaganda on social media and transferring funds to the organisation's members.

According to a statement released by the Istanbul Chief Public Prosecutor's Office, the Terror Crimes Bureau is conducting an investigation into the crimes of "membership in an armed terrorist organisation" and "violation of the Law on the Prevention of Financing Terrorism", in coordination with the Istanbul Police Department's Counter-Terrorism Branch.

The statement indicated that suspect A.B. disseminated ISIS propaganda via his social media account and used this method to provide financial support to members of the terrorist organisation in Iraq and Syria, as well as to their families held in prisoner camps and prisons such as Roj Camp, Al Hol Camp and Rusafa Prison. It was determined that funds were

collected through an account belonging to A.B. and transferred to members of the terrorist organisation in the aforementioned camps and prisons.

Simultaneous arrest, detention, search and seizure operations were carried out in Istanbul and Adana against thirteen suspects who had a money transfer relationship with the account identified as being used by A.B.

All suspects were taken into custody and numerous incriminating items, primarily organisational documents, were seized as a result of the searches.

The statement also indicated that arrest warrants had been issued for two other suspects who had participated in the alleged crimes and had a travel history abroad, but whose addresses could not be determined.

Source: <https://www.trthaber.com/haber/turkiye/teror-orgutu-deasa-operasyon-13-supheli-gozaltina-alindi-934647.html>

- **16 February 2026 - 16 individuals detained in Şanlıurfa following a counter-terrorism operation against ISIS Financing Network**

The Şanlıurfa Provincial Police Department's Counter-Terrorism Branch conducted an operation aimed at preventing the financing activities of the ISIS terrorist organisation.

On 11 February 2026, the Chief Public Prosecutor's Office coordinated operations targeting individuals identified as having links to the organisation and transferring money under the guise of charity, donations, or aid.

As part of the operation, 16 people were detained. Ten suspects were arrested and sent to prison, while six suspects were placed under judicial supervision.

Source: <https://www.ajansurfa.com/haber/27460590/sanliurfada-deasin-finansman-agini-cokerten-operasyon-16-gozalti>

- **16 February 2026 - 6 individuals arrested following a counter-terrorism operation against ISIS carried out in 4 Provinces Centered in Afyonkarahisar**

Six of the seven suspects apprehended in an operation targeting ISIS in four provinces, centred in Afyonkarahisar, were arrested.

The Afyonkarahisar Police Department conducted the operation to prevent the activities of suspects who were high-ranking leaders of the 'ISIS armed terrorist organisation', who were wanted internationally by Interpol with a red notice and whose names appeared in seized documents.

Seven foreign nationals were detained in simultaneous operations in the provinces of Afyonkarahisar, Ankara, Kırşehir and Kayseri. Six of the suspects were arrested, while one was released under judicial supervision.

Source: <https://haberton.com/afyonkarahisar-merkezli-4-ilde-deas-operasyonu-6-tutuklama/>

- **15 February 2026 - Formerly acquitted ISIS suspects among militants killed in deadly Yalova shootout**

Five of the six ISIS terrorists who were killed in the December 29, 2025 shootout in Yalova, in which three police officers lost their lives, had previously been arrested in 2024 on charges of membership in an armed terrorist organization but were acquitted in October 2025, just two months before the deadly clash.

According to court records, these men - along with others - had been charged as part of an investigation into efforts to reorganize local ISIS support networks and were accused of planning attacks, including a plot targeting the provincial chairman of the ruling AK Party in Yalova.

Sources: <https://www.cnnturk.com/turkiye/yalovadaki-deas-hucesinden-suikast-plani-cikti-3-polisi-sehit-eden-5-deasli-2-ay-once-beraat-etmis-2396402> and <https://www.yenisafak.com/gundem/babalarini-oldurup-annelerini-deasliyla-evlendireceklerdi-4797764>

- **14 February 2026 - 4 ISIS members arrested in Sivas and Istanbul and sent to prison**

Four suspects arrested in operations targeting ISIS members in Sivas and Istanbul were sent to prison following police station procedures.

The operation was conducted by teams from the Counter-Terrorism and Intelligence Branch of the Provincial Police Department, in coordination with the Office of the Sivas Chief Public Prosecutor, to prevent terrorist organisations from exploiting religion for their own ends.

After completing the necessary procedures at the police station, the suspects appeared in court and were subsequently arrested and sent to Sivas E-Type Prison.

Source: <https://www.memurlar.net/haber/1159698/2-ilde-deas-operasyonu-4-tutuklama.html>

- **13 February 2026 - A suspect who was arrested in Adana on charges of membership of the terrorist organisation ISIS faces up to 15 years in prison**

A lawsuit has been filed against an individual arrested in Adana on suspicion of belonging to an armed terrorist organisation, with a potential prison sentence of up to 15 years sought.

The investigation conducted by the Adana Chief Public Prosecutor's Office into M.A., a Syrian national arrested on 6 February on suspicion of having links to the terrorist organisation ISIS, has been completed.

The indictment, which seeks a prison sentence of between 7 years and 6 months and 15 years for the suspect for membership of an armed terrorist organisation, has been accepted by the Adana 2nd High Criminal Court.

It states that the suspect actively participated in ISIS's armed conflicts in Syria and that photographs exist of him with long-barrelled weapons. It further states that M.A. held organisational meetings to increase participation in ISIS and that numerous photographs of members of the terrorist organisation were found in his digital materials. It also states that he provided financial support to the organisation.

The indictment also states that M.A. was found to have been in contact with individuals under investigation for ISIS membership, and that he played an active role within the organisation's hierarchical structure.

M.A., who denies the charges, is currently in custody and his trial will begin in the coming days.

Source: <https://www.ensondakika.com.tr/adana-da-teror-orgutu-deas-uyesi-oldugu-iddiasıyla-tutuklanan-sanigin-15-yila-kadar-hapsi-istendi/588036/>

- **13 February 2026 - 3 individuals arrested in Yalova following a counter-terrorism operation against ISIS**

Three foreign nationals, identified as operating within ISIS, were detained in an operation targeting the ISIS terrorist organisation in Yalova. The operation was coordinated by the Yalova Chief Public Prosecutor's Office and carried out by the Provincial Police Department's Intelligence and Counter-Terrorism Branch.

Following processing at the police station, the suspects were taken to the courthouse.

Source: <https://www.sabah.com.tr/yasam/yalovada-deas-operasyonu-3-kisi-tutuklandi-7523751>

- **13 February 2026 - Five individuals linked to the ISIS detained in Aydın**

Five suspects linked to the ISIS terrorist organization were detained in Aydın. The operations, coordinated by the Chief Public Prosecutor's Office, were conducted simultaneously in Aydın city center and the districts of Efeler, Köşk, Nazilli, and İncirliova.

During the operations, suspects H.E.M., A.E., A.E., H.E., and M.E. were apprehended by security forces, and numerous digital materials were seized for examination during searches of their addresses.

Following the completion of their statements and interrogations at the gendarmerie, the detained suspects were transferred to the courthouse under tight security measures.

Source: <https://www.aydintimes.com/aydinda-deas-operasyonu>

- **12 February 2026 - 14 individuals detained in Kocaeli following a counter-terrorism operation against ISIS**

In Kocaeli, 14 suspects detained in an operation targeting the ISIS terrorist organization were brought before the court. Of the suspects brought before the judge, 4 were arrested, while 10 were placed under judicial supervision.

As part of the investigation coordinated by the Kocaeli Chief Public Prosecutor's Office and conducted by the Kocaeli Provincial Police Department's Counter-Terrorism Branch, simultaneous operations were carried out on numerous addresses across the city on the morning of February 10th.

During the operations, which were also supported by Special Operations police, searches were conducted at the addresses, and 14 suspects believed to be linked to the ISIS terrorist organization were detained.

After completing their procedures at the police station, the suspects were brought to the Kocaeli Courthouse. Following the prosecutor's and court proceedings, 4 suspects were arrested and sent to prison, while judicial control measures were imposed on 10 suspects.

Source: <https://www.bugunkocaeli.com.tr/kocaelide-deas-sorusturmasinda-karar-cikti-tutuklandilar>

- **10 February 2026 - 3 individuals arrested following a counter-terrorism operation against ISIS carried out in Karaman and Malatya**

Three of the four suspects detained in an operation targeting the ISIS terrorist organisation in two provinces centred on Karaman were arrested.

Coordinated by the Karaman Chief Public Prosecutor's Office, teams from the Provincial Police Directorate launched an investigation to expose the activities of ISIS and prevent the financing of terrorism.

As part of this investigation, four suspects were detained in simultaneous operations conducted in Karaman and Malatya. Numerous organisational documents and digital materials were seized during the operation.

Following police station procedures, three of the suspects were arrested, while one was released under judicial supervision with a travel ban imposed.

Source: <https://www.haber1.com/guncel/karaman-merkezli-teror-orgutu-deas-operasyonunda-3-zanli-tutuklandi/>

- **09 February 2026 - New process for 2,000 Turkish citizens affiliated with ISIS: trials may be moved to Turkey from Iraq**

Ankara, Baghdad, and Washington are reportedly close to reaching a shared understanding on prosecuting ISIS members for “crimes against humanity” and “genocide.”

As part of ongoing negotiations among the three capitals, the possibility of holding trials in Turkey for Turkish nationals affiliated with ISIS - who have been transferred from prisons in northern Syria to Iraq - is under consideration. According to available information, more than 2,000 Turkish citizens linked to ISIS are currently detained in prisons in northern Syria.

Among those expected to be transferred to Iraq is İlyas Aydın, code-named Abu Ubeyde, identified in judicial documents as ISIS's “emir” for Istanbul. He is listed as a fugitive suspect and is reportedly subject to a Red Notice.

It is also reported that Turkish security forces, in coordination with U.S. soldiers, have collected fingerprints and taken statements from detainees in northern Syrian prisons who declared themselves to be Turkish citizens.

The procedures and principles governing the trials are expected to take into account international agreements and judicial rulings concerning “crimes against humanity” and “genocide.” As the details of the process continue to be defined, Ankara

has reportedly requested the transfer to Turkey of Turkish ISIS members held in Iraqi prisons following investigations and initial legal proceedings.

Source: <https://kisadalga.net/haber/ozel-haber/2-bin-turkiye-vatandasi-isdli-icin-yeni-surec-yargilama-turkiyeye-tasinabilir-136616>

- **07 February 2026 - 12 ISIS suspects arrested in Kırşehir, Kayseri, and Malatya**

In a coordinated counter-terrorism operation in Kırşehir, Kayseri, and Malatya, Turkish authorities seized a large number of documents and other materials linked to the ISIS terrorist organization and detained 13 suspects, 12 of whom have now been formally arrested while one was released.

The operation was carried out by teams from the Counter-Terrorism and Intelligence Branch of the Provincial Police Department under the direction of the Kırşehir Chief Public Prosecutor's Office, targeting individuals believed to have ties to ISIS. Simultaneous raids were conducted at several addresses across the three provinces, resulting in the detention of 13 foreign nationals.

During searches of the properties, police recovered numerous organizational documents, prohibited publications, and digital devices believed to be connected to ISIS activities.

After processing at the police station, the suspects were brought before the Kırşehir Courthouse. Courts ordered the arrest of 12 individuals, identified by the initials B.I.Y.K., E.A.M.A., N.R.Y.Y., O.A.A.S., S.A.A.A., J.J.M.A., S.A.Y.K., A.K.S.H., Y.M.Y.K., A.A.B.H., A.A.A.T., and O.A.K.K. Meanwhile, H.A.M.A. was released under judicial supervision.

Source: <https://www.memurlar.net/haber/1159137/kirsehir-merkezli-teror-orgutu-deas-operasyonunda-12-zanli-tutuklandi.html>

- **06 February 2026 - 3 ISIS suspects detained in Yozgat**

In a counter-terrorism operation targeting the ISIS terrorist organization, the Counter-Terrorism Branch of the Yozgat Provincial Police Department apprehended three suspects, including two foreign nationals. The raids were carried out with the support of special forces in both the Yozgat city centre and the Akdağmadeni district.

Police conducted searches at the suspects' residences, where they seized a range of digital materials believed to be connected to ISIS activities. The three individuals - identified by the initials M.I.O., H.H.E.S., and T.A.A. - were taken into custody and transported to the Provincial Police Directorate for questioning as part of the ongoing investigation.

Source: <https://www.yenisafak.com/gundem/yozgatta-deas-operasyonu-uc-supheli-gozaltinda-4795071>

- **06 February 2026 - Two of the three ISIS suspects detained in Düzce and Yalova were formally arrested**

Two of the three suspects detained in a police operation targeting the ISIS terrorist organization were formally arrested. The investigation, coordinated by the Düzce Chief Public Prosecutor's Office, involved teams from the Provincial Police Directorate's Counter-Terrorism Branch, which carried out a targeted operation against individuals identified as ISIS members.

During the raids, officers apprehended Iraqi nationals S.O. (55) and O.A.D.D. (30) in Yalova, while O.F.K.A. (29) was taken into custody in Düzce.

Searches of the suspects' residences led to the seizure of various items, including two flash drives, four mobile phones, one 9×19 mm caliber cartridge, a knuckle duster, a butterfly knife, and a blank-firing pistol.

After being questioned at the police station, the suspects were brought before the court in Düzce. Judges ordered the arrest of S.O. and O.A.D.D., while O.F.K.A. was released under judicial supervision.

Source: <https://www.yenisafak.com/gundem/duzcede-deas-operasyonu-silah-ve-dijital-materyaller-ele-gecirildi-4790967>

- **05 February 2026 - An ISIS suspect apprehended in Kırklareli while attempting to flee abroad with irregular migrants**

In Kırklareli, security forces apprehended a suspect believed to be a member of the ISIS terrorist organization as he was attempting to flee the country alongside irregular migrants. The individual, identified by the initials M.T., was taken into custody and brought to the Provincial Gendarmerie Command for processing.

The Counter-Terrorism Branch of the Kırklareli Provincial Gendarmerie Command, acting on instructions from the Kırklareli Chief Public Prosecutor's Office, carried out the operation. Investigators found that the suspect had previously been hiding in Yalova before arriving in Kırklareli with the intention of leaving Turkey illegally with a group of irregular migrants.

M.T. was located and detained in the border region during his attempt to cross the frontier unlawfully, and was subsequently escorted to the gendarmerie for further procedures.

Source: <https://www.yenisafak.com/gundem/deasli-terorist-sinirda-yakalandi-4794524>

- **05 February 2026 - An ISIS suspect arrest in Kahramanmaraş**

Under the coordination of the Chief Public Prosecutor's Office, teams from the Counter-Terrorism Branch of the Provincial Gendarmerie Command carried out an operation to arrest individuals wanted on charges of membership in the ISIS terrorist organization. During the action at the targeted locations, the teams detained F.K..

Source: <https://www.aksutvhaber.net/kahramanmarasta-deasa-yonelik-duzenlenen-operasyonda-1-supheli-tutuklandi>

- **02 February 2026 - Three suspects were detained following a counter-terrorism operation against ISIS carried out in three provinces centered in Osmaniye**

Three suspects were arrested and detained following a police operation centered in Osmaniye and conducted in three provinces. Numerous digital materials, including mobile phones, were seized during searches of addresses.

The Provincial Police Command launched an operation to uncover ISIS's activities and apprehend its members. As a result of these efforts, a simultaneous judicial operation was carried out in Osmaniye, Kahramanmaraş and Şanlıurfa against three Syrian nationals suspected of having links to ISIS. B.A. (30), T.M. (39) and A.E. (38) were detained during the operation. Numerous digital materials, including mobile phones, were seized during searches of the addresses.

After being processed at the police station, the suspects were taken to the courthouse, where they were arrested and subsequently transferred to the Osmaniye T-Type Closed Penitentiary.

Source: <https://www.hurriyet.com.tr/gundem/osmaniye-merkezli-deas-operasyonu-43098034>

- **27 January 2026 – A Syrian national was sentenced to four years and two months in prison for membership of ISIS**

In Adana, a suspect on trial for membership of the ISIS terrorist organisation was sentenced to four years and two months' imprisonment for 'membership of an armed terrorist organisation'. The Syrian national, F. E., participated in the hearing at the Adana 2nd High Criminal Court via the Audio and Video Information System (SEGBIS) from prison.

During the closing arguments, the prosecutor stated that the defendant had held meetings to increase ISIS recruitment and that his digital materials contained correspondence with members of the terrorist organisation. The prosecutor also noted that the defendant had been in contact with organisation members in Syria.

The prosecutor also noted that the defendant used a code name during his activities with the organisation, attended organisational meetings and lessons in the city, and provided income to the organisation under the guise of 'infak' (charitable donations). The prosecutor recommended that F.E. be sentenced for 'membership of an armed terrorist organisation'.

The defendant, F. E., whose defence was conducted through an interpreter, claimed that he was not a member of ISIS and requested his release and acquittal.

The court sentenced the defendant to four years and two months' imprisonment for 'membership of an armed terrorist organisation' and ordered his release under judicial supervision.

Source: <https://www.benguturk.com/amp/gundem/adanada-teror-orgutu-deas-sanigina-4-yil-2-ay-hapis-cezasi-257429h>

- **23 January 2026 - Five people apprehended following a counter-terrorism operation against ISIS carried out in 3 Districts of Sakarya**

Five individuals were arrested in an operation targeting the ISIS terrorist organisation in Sakarya. Coordinated by the Sakarya Chief Public Prosecutor's Office, teams from the Counter-Terrorism Branch of the Provincial Police Department conducted an operation in the Adapazarı, Serdivan and Karasu districts against five suspects accused of operating within the 'ISIS Armed Terrorist Organisation', spreading its propaganda and providing financial support.

During the searches, the following items were seized: 206 magnets bearing the alleged ISIS flag logo; 575 magnets bearing the phrase 'Do you know that you cannot be a Muslim without rejecting the idol?'; one sticker bearing the alleged ISIS flag logo; and numerous digital materials.

Following processing, two suspects were arrested and referred to the courthouse.

Source: <https://www.halk54.com/sakaryada-3-ilcede-deas-operasyonu>

- **23 January 2026 – Five people detained following a counter-terrorism operation against ISIS carried out in Aydın**

Following an operation targeting the armed terrorist organisations Al-Qaeda and ISIS in four districts of Aydın, five suspects were detained.

The Counter-Terrorism Branch of the Aydın Provincial Police Command launched an investigation into suspects believed to be spreading terrorist propaganda on social media and to have ties to terrorist organisations. Based on information obtained during the investigation, simultaneous raids were conducted yesterday morning at the addresses of the suspects believed to be disseminating propaganda for Al-Qaeda and ISIS.

The raids, centered in Nazilli and extending to the districts of Sultanhisar, Söke and Karpuzlu, resulted in the detention of a total of five suspects. Digital materials were seized during searches of the suspects' residences, and legal proceedings related to the incident are reported to be ongoing.

Source: <https://www.egepostasi.com/haber/Aydin-da-DEAS-operasyonu-5-gozalti/380298>

- **23 January 2026 – Two people detained following a counter-terrorism operation against ISIS carried out in Düzce**

Two individuals arrested in a police operation in Düzce on suspicion of belonging to and financing the ISIS terrorist organisation have been remanded in custody.

During the operation, which was coordinated by the Düzce Chief Public Prosecutor's Office, teams from the Düzce Provincial Police Department's Counter-Terrorism Branch discovered high-value money transfers between S.O. and O.A.D.D., who are Iraqi nationals residing in Yalova, and O.F.K.K.K., who is residing in Düzce.

Three individuals were apprehended and taken into custody in simultaneous operations in Yalova and Düzce. Documents and materials belonging to the organisation were seized during searches of their homes. Following police station procedures, two of the three suspects were arrested while one was released under judicial supervision.

Source: <https://www.duzcepusula.com/deas-operasyonunda-2-tutuklama/27290/>

- **22 January 2026 – A person detained following a counter-terrorism operation against ISIS carried out in Samsun**

Following intelligence work by the Counter-Terrorism Branch Directorate of the Samsun Provincial Police Command to uncover and prevent the activities of terrorist organisations, an Iraqi national suspected of having ties to ISIS was placed under surveillance. Following technical and physical surveillance, the suspect's address in the Hürriyet neighbourhood of the İlkadım district was identified. In an operation conducted at this address, the Iraqi national N.E.M. (29) was apprehended and taken into custody. Following his interrogation at the gendarmerie, ISIS suspect N.E.M. was referred to the Samsun Courthouse. He was brought before the duty court, which ordered that he be placed under house arrest with an electronic ankle monitor.

Source: <https://www.samsunguncelhaber.com/haber/deas-operasyonunda-gozaltina-alinan-sahsa-ev-hapsi-19781.html>

- **21 January 2026 – A further 25 arrests were made following the clash in Yalova on 29 December 2025**

Following the clash in Yalova, in which three police officers were killed, the number of arrests made in operations against the ISIS terrorist organisation across the city has risen to 63.

During an anti-ISIS operation on 29 December 2025 at around 02:00 on Seher Street in the İsmet Paşa neighbourhood, police officers İlker Pehlivan (47), Turgut Külünk (50) and Yasin Koçyiğit (49) were killed by gunfire from a house, while eight police officers and one security guard were wounded. Five women and six children at the address were evacuated unharmed, and six terrorists were killed in the ensuing shootout. Following the incident, 115 people were detained in operations against ISIS in the city and 58 were arrested.

In raids conducted across the city, a further 25 suspects were detained. Following the proceedings, five of the suspects sent to the courthouse were arrested, 16 were released under judicial supervision and four were released after being questioned by the prosecutor's office. Thus, the number of those arrested in the investigation has risen to 63.

Source: <https://www.hurriyet.com.tr/gundem/yalovada-3-polis-sehit-olmustu-deas-operasyonlarinda-tutuklu-sayisi-63e-cikti-43089901>

- **21 January 2026 – Three people detained following a counter-terrorism operation against ISIS carried out in Düzce and Yalova**

Three people were detained and various pieces of evidence were seized in an operation targeting ISIS in Düzce and Yalova. The operation, centred in Düzce and spanning two provinces, targeted individuals suspected of having links to ISIS. An investigation was launched under the coordination of the Düzce Chief Public Prosecutor's Office targeting suspects found to be involved in high-volume money transfers between individuals sympathetic to ISIS. During the operation, Iraqi nationals S.O. (55) and O.A.D.D. (30) were arrested in Yalova and Iraqi national O.F.K.A.K. (29) in Düzce.

During the searches, two flash drives, four phones, ammunition, brass knuckles, a 'butterfly' knife and a blank-firing pistol were seized.

Source: <https://www.sondakika.com/amp/haber-deas-a-operasyon-3-supheli-gozaltinda-19486786/>

- **21 January 2026 – Foreign national arrested in Afyonkarahisar for spreading ISIS propaganda**

In Afyonkarahisar, security forces apprehended L.A., a foreign national wanted for spreading ISIS propaganda, and handed them over to the relevant unit for deportation.

Officers from the Afyonkarahisar Provincial Police Department are continuing to target individuals with outstanding arrest warrants. In the latest operation conducted within this scope, an individual wanted for spreading ISIS propaganda was apprehended.

According to information obtained, it was determined that L.A. had been investigated in 2014 for spreading ISIS propaganda and was wanted for this crime.

L.A. was detained by security forces and handed over to the relevant unit for deportation under the 'Foreign Terrorist Fighter' category following procedures at the Afyonkarahisar Provincial Police Department.

Source: <https://www.afyonturkeligazetesi.com/deas-propagandasi-yapan-yabanci-uyruklu-afyonda-yakalandi/125091>

- **16 January 2026 - ISIS member arrested in Arnavutköy**

The whereabouts of an ISIS member wanted by the authorities have been identified as a construction site in the Hacımışlı neighbourhood of Arnavutköy. Following a thorough investigation, an operation was initiated on the container where the workers had been staying the previous night.

S.E. was apprehended during the operation and escorted to the Arnavutköy District Police Command.

Following the conclusion of the requisite legal proceedings, the suspect was escorted to the courtroom and formally charged.

Source: <https://www.dha.com.tr/gundem/arnavutkoyde-deas-suphelisi-iscilerin-kaldigi-konteynirda-yakalandi-2800409>

- **15 January 2026 – Two people apprehended following a counter-terrorism operation against ISIS carried out in Osmaniye**

In an operation targeting the ISIS terrorist organisation in Osmaniye, two foreign nationals suspected of operating within the organisation were apprehended and remanded in custody. Teams from the Counter-Terrorism Branch of the Osmaniye Provincial Police Department have concluded their technical and physical surveillance efforts aimed at uncovering the activities of the ISIS terrorist organisation. On 13 January, a mission was initiated against individuals known to have previously engaged in armed activities within the organisation in Syria. During simultaneous raids on the identified addresses, foreign nationals M.E. and A.D. were apprehended and taken into custody.

During the search operation at the raided addresses, numerous digital materials belonging to the suspects were seized. The seized hard drives, phones and memory cards are being analysed by the police's cybercrime units to establish the organisation's connections and activities.

Source: <https://www.yenisafak.com/video-galeri/gundem/tem-ekiplerinden-deasin-hucre-evlerine-safak-baskini-4788942>

- **15 January 2026 – One person apprehended following a counter-terrorism operation against ISIS carried out in Yozgat City Center**

Law enforcement officials apprehended an individual suspected of membership in the ISIS terrorist organisation in the city centre of Yozgat. According to the information we have received, the suspect was found to have been active as a militant within the ISIS armed terrorist organisation in Iraq before 2018 and is of Iraqi nationality. Furthermore, it was determined that this individual entered Türkiye illegally and resides in Yozgat city centre. During the course of the operation, three mobile phones, a SIM card, a USB drive, and a memory card were seized.

The suspect was detained and handed over to the relevant judicial authorities. Following the judicial process, the suspect was arrested and transferred to the Yozgat Closed Penitentiary. We are aware that the investigation into the incident is ongoing. Gendarmerie teams have emphasised that such operations will continue as part of the ongoing fight against terrorism. This recent development in Yozgat once again demonstrates the determination of the security forces in the fight against terrorism.

Source: <https://www.mersinhaber.com/haber-yozgat-merkezde-jandarma-operasyonuyla-deas-suphelisi-gozaltinalindi/519952>

- **14 January 2026 - Eight suspects apprehended in Istanbul**

Eight suspects were apprehended in Istanbul in an operation targeting ISIS. As part of an investigation conducted by the Istanbul Chief Public Prosecutor's Office's Bureau for the Prevention of Terrorism Financing and Money Laundering, information was obtained that A.G. was collecting money for the organisation under the guise of "infak" (a religious charity). A.G. was considered to be in a "fundraising" position.

Following this, an examination of MASAK (Financial Crimes Investigation Board) and HTS (Historical Telephone Records) data revealed that eight suspects, B.A., B.K., D.Ç., H.D., M.G., O.E., S.A., and H.M.C., had connections and money transfers with suspects previously prosecuted within the scope of the ISIS armed terrorist organisation. All eight suspects were apprehended and taken into custody.

Source: <https://www.hurriyet.com.tr/gundem/istanbulda-deas-baskini-43084003>

- **13 January 2026 - 4 people arrested following a counter-terrorism operation against ISIS carried out in 5 Provinces Centered in the city of Manisa**

In a joint operation conducted by the Manisa Provincial Police Department against the ISIS terrorist organisation in five provinces, four of the seven suspects were arrested and remanded in custody by the court.

The Manisa Provincial Police Department executed a significant operation as part of its efforts to prevent the actions and activities of the ISIS terrorist organisation. Simultaneous raids were conducted on 9 January at addresses in Manisa, Bursa, Kahramanmaraş, Izmir and Hatay provinces. A.S. (24), Y.Ç. (31), T.Ç. (26), E.E. (34), N.B. (22), M.D. (33), and N.A.S. (41) were apprehended and taken into custody.

A search of the suspects' residences and outbuildings yielded one rifle, two daggers, numerous prohibited publications, and digital materials. Following the conclusion of their interrogations at the police station, the suspects were referred to the relevant judicial authorities. Following legal proceedings, two individuals were released under judicial supervision. In addition, four suspects were arrested and remanded in custody.

In a statement released by the Manisa Police Department, it was stated, "Our fight against crime and criminals will continue uninterrupted for the peace and security of the people of Manisa."

Source: <https://www.sabah.com.tr/video/yasam/manisa-merkezli-5-ilde-deas-operasyonu-4-tutuklama-video>

- **13 January 2026 - One suspect detained following a counter-terrorism operation against ISIS in the city of Kayseri**

According to a statement from the Governor's Office, the Provincial Gendarmerie Command has launched an operation to identify and address the activities of terrorist organisations that exploit religion.

As part of this operation, teams raided a residence in the Kocasinan district and detained one suspect. The suspect's processing is ongoing.

Source: <https://www.haberturk.com/kayseri-haberleri/40243828-kayseride-deas-operasyonunda-1-zanli-yakalandi>

- **12 January 2026 – 2 individuals detained following counter-terrorism operation against ISIS in the city of Şanlıurfa**

In a recent operation targeting suspects found to be providing financial support to the ISIS terrorist organisation in Şanlıurfa, law enforcement officials detained two suspects.

In a coordinated operation, teams from the Provincial Gendarmerie Command's Counter-Terrorism (TEM) Branch conducted simultaneous actions in Şanlıurfa, leading to the apprehension of two individuals suspected of providing financial support to the ISIS armed terrorist organisation.

During the course of the operation, 17 prohibited publications were seized. The Şanlıurfa Provincial Gendarmerie Command has announced that ongoing operations aimed at apprehending individuals providing financial support to armed terrorist organisations are being pursued with determination.

Source: <https://www.haberturk.com/sanliurfa-haberleri/116142619-sanliurfada-deas-operasyonu-2-gozalti>

- **12 January 2026 – A legal indictment has been issued against those believed to be responsible for the attack on law enforcement officers in Izmir**

A legal indictment has been issued against those believed to be responsible for the attack on law enforcement officers in Izmir, which resulted in the tragic loss of three police officers.

The indictment requests that 13 suspects be sentenced to four times aggravated life imprisonment and up to 261 years in prison each.

The suspects are charged with 11 crimes, including "attempting to overthrow the constitutional order," "membership in an armed terrorist organization," and "killing a person for terrorist purposes due to the public duty they were performing." As outlined in the indictment, the recommended sentence for the suspects is four times aggravated life imprisonment, with a maximum of 261 years' imprisonment each. The investigation conducted by the Izmir Chief Public Prosecutor's Office regarding the 13 suspects, 7 of whom are currently under arrest, has been completed. The suspects include E.B. (17), a member of the terrorist organisation ISIS who killed police chief inspector Muhsin Aydemir, police officers Hasan Akın and Ömer Amilağ, and injured police officer Murat Dağlı and another person. E.B.'s father N.B. and mother A.B. were also involved. The incident occurred in Balçova on September 8, 2025.

The 58-page indictment prepared against the suspects includes footage of the incident, crime scene investigation reports, bomb disposal report, and statements from the suspects and witnesses.

The indictment states that E.B., aged 16, perpetrated the attack, joined the ISIS armed terrorist organisation, fully embraced the organisation's ideology, attempted to disseminate the terrorist organisation's ideas to his friends, and refused to attend school.

An indictment has been prepared against E.B., who is alleged to have received armed training in accordance with the ideology of the terrorist organization and to have received instructions for terrorist attacks to serve the organization's purpose, on charges of "attempting to overthrow the constitutional order," "membership in an armed terrorist organization," "unauthorized sale, purchase, carrying, or possession of knives or other weapons for terrorist purposes," three counts of "murdering a person for terrorist purposes due to their performance of a public duty," four counts of "attempted intentional murder for terrorist purposes," two counts of "attempted murder of a person for terrorist purposes due to their performance of a public duty," "firing a weapon in a manner that could create fear, anxiety, or panic for terrorist purposes," four counts of "damaging property for terrorist purposes," "damaging public property for terrorist purposes," "unauthorized possession or transfer of dangerous substances for terrorist purposes," and "violating Law No. 6136 for terrorist purposes."

An indictment has also been prepared against 12 other suspects, 6 of whom are in custody, on charges of complicity in and incitement to commit these crimes.

In the indictment prepared against all suspects, which demanded four aggravated life sentences and up to 261 years of imprisonment, the case of E.B., who carried out the attack, was separated and sent to the juvenile criminal court. The indictment prepared for the other suspects was submitted to the high criminal court.

Regarding the Incident:

On September 8, 2025, in Balçova, İzmir, E.B. attacked the Salih İşgören Police Station with a pump-action shotgun. First-class police chief inspector Muhsin Aydemir and police officer Hasan Akin were martyred, and police officers Ömer Amilağ and Murat Dağlı, along with one other person, were injured. The attacker, E.B., was apprehended wounded in the ensuing shootout.

Ömer Amilağ died on September 30th in the hospital where he was receiving treatment. Of the 27 suspects detained in connection with the incident, 16 under the age of 18 were released after giving their statements to the prosecutor's office. The attacker, E.B., his father N.B., M.A., K.N., C.T., F.S.A., and M.E. were referred to the magistrates' court with a request for arrest on various charges including "intentional killing of a person due to their performance of a public duty for terrorist purposes," "membership in an armed terrorist organization," and "attempting to overthrow the constitutional order." The attacker E.B., his father N.B., and M.A., K.N., C.T., F.S.A., and M.E. were arrested by the court, while the attacker's mother A.B., T.Y., B.Y., and F.Ç. were released under judicial supervision. Finally, H.B. and H.K., suspected ISIS members who were detained in an operation in the city on November 18, 2025, were also released under judicial supervision.

Source: <https://www.aa.com.tr/tr/gundem/izmirde-3-polisin-sehit-oldugu-saldirinin-suphelileri-hakkinda-iddianame-hazirlandi/3797120>

- **11 January 2026 - ISIS's Structure in Turkey Revealed in Indictment: 97 Structures Identified in 24 Provinces**

The indictment prepared following the ISIS attack in Yalova reveals that the organization was structured throughout Turkey through numerous associations, mosques, and madrasas.

The indictment, prepared as part of the investigation launched after the clashes during the ISIS operation in Yalova on 29 December 2025, contains striking details about the organisation's structure in Turkey.

In the operation in Yalova, three police officers were killed and eight police officers and one security guard were injured when suspects opened fire on the police. Six ISIS members were killed in the operation, and 26 people were arrested as part of the subsequent investigation. During the investigation, five suspects were also detained.

According to BirGün's report, the indictment prepared by the Yalova Chief Public Prosecutor's Office, which conducted the investigation, details the activities the organisation carried out to establish a base in Turkey. The indictment presented a letter from the Counter-Terrorism Department dated 25 October 2023 as evidence.

The letter stated that individuals with radical and Salafist ideologies were attempting to establish organisational structures throughout Turkey by opening bookstores, nurseries, mosques, and madrasas. It was highlighted that these structures specifically targeted young people.

The letter included the following statements: "Terrorist organizations that exploit religion interpret issues such as 'Dar al-Harb, Taghut, Regime, Vote, Friday Prayer, Caliphate, Jihad, Tawhid, Shirk, and not sending children to state schools' according to their own philosophy and ideology. Furthermore, individuals sympathetic to ISIS and similar terrorist organizations that exploit religion are establishing legal or illegal associations, bookstores, nurseries, mosques, and madrasas in our country to build a base, recruit members, and provide financial income to their members in conflict zones."

The indictment, as outlined in the Anti-Terrorism Department's report, also disclosed the number of structures deemed to be affiliated with the pro-ISIS terrorist organisation. According to the data, a total of 97 associations, bookstores, mosques, and madrasas were identified across Turkey, including 24 in Yalova, and others in Adana, Ağrı, Ankara, Batman, Bingöl,

Bursa, Çankırı, Diyarbakır, Elazığ, Eskişehir, Gaziantep, İstanbul, İzmir, Kayseri, Kocaeli, Konya, Malatya, Manisa, Muş, Sakarya, Samsun, Tekirdağ, and Van.

The indictment also states that these structures were operating with the aim of "recruiting members for ISIS and providing financing." It emphasises that efforts to close these organisations are critically important for preventing their recruitment activities and for combating terrorism. The indictment also included the sanctions imposed on the businesses mentioned in the October 2023 article and stated to be connected to the organisation.

Source: <https://www.ulusal.com.tr/gundem/deasin-turkiye-yapilanmasi-iddianamede-24-ilde-97-yapi-tespit-edildi-15090835>

**10 January 2026 - One individual detained following counter-terrorism operation against ISIS in Samsun**

As part of the investigations carried out by the Samsun Provincial Gendarmerie Command's Counter-Terrorism (TEM) Branch Directorate teams, a construction worker named O.A. (26) was arrested in the Vezirköprü district. The ISIS suspect is alleged to have spread ISIS propaganda through social media.

O.A., who was detained, was referred to the Samsun Courthouse after his procedures. O.A., who was referred to the duty court with a request for his arrest by the prosecutor, was released under judicial control with a travel ban imposed.

Source: <https://www.iha.com.tr/samsun-haberleri/samsunda-deas-operasyonu-1-gozalti-360046908>

• **10 January 2026 - 17 individuals detained following counter-terrorism operation against ISIS's Financial Network**

In a simultaneous operation conducted by the gendarmerie with the support of the National Intelligence Agency (MIT) and spanning nine provinces centred in Mersin, 17 suspects were detained, and nine were arrested, for allegedly providing financial support to the ISIS terrorist organisation.

Mersin Provincial Gendarmerie Command teams identified 17 suspects, including members of the ISIS terrorist organisation, who were providing financial support to the organisation. A simultaneous operation was initiated in Mersin, Adana, İstanbul, Tekirdağ, Yalova, Bursa, Gaziantep, Mardin, and Van, with the support of the National Intelligence Agency and the Counter-Terrorism Department, and coordinated by the Mersin Chief Public Prosecutor's Office.

During the operation, 17 suspects were apprehended and detained. A subsequent search of the suspects' addresses resulted in the seizure of assets worth approximately 1,820,467 TL, one shotgun, and numerous digital materials and documents for examination.

Following their procedures at the gendarmerie, nine of the suspects who were referred to the judicial authorities were arrested, while eight were released under judicial supervision.

Source: <https://www.iha.com.tr/mersin-haberleri/deasin-finans-agina-mit-destekli-operasyon-17-gozalti-9-tutuklama-359920948>

• **09 January 2026 - Arrests and numerous detentions following counter-terrorism operation against ISIS in Gaziantep**

In an ISIS operation carried out in Gaziantep, nine individuals were apprehended, five of whom were arrested, while the others were released or deported. A dawn operation was conducted by gendarmerie teams in Gaziantep targeting individuals believed to be linked to the ISIS armed terrorist organisation.

During the operation, nine individuals were apprehended, five of whom were subsequently arrested. Two individuals were deported, while two were released under judicial supervision. The operation was carried out in coordination with the Gaziantep Provincial Gendarmerie Command's Counter-Terrorism and Intelligence Branch and the Chief Public Prosecutor's Office.

These raids were conducted as a result of technical and physical surveillance and took place at addresses in Şahinbey, Şhitkâmil, Oğuzeli, and Kahramanmaraş. Following thorough investigation, it was established that the individuals in question had entered the country illegally and were planning terrorist attacks. Furthermore, several individuals found to be disseminating organisational propaganda via social media channels have also been detained. Following the operation, five individuals associated with the organisation were apprehended and remanded into custody. The other suspects were released under judicial supervision, and some were handed over to the Repatriation Center for deportation.

Source: [https://www.egealternatif.com/haber/gaziantep-te-deas-operasyonu-5-tutuklama-ve-cok-sayida-gozalti\\_55642/](https://www.egealternatif.com/haber/gaziantep-te-deas-operasyonu-5-tutuklama-ve-cok-sayida-gozalti_55642/)

- **08 January 2026 - One person detained following counter-terrorism operation against ISIS in the city of Kastamonu**

In a recent operation by police teams in Kastamonu, one individual was detained in relation to ISIS.

According to the information obtained, the operation against the ISIS armed terrorist organisation was carried out as a result of work conducted by the Kastamonu Provincial Police Department's Counter-Terrorism and Intelligence Branch teams.

<https://www.karabuknethaber.com/kastamonuda-deas-operasyonu>

- **07 January 2026 - 4 individuals detained following counter-terrorism operation against ISIS in the city of Kırşehir**

In simultaneous operations conducted in Kırşehir against the ISIS armed terrorist organisation, 4 individuals were apprehended. Three of the suspects were taken into custody, while one was released under judicial supervision.

According to the information obtained, a joint operation was conducted by teams from the Kırşehir Provincial Police Department's Counter-Terrorism Branch and Intelligence Branch to apprehend individuals with links to the ISIS terrorist organisation. In simultaneous operations, S.E., S.Ü., K.Q.M.G., and M.A.Y.K. were apprehended and taken into custody. During the course of the searches, a large number of organisational documents, prohibited publications and digital materials were seized.

Following the requisite procedures at the police station and a health check, the four individuals were referred to the courthouse. S.E., K.Q.M.G., and M.A.Y.K. were arrested and remanded in custody, while S.Ü. was released on judicial supervision.

Source: <https://www.haberturk.com/kirsehir-haberleri/116079631-kirsehirde-deas-operasyonu-4-gozalti>

- **05 January 2026 - 2 individuals arrested following counter-terrorism operation against ISIS in the city of Niğde**

In Niğde, three of the four suspects detained in an operation targeting the ISIS terrorist organisation were arrested.

According to a written statement from the Governorship, teams from the Provincial Police Department's Counter-Terrorism and Intelligence Branch, under the coordination of the Chief Public Prosecutor's Office, detained H.E.G., A.K.H., T.K., and B.Z. in an operation targeting the ISIS terrorist organisation.

Following the requisite procedures at the police station, H.E.G., A.K.H., and T.K. were formally arrested by the court.

B.Z. was handed over to the Irregular Migrant Pre-Reception and Deportation Center for deportation.

Source: <https://www.hurriyet.com.tr/gundem/nigdede-terror-orgutu-deasa-yonelik-operasyon-3-supheli-tutuklandi-43077405>

- **05 January 2026 - 56 individuals arrested following another counter-terrorism operation against ISIS in Yalova**

In the wake of the tragic deaths of three police officers in Yalova, 30 additional suspects were apprehended in raids targeting the ISIS terrorist organisation across the city.

On 29 December at approximately 02:00, during an operation targeting ISIS in Seher Street, İsmet Paşa Neighborhood, police officers İlker Pehlivan (47), Turgut Külünk (50) and Yasin Koçyiğit (49) tragically lost their lives in a gunfire exchange from a house, and eight police officers and one security guard were injured. Five women and six children present at the address were successfully evacuated, while six terrorists were neutralised in the subsequent exchange of gunfire.

In the wake of the incident, 42 suspects were apprehended during simultaneous raids across the city. The suspects, including the five women rescued from the house, were transferred to the Yalova Courthouse after their procedures at the police station. Of the suspects, 26 were arrested by the court, while 16 were released under judicial supervision.

In the course of the operations in the city, 73 suspects were also referred to the courthouse. Of these, 30 were arrested by the court, while 43 were released under judicial supervision. The number of arrests in operations targeting the ISIS terrorist organisation has now increased to 56.

Source: <https://astv.com.tr/yalovada-bir-deas-operasyonu-daha-tutuklanan-sayisi-56-oldu/>

- **04 January 2026 - One arrested for spreading ISIS propaganda on social media**

On 29 December 2025, during an operation conducted in Yalova against the ISIS terrorist organisation, officers from the Siirt Provincial Police Department's Counter-Terrorism Branch apprehended and detained an individual identified as S.I., who was found to have written and shared texts on social media praising and supporting the terrorist organisation and insulting police officers who were martyred. Following a thorough investigation at the police station, the individual was escorted to a courtroom and formally charged.

Source: <https://www.yalovagazetesi.com/sosyal-medyadan-deas-propagandasi-yapan-sahis-tutuklandi>

- **04 January 2026 - 11 ISIS members arrested following counter-terrorism operation carried out in Muğla**

As a result of an operation conducted in the city of Muğla against the ISIS terrorist organization, 11 members of the organization were arrested.

The following information was released: “Within the scope of the work carried out by the Muğla Provincial Gendarmerie Command to prevent and expose the activities of individuals sympathetic to the terrorist organization; as a result of the judicial operation conducted on 31.12.2025 in Muğla and (4) other provinces (Istanbul, Ankara and Denizli) on the charge of being a member of the ISIS armed terrorist organization, (17) suspects were taken into custody. The judicial proceedings of (17) suspects were completed by the Muğla Provincial Gendarmerie Command Counter-Terrorism Branch Directorate, and on 02.01.2026, (11) suspects were arrested by the judicial authorities, and (6) suspects were released under judicial control. Respectfully announced to the public.”

Source: <https://www.bodrumtime.net/2026/01/05/deas-uyesi-11-kisi-tutuklandi/>

- **03 January 2026 – 4 individuals arrested following counter-terrorism operation against ISIS carried out in the city of Şanlıurfa**

The Şanlıurfa Provincial Police Department's Counter-Terrorism Branch conducted simultaneous operations at addresses identified as belonging to individuals who had previously been active within the ISIS terrorist organisation, in coordination with the Chief Public Prosecutor's Office. As a result, 13 suspects were taken into custody. Numerous organisational documents and electronic equipment were seized during the searches.

The suspects were then taken to the courthouse for further proceedings. Four of the suspects were arrested, while nine were released under judicial supervision.

Source: <https://www.sabah.com.tr/video/yasam/sanliurfada-deas-operasyonu-4-tutuklama-video>

- **03 January 2026 – 18 individuals arrested following counter-terrorism operation against ISIS and al-Qaeda**

As part of its efforts to uncover and prevent the actions and activities of the ISIS and Al-Qaeda terrorist organisations, the Kocaeli Provincial Police Department conducted an operation in which 18 of the 42 people apprehended were arrested. Twenty suspects were deported.

Source: <https://www.sabah.com.tr/yasam/deas-ve-el-kaide-operasyonunda-18-tutuklama-7496144>

- **03 January 2026 – One individual detained following counter-terrorism operation against ISIS carried out in Manisa**

The Counter-Terrorism Branch of the Manisa Police Department and the Kırkağaç District Police Department conducted an operation against the ISIS terrorist organisation in Manisa district. During the operation, B.P., who has a criminal record for 'making terrorist organisation propaganda', was detained at the bakery where he worked. Following a health check, he was taken to the police station.

Source: <https://www.dha.com.tr/gundem/manisada-deas-operasyonu-1-gozalti-2790923>

- **03 January 2026 – 10 individuals arrested following counter-terrorism operation against ISIS in the city of Ağrı**

According to a statement from the Ağrı Governorship, an investigation was initiated by the Ağrı Chief Public Prosecutor's Office. The Provincial Police Directorate then conducted an operation to uncover and prevent the actions and activities of the ISIS terrorist organisation.

In this context, a simultaneous operation was carried out in the city centre to apprehend ten suspects who were allegedly operating in line with the terrorist organisation's ideology.

During the operation, police detained the 10 suspects and seized numerous banned/confiscated books and digital materials during searches of their addresses.

After completing the necessary procedures at the police station, the suspects were taken to the courthouse, where they were arrested by a judge.

Source: <https://www.trthaber.com/haber/turkiye/agrida-teror-orgutu-deasa-operasyon-10-supheli-tutuklandi-930382.html>

- **02 January 2026 – 4 individuals arrested following counter-terrorism operation against ISIS in Aydın**

In a recent operation targeting the ISIS terrorist organisation in three provinces, centered in Aydın, four of the fifteen suspects have been arrested and remanded in prison.

As part of the investigations conducted by the Counter-Terrorism Branch of the Provincial Police Department of the province of Aydın to identify and expose the activities of the ISIS terrorist organisation, simultaneous operations were carried out in numerous provinces and districts.

According to the information obtained, a total of 15 suspects were apprehended and detained on charges of membership in a terrorist organisation in operations conducted in December 2025 in Van and Denizli provinces, and in the Efeler, Nazilli, Didim, Germencik, and İncirliova districts of Aydın. A search of the suspects, their vehicles, and residences yielded numerous digital materials and organisational documents, one unlicensed hunting rifle, and banned books subject to confiscation orders.

Two foreign nationals, E.E.S. and H.A., were among those detained. The Public Prosecutor's Office has released the individuals named, who have since been handed over to the responsibility of the Migration Directorate of the province of Aydin for the purposes of deportation. While A.Ç., A.Ç., E.T., M.D., E.Y., F.A., C.S., Y.A., and M.F.G. were released under judicial control measures, four suspects, D.İ., K.E., H.B., and E.S., were arrested by the court and sent to prison.

Source: <https://www.iha.com.tr/aydin-haberleri/aydin-merkezli-deas-operasyonu-4-tutuklama-356499388>

- **02 January 2026 - 147 people detained in a counter-terrorism operation carried out in 3 provinces, centered in Istanbul**

As part of the investigation into the activities of the ISIS terrorist organisation, which is being conducted by the Istanbul Chief Public Prosecutor's Office, 147 individuals were detained. These included suspects linked to the Yalova attack and those believed to be planning similar attacks in Istanbul on New Year's Day. The prosecutor's office requested the arrest of 72 of the suspects, who were brought to court.

The investigation, conducted by the Istanbul Chief Public Prosecutor's Office's Terrorism Crimes Investigation Bureau, alleged that the suspect, identified as M.Y., was operating in Istanbul as a supporter of the terrorist organisation, leading illegal activities, recruiting members for the organisation, and using the collected funds to train ISIS supporters held captive in camps controlled by opposing terrorist organisations in Syria, as well as individuals operating within the organisation.

Of the 147 suspects, 32 were identified as participating in an illegal organisation and conducting propaganda activities through social media platforms; 41 were linked to the Yalova attack and suspected of attempting similar attacks in Istanbul on New Year's Day; 13 were identified as having links to the organisation; 14 made pro-organisation posts on social media; 15 were identified as "foreign terrorist fighters" with links to conflict zones and posing a threat to Turkey; and 32 were wanted for arrest.

Of the 147 suspects, 32 were relocated to a repatriation centre on the basis that were "linked to terrorist organizations defined by international institutions and organizations." The remaining 115 suspects, whose procedures were completed at the police station, were referred to the courthouse. Subsequent to the aforementioned statements, the Office of the Prosecutor referred 43 suspects to the duty court with a request for judicial control conditions, and 72 suspects with a request for their arrest.

Source: <https://www.hurriyet.com.tr/gundem/deas-operasyonunda-72-supheliye-tutuklama-talebi-43075535>

- **01 January 2026 - 25 Suspects Arrested in Operation Against ISIS in Yalova Brought to Court**

25 suspects, including 3 women, who were detained in connection with the ISIS operation in Yalova in which 3 police officers were martyred, have been referred to the courthouse.

Following the operation in which 3 police officers were martyred, the Provincial Police Department teams launched an operation throughout the city to apprehend suspects allegedly linked to the ISIS terrorist organization. Following their procedures at the police station, the suspects were brought to the Yalova Courthouse under tight security measures

Source: <https://www.aa.com.tr/tr/gundem/yalovada-teror-orgutu-deasa-yonelik-operasyonda-yakalanan-25-supheli-adliyede/3786928>

- **01 January 2026 - 18 individuals detained following a counter-terrorism operation against ISIS carried out in 4 Provinces centered in Muğla**

The Muğla Provincial Gendarmerie Command identified 18 suspects as part of its operations against the terrorist organization ISIS. In a simultaneous operation coordinated by the Chief Public Prosecutor's Office, conducted in Muğla, Istanbul, Ankara, and Denizli, all suspects were taken into custody.

## Monitoring Jihadism Project (MjP) - Quarterly Newsletter Issue No. 1

The suspects, whose processing is ongoing at the Gendarmerie, are reportedly being questioned regarding their connections to ISIS and the ongoing investigation. It was emphasized that the operation is part of the determined fight against terrorist organizations.

Source: <https://www.mugladevrim.com.tr/haberler/mugla-haberleri/mugla-merkezli-4-ilde-deas-operasyonu-18-gozalti>

- **01 January 2026 - ISIS Operation in Kilis: 6 Arrests**

In operations conducted simultaneously in Kilis and Gaziantep by the Kilis Provincial Police Department's Counter-Terrorism Branch, under the coordination of the Kilis Chief Public Prosecutor's Office, 10 suspects were apprehended on charges of membership in the ISIS armed terrorist organization. Six of these suspects were subsequently arrested.

These operations targeted 10 suspects accused of membership in the ISIS armed terrorist organization.

Following procedures conducted by the Counter-Terrorism Branch, six suspects – Y.C., S.B., A.S., A.D., S.K., and M.C.Y. – were arrested. Three suspects, C.K., S.D., and K.K., were released under judicial supervision and a travel ban, while A.E. was released by the prosecutor's office.

Source: <https://www.haberturk.com/kilis-haberleri/116003293-kiliste-deas-operasyonu-6-tutuklama>

- **01 January 2026 - Several suspects arrested in Ünye following counter-terrorism operation against ISIS**

In an operation targeting the terrorist organization ISIS in Ünye, simultaneous raids were conducted on 5 addresses. Several suspects believed to be linked to the organization were detained during the operation.

According to reports, the operation, conducted by the Ünye District Police Department's Counter-Terrorism teams, involved simultaneous raids on 5 different addresses across the district.

As part of the operation, several suspects believed to be connected to ISIS were detained.

It was learned that various digital materials and documents were seized during searches at the addresses, and the suspects are currently undergoing questioning at the police station.

Source: [https://unyekent.com/haber/unyede\\_deasa\\_yonelik\\_operasyonda\\_gozaltilar-64965.html](https://unyekent.com/haber/unyede_deasa_yonelik_operasyonda_gozaltilar-64965.html)

---

## United Kingdom Section

- **27 March 2026 - UK Sanctioned Two Senior Islamic State Financial Operatives**

Britain has imposed sanctions on two Iraqi senior Islamic State financial operatives, Sami Jasim Muhammad Jaata al-Jaburi and Abd al-Hamid Salim Ibrahim Brukan al-Khatouni, for helping to manage ISIS's revenue streams and supporting its leadership structure. They also participated in several terrorist operations when the group controlled territory, including the smuggling of oil products.

Both, who are now subject to an asset freeze, arms embargo and travel ban, have entries on the INTERPOL-UN Security Council Special Notice system.

Source: <https://www.reuters.com/world/uk/uk-sanctions-two-iraqis-over-islamic-state-financial-operations-2026-03-27/>

- **27 March 2026 - Three Young Men Deny Planning to Join Isis**

Three young men, Chafik Aziz (18 years old), Muhammed Bham (19 years old), and Oliver Rea (24 years old), have pleaded not guilty to planning to travel to Syria to join ISIS. The charges include preparing acts of terrorism between March and November 2025, with alleged preparations such as writing goodbye letters, researching flights to Turkey, obtaining passports, selling belongings, and resigning from their jobs.

The court heard that the men researched ISIS uniforms, territories, and travel methods, exchanging information to avoid detection. They reportedly joined group chats on Signal, such as "AirBNB Buddies" and "Lads Holiday," encouraging each other to join the organization. Rea admitted to inviting support for ISIS and expressing support for al-Qaeda and ISIS on TikTok but denied charges of disseminating terrorist documents. The trial is scheduled for November 30.

Source: [https://www.lbc.co.uk/article/islamic-state-lads-holiday-chat-5HjdWxq\\_2/](https://www.lbc.co.uk/article/islamic-state-lads-holiday-chat-5HjdWxq_2/)

- **26 March 2026 - A Woman Was Charged with Multiple Counts of Inviting Support for Hamas and Other Offences**

Dr Rahmeh Aladwan, 31 (03,06.94) of Pilning, South Gloucestershire was arrested at her home address by Met officers for breaching police bail conditions imposed following previous arrests. She is a British-Palestinian, and was a member of Palestine Action. She was charged with the following offences:

On 21 July 2025, on King Charles Street, London used words that were threatening, abusive or insulting intending thereby to stir up racial hatred or having regard to all the circumstances was reckless as to whether racial hatred would be stirred up (Section 18 Public Order Act 1986). On 19 November 2025, published or distributed written material that was threatening, abusive or insulting intending thereby to stir up racial hatred or having regard to all the circumstances was reckless as to whether racial hatred would be stirred up (Section 19 Public Order Act 1986). On 23 July 2025, invited support for a proscribed organisation - Hamas (Section 12 (1A) Terrorism Act 2000). On 23 August 2025, invited support for a proscribed organisation – Hamas (Section 12 (1A) Terrorism Act 2000). On 7 October 2025, invited support for a proscribed organisation – Hamas (Section 12 (1A) Terrorism Act 2000). On 31 December 2025, invited support for a proscribed organisation – Hamas (Section 12 (1A) Terrorism Act 2000).

The charges of inviting support for a proscribed organisation relate to comments or other material posted online on the relevant dates.

Sources: <https://www.thetimes.com/article/5107637e-a579-455f-86dc-5a8ce9acba58?shareToken=4c4e4271f8be2f2560f12835f3483bc4> and <https://news.met.police.uk/news/woman-charged-with-inviting-support-for-hamas-507693>

- **26 March 2026 - Two Suspects in the Arson Attack on Jewish Community Ambulances in London Have Been Released on Bail**

The two British nationals, aged 47 and 45, who were arrested in connection with the arson attack on ambulances owned by a Jewish charity in north London, have been released on bail until April.

Source: <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cx235y7v100o>

- **25 March 2026 - Terrorist Inmate Tried to Kill the Prison's Imam**

A terrorist inmate at a high-security jail is accused of trying to murder the prison's imam after obtaining a knife behind bars. Moroccan Ahmed Ali Alid, from Hartlepool, is accused of the attempted murder of Roderic Vassie at HMP Full Sutton in Yorkshire on 8 August last year.

He is accused of having a knife and using it to "slice" the top of Vassie's head before attempting to stab him five times. The 47-year-old did not indicate any pleas to charges of attempted murder and possession of an offensive weapon in a prison.

Source: <https://www.aol.com/articles/inmate-tried-murder-jails-imam-195901635.html>

- **25 March 2026 - Alleged Senior Al-Qaeda Is Suing the Government**

An alleged senior al-Qaeda operative held in Guantanamo Bay is in line for compensation from the UK Government over torture allegations.

Abu Faraj al-Libi, who has been detained at Guantanamo Bay since 2006 as a suspected senior figure in al-Qaeda, is suing the Government over the alleged complicity of UK intelligence services in his torture by the CIA.

Al-Libi, a nom de guerre, was arrested by Pakistan's intelligence services in May 2005 after a joint operation involving the CIA and Pakistan's special forces.

According to the US Office of the Director of National Intelligence, he served as the third in command of al-Qaeda from the 2003 capture of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed to his own arrest two years later.

Source: <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2026/03/25/al-qaeda-terrorist-held-in-guantanamo-sues-uk/>

- **25 March 2026 - More Info on the Arson Attack on Jewish Community Ambulances in London; Two Individuals Arrested**

Counter Terrorism detectives investigating an arson attack on volunteer-led ambulances run by the Jewish community in Golders Green have arrested two men in connection with the incident. The men – aged 47 and 45 – were arrested at addresses in north west London and central London areas respectively. They were arrested on suspicion of arson with intent to endanger life and both men have been taken to a London police station where they currently remain in police custody.

Source: <https://news.met.police.uk/news/two-men-arrested-in-connection-with-golders-green-arson-attack-507567>

- **23 March 2026 - Antisemitic Arson Attack on Jewish Community Ambulances in London**

Four Jewish community ambulances have been set on fire in Golders Green, London. The ambulances were part of a volunteering scheme called Hatzola, managed by the Jewish community, which led the investigations to treat it like an antisemitic hate crime. Although the authenticity of the claim is yet to be confirmed, Harakat Ashab al-Yamin al-Islamiya (The Islamic Movement of the People of the Right Hand), an Iran-affiliated movement, is claiming responsibility for the attack. The group appears to have posted on Telegram about the attack but Metropolitan Police are still investigating whether the group was involved in the attack.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/live/czj1m8xpk14t> and <https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/live/2026/mar/23/jewish-community-ambulances-arson-fire-attack-antisemitism-north-london-latest-news-updates> and <https://news.met.police.uk/news/statement-on-antisemitic-arson-attack-in-golders-green-507446>

- **18 March 2026 - Anjem Choudary Appeal Bids Dismissed**

Anjem Choudary, 59, was convicted in July 2024 for taking over al-Muhajiroun (AML) while its founder, Omar Bakri Muhammad, was serving in a Lebanese prison. Choudary preached through online lessons, hiding behind a different group name, Islamic Thinkers Society (ITS). He was arrested after law enforcement officers infiltrated ITS in 2022 and 2023.

“AML was proscribed as a terrorist organisation in the UK in 2010” but continued to operate under different names, such as ITS. Many of his followers are believed to have committed violent acts both in the UK and abroad, and even if he did not directly commit or plan said attacks, his involvement in the organisation was deemed sufficient evidence to prove his intentionality and commitment to the cause.

Choudary appealed his sentence but the judges dismissed his bids, claiming the trial had been fair.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c87574wn93qo> and [https://www.lbc.co.uk/article/anjem-choudary-terror-conviction-5HjdWTW\\_2/](https://www.lbc.co.uk/article/anjem-choudary-terror-conviction-5HjdWTW_2/)

- **12 March 2026 - 16-Year-Old Arrested for Allegedly Supporting the Islamic State**

A 16-year-old boy from Didcot, Oxfordshire, has been arrested through a pre-planned operation on suspicion of him supporting the Islamic State. He was charged with eight counts, including dissemination of a terrorist publication and possession of materials and an article for terrorist purposes.

Upon arrest, he refused the police access to his phone and pleaded non-guilty to all charges. During the raid at his house, he has been found in possession of several weapons, including knives, machetes, a sword, knuckle duster, a suicide bomb vest and IEDs. The hearing is scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

Sources: <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/news/thames-valley/news/2026/march/16-03-26/teenage-boy-charged-in-connection-with-terrorism-offences--didcot/> and <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/news/thames-valley/news/2026/march/09-03-26/teenage-boy-arrested-in-connection-with-terrorism-offence---didcot/> and <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c86yxy388e7o>

- **08 March 2026 - Eastbourne Man Charged with Terrorism Offences for Supporting IS**

Mohammed Abdulkalik Fadil Alazawi, 35, of Bedford Grove in Eastbourne, was arrested by Sussex Police and charged with terrorism offences. This is the result of a pre-planned operation following social-media investigations on Islamic State supporters. He remains in police custody.

Sources: <https://www.theargus.co.uk/news/25917793.eastbourne-man-charged-encouraging-terrorism/> and <https://www.itv.com/news/meridian/2026-03-08/man-from-eastbourne-charged-with-terrorism-offences> and <https://www.aol.com/news/man-charged-terrorism-offences-130704199.html> and <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c7vj9jpl58o>

- **27 February 2026 - Man from Dudley Arrested for Sharing Terrorism Propaganda on Tiktok**

Sardar Shahid, 20, has been charged for possession and distribution of terrorist materials from December 2025 to February 2026 on TikTok. He was also found in possession of a terrorist manual to manufacture explosives. The arrest followed a pre-planned operation.

Sources: <https://www.dudleynews.co.uk/news/25828451.man-charged-terrorism-lye-police-operation/> and <https://www.itv.com/news/central/2026-02-27/tiktoker-20-in-court-over-alleged-posts-showing-terrorist-attacks> and

<https://www.westmidlands.police.uk/news/west-midlands/news/news/2026/february/man-charged-with-terrorism-offences/>

- **13 February 2026 - Islamic State Supporters Convicted for Plotting Attack Against Manchester's Jewish Community**

Walid Saadaoui, 38, and Amar Hussein, 52, were convicted for plotting a terrorist attack on England's Jewish community in the North-West of the country. Alongside, Bilel Saadaoui, 36, Walid Saadaoui's brother, was convicted for not disclosing the information he had about the attack plans to law enforcement. The plotting dates back to 2023, as retaliation for Israel's violence in October 2023. The three men have been prosecuted and trialled by Preston Crown Court.

The successful conviction has been possible also thanks to an undercover operative, who infiltrated the cell and engaged with the two men, pretending to contribute to the planning of the attack and to the logistics to get hold of firearms.

Update from 13 February 2026 - Saadaoui and Hussein have both been 'sentenced life imprisonment with a minimum term of 37 years and 26 years respectively'. Bilel Saadaoui has received a 6-year sentence.

Sources: <https://www.cps.gov.uk/north-west/news/terrorists-convicted-over-plot-targeting-jewish-communities> and <https://www.counterterrorism.police.uk/men-found-guilty-of-planning-a-terrorist-attack-in-manchester/> and <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15554213/ISIS-jihadists-UKs-worst-terror-attack-jailed.html> and <https://www.cps.gov.uk/north-west/news/updated-sentence-terrorists-convicted-over-plot-targeting-jewish-communities>

- **13 February 2026 - Man Convicted in 2013 Released on Parole After 6 Years in Jail**

Zahid Iqbal was convicted in 2013 alongside three other men for plotting an attack at Territorial Army in Luton. He was planning on sending a remotely-controlled toy car with an IED attached, made following the instructions from an al-Qaeda manual. He was supposed to serve a minimum of 11 years and 3 months, for a maximum of 16 years. Thus, he was released 3 years before his maximum sentence. Parole has determined that his release will not constitute a threat to public safety.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c1w5j154ppeo> and <https://www.itv.com/news/anglia/2026-02-12/terrorist-who-plotted-to-use-toy-car-to-blow-up-army-centre-can-be-freed> and <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15548927/Al-Qaeda-inspired-terrorist-plotted-bomb-UK-army-base-free-weeks-prison-officials-saying-dangerous.html>

- **10 February 2026 - 13-Year-Old Boy Stabbed Two Pupils at School in North-West London**

13-year-old boy arrested after stabbing two students and spraying a third one with insect spray. The attacker was not a student of Kingsbury High School in Brent but managed to access the building with a knife and stabbed two students while shouting "Allahu Akbar". He left the scene after the attack but was arrested by the police about 3 hours later. Despite it not being confirmed as an act of terrorism, counter-terrorism police are in charge of the investigation, to assess whether it was ideologically motivated. In the meantime, the boy who carried out the attack has been charged with four counts and remains in police custody.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cge8yxpi7e1o> and <https://news.met.police.uk/news/update-boy-charged-with-attempted-murder-over-school-stabbing-506091> and <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15547775/Attacker-shouted-Allahu-Akbar-stabbing-rampage-London.html> and <https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2026/feb/11/suspect-in-stabbing-of-two-boys-at-north-london-school-is-former-pupil> and <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c2lrpe25ekno>

- **03 February 2026 - Man Arrested in Bristol Accused of Preparing Terrorist Acts Related to The Islamic State**

Mohamed Farah Mohamoud, 21, was arrested on suspicions of travelling to Somalia to become a martyr for the Islamic State. Mohamoud is based in Bristol, but travelled to an ISIS ‘stronghold’ in Somalia for 5 weeks between January and March 2025. The 21-year-old man has been arrested in Bristol home for allegedly wanting to join Daesh, due to his possession of a suspicious item. Neighbours have been advised to leave their properties as a precautionary measure while Explosive Ordinance Disposal attended the premises to remove the item. This arrest is the result of a pre-planned operation and the suspect remains in police custody. The provisional trial date is set for 3 August 2026.

Sources: <https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/news/2026/01/investigation-continues-following-arrest-in-bristol/> and <https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/news/2026/01/investigation-continues-following-arrest-in-bristol/> and <https://www.bristolpost.co.uk/news/bristol-news/bomb-squad-remove-suspicious-item-10769226> and <https://www.tiaa.co.uk/blog/uk-terrorism-threat-update-2026/> and <https://www.hellorayo.co.uk/hits-radio/bristol/news/suspected-islamic-state-extremist-court>

- **29 January 2026 - Anglo-Jihadi Man Arrested for Plotting Attack at Shopping Centre**

Jordan Richardson, 21, a convert inspired by Islamic State propaganda was convicted of multiple terrorism charges at Leeds Crown Court. He converted to Islam in 2024 and quickly became radicalised. Richardson was found to share his ideologies on social media and to have a step-by-step plan on how to carry out an attack. In addition to that, he was found in possession of several weapons and legitimate recipes for mustard gas and TATP. Richardson was proven to have a strong commitment to extremism and radicalisation, as well as the intention to carry out acts of terrorism.

After his arrest through a pre-planned operation in December 2024, he has “been sentenced to life imprisonment with a minimum of 16 years for planning an act of terrorism” on 29th January 2026.

Sources: <https://www.cps.gov.uk/cps/news/islamic-convert-convicted-planning-terror-attack> and <https://www.counterterrorism.police.uk/goole-man-found-guilty-of-planning-a-terrorist-attack/> and <https://www.itv.com/news/calendar/2026-01-29/anglo-jihadi-who-was-planning-terror-attack-jailed-for-life> and <https://www.counterterrorism.police.uk/howden-man-sentenced-for-planning-terrorist-attack/>

- **24 January 2026 - Osama Bin Laden’s Right-Hand Might Be Released on Parole**

Rangzieb Ahmed, a collaborator of Osama bin Laden, was prosecuted in 2008 for his links with the 7/7 London attacks, as well as allegedly having links with the perpetrators of 9/11. He is considered to be the first person “to be charged with directing terrorism in the UK”. Ahmed was born in Rochdale, Greater Manchester, but led a life split between the UK and Pakistan, where he became one of the top UK terrorists in al-Qaeda’s command. In 2008, he received a life sentence, with a minimum of 10 years, during which he took part in a deradicalisation programme, after being denied parole in 2022. However, a parole review is scheduled for February 2026, where the board will assess whether Rangzieb Ahmed is still a public risk or can be released.

Sources: <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/3832366/Al-Qaeda-terror-trial-Rangzieb-Ahmed-was-highest-ranking-al-Qaeda-operative-in-Britain.html> and <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15495177/Al-Qaeda-chief-Britain-Osama-bin-Laden-freed-prison.html> and <https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/38001139/al-qaeda-terror-master-linked-london-bombers-freedom-bid/> and <https://www.gbnews.com/news/rangzieb-ahmed-al-qaeda-chief-released-britain-granted-fresh-hearing> and <https://www.counterextremism.com/extremists/rangzieb-ahmed>

- **16 January 2026 - 18-Year-Old from Wales Arrested for Planning a Terrorist Attack at Oasis Concert**

McKenzie Morgan, 18, was sentenced to 14 months for possession of terrorist materials, including an al-Qaeda Training Manual and for researching how to plan an attack. While there was no sufficient evidence of his ideology, his violent thoughts and the manual were enough to convict him for breaching Section 58 of the Terrorism Act 2000. His arrest had been possible thanks to a Snapchat user that worried about some material shared online that indicated the possibility that Morgan was planning an attack targeting an Oasis concert. He was allegedly inspired by the Southport attacks of July 2024.

Sources: <https://www.judiciary.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/McKENZIE-MORGAN-SENTENCING-REMARKS-PDF.pdf> and <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c4grex82n7ro> and <https://www.gwent.police.uk/news/gwent/news/news/2026/january/cwmbran-teen-sentenced-for-researching-how-to-plan-a-terrorist-attack/>