

# Safe Community Newsletter



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Terrorist Threat
Your Role in CT

Inter-departmental Counter Terrorism Unit (ICTU) was established in 2018 under the coordination of the Security Bureau to enhance Hong Kong's counter-terrorism (CT) capabilities:







Customs and Excise Department



Correctional Services Department



Government Flying Service



Department

#### Responsibilities



Coordinate the CT efforts of various departments



Monitor and analyse global terrorism trends



Provide an inter-departmental CT intelligence coordination platform

ICTU presents you with this information bulletin, so that you can:



Hong Kong

Police Force



Understand the threat that our community may face



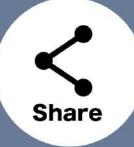
Know what steps should be taken to keep our community safe

### THE TERRORIST THREAT

Both global and local terrorism landscapes are complex and fast-changing. We need to be especially aware that:



Hong Kong, being an international metropolis, has a target-rich environment





Self-radicalisation and "lone-wolf" terrorists have increasingly been a threat across the world







Advance Planning



Use of Simple Weapons



Hard to Detect



### 3 RECENT "LONE-WOLF" ATTACKS





2021-10-13

Oslo, Norway

5 deaths

3 injured

Target: Civilian

Weapons: Bow, arrow

and bladed weapon

Ideology: Islamist

extremism



2021-11-14

Liverpool, the UK

1 injured

**Target: Civilian** 

Weapons: Improvised

explosives

Ideology: Unknown



2021-10-15

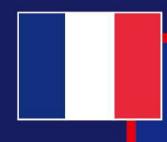
Essex, the UK <u>1</u> death Target: Member of

Parliament

Weapons: Knife

Ideology: Islamist

extremism



2021-11-08

Cannes, France

1 injured

Target: Police

Weapons: Knife

Ideology: Islamist

extremism

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

The threat posed by "lone-wolves" motivated by extremist ideologies is emerging. As such, it takes the concerted effort of every sector to effectively build a safe community. Your invaluable support and participation count.

Do not underestimate your role in counter terrorism. You may be the first one to come across a suspicious circumstance in your neighbourhood.



Terrorist activities can be summarised into four categories represented by an acronym 'SPOT'.

Terrorism-related activities include:

**Support** 



Provide funding or venue for terrorist/extremist groups

Spot and Report

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### Preparation

- Purchase or store unusual amount of chemicals, electronic parts or flammable liquid
- Purchase or manufacture weapons, firearms or explosives
- Research, learn, test or discuss tactics for attack
- Conduct reconnaissance, such as taking pictures/videos of the access routes and security facilites (e.g. CCTV)

### Online Materials

 Publish attacks guidelines or weapon manuals, spread extreme hatred ideologies, advocate the use of extreme violence on online platforms

### Terrorist Ideologies

- Express support for terrorism
- Possess or display terrorism-related items (including flags and propaganda materials such as posters and videos)

Report terrorism-related information via the following channels:

e-report:



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WeChat: **NSD62717171**SMS: **62717171** 

如屬緊急 In an emergency







Safeguard HK, Security Bureau Mobile App

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