



COMMUNITY INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN — FOR PUBLIC RELEASE

For Community Awareness at Places of Worship & FBOs

PRIORITY ELEVATED

SCOPE

Faith-Based Orgs
Statewide

DISTRIBUTION

PUBLIC; MEDIA

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Open-source and official reporting indicate a recent spike among persistent messaging by foreign terrorist organizations (FTOs) encouraging lone-actor violence against Western targets, including Christian congregations and houses of worship. While such propaganda spikes periodically, there is no specific, credible threat naming a local congregation at this time. The overall risk to faith-based organizations (FBOs) is assessed as elevated in the near term, due to increased calls for targeted violence and copycat potential.

KEY POINTS

- Recent online communications involving FTOs and extremist groups have urged followers and sympathizers to target Western churches/FBOs; timing and specificity vary.
- Historically, communication spikes have preceded attacks and attempts by self-initiated individuals (lone actors) in the U.S.
- Federal authorities continue to investigate threats and do not publicly disclose details during active cases.

WHAT'S NEW (Last 7–14 Days)

- Intelligence has identified FTO and extremist communications and propaganda calling for targeted violence against Christians, FBOs, and places of worship in the U.S.
- There have been past U.S. attacks where threat actors referenced being motivated by similar propaganda.
- No specific local target or date has been identified at the time of publishing this brief.

CONTEXT

Propaganda and communications from FTOs and extremist groups are designed to inspire attacks by extremists and sympathizers globally, and can inspire lone actor and copycat behavior. While most viewers and consumers of this propaganda calling for violence do not act; a small subset will self-initiate planning an attack. Public response and messaging should be measured and practical, focusing on everyday readiness without amplifying fear. Community partners should maintain calm vigilance, and reinforce visible safety and security measures.

Numerous reports and sources describe an elevated environment but do not cite specific local targets. A 2024 DOJ case in Idaho illustrates that U.S. based threat actors have attempted to operationalize propaganda with varying outcomes. An NCTC (Sept 2025) publication noted recent calls by al-Qa'ida for specific attacks against targets inside the U.S., reinforcing a broader threat context.

ACTIONS FOR FAITH & COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- Visible guardianship: increased safety and security measures; trained greeter/monitor at the main entrance; keep non-primary doors closed/monitored during services.
- Rehearse a 10-minute usher/greeter briefing: indicators, how to report, evacuations, and safe meeting points.
- Lighting & sightlines: check parking lots and approaches before/after services; trim vegetation that obscures views or cameras.

HOW TO REPORT / GET HELP

- If You See Something, Say Something!
- For emergencies/threats in progress, dial 911.
- Non-emergency/suspicious activity: local non-emergency line or official tip portal.
- Online threats: preserve screenshots/URLs/messages; do not engage the poster/sender; report to law enforcement.

SOURCES & ATTRIBUTION (public, non-sensitive)

- DHS (Mar 2025): FTOs retain capability/intent to inspire attacks in the homeland.
- NTAS (Jun 2025): elevated environment; multiple geopolitical drivers.
- NCTC (Sept 2025): recent al-Qa'ida calls; enduring threat climate.
- [Sensitive and Proprietary Sources Removed]



Current Islamic State (FTO) Propaganda Calling for U.S. Targeted Violence