

Review of MIVD & AIVD threat assessment reports

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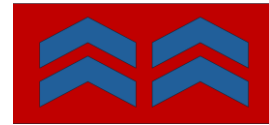
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Introductory remarks

April '26 has observed the publication of the annual threat assessment reports of both the Military and the General Dutch Intelligence and Security Services: the MIVD and the AIVD. The coordination of their publication as well as the cross-references and observed overlaps in certain analysed and presented themes, such as threats coming from state actors, extremism and cyberthreats, indicate, on the one side, as others have rightly noted, the increasing difficulty to separate military and civilian targets in the new era of warfare and on the other side, the increasing need for coordination between the civilian and military sectors to counter these threats. Considerable overlap between the two reports indicate on the one hand the need for a collaborative approach in addressing complex threats and on the other similar structural challenges that the services need to address concomitantly.

This observation regarding interconnectedness reverberates across multiple channels and presents itself in different degrees of visibility. Economy, energy, technology, migration, politics, all become weaponized and, individually or cumulatively, become threats to national security.

The reports have received attention from national and international audiences. Their open positioning has a signalling function in terms of capabilities and alertness levels (much like the public messaging of the UK government and military “We see you!” in response to Russian activity in British waters at the beginning of April 2026). Yet, applying the principle, “don’t make the enemy any wiser”, what is not found in the two reports and what can be read in between the lines is just as important, if not more so, than what is written.



The full report is found at:

<https://share.ziggo.nl/ajax/share/0b0d16e40229034eb3dbba9229034475a3c58835903c83b9/1/8/MTI5>

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