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**THE STATE OF
RADICALIZATION, EXTREMISM, AND
VIOLENT EXTREMISM IN MALAYSIA
2021-2022**

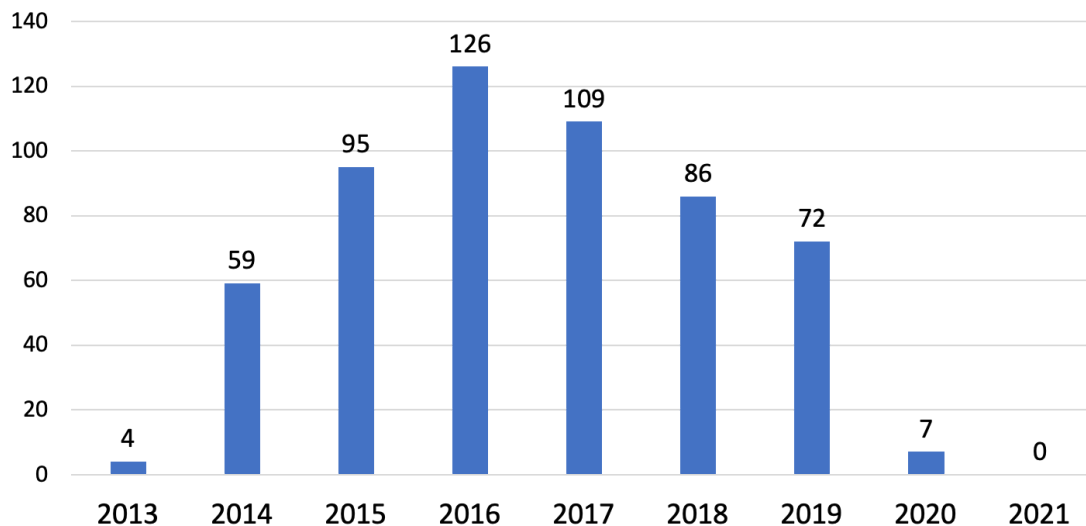
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STATISTICS

Statistics of Arrest Terrorism-related offences from 2013-2021: Source: Counter-Terrorism Division (E8), Royal Malaysia Police (2021).



- 2021 to February 2022 indicate zero arrest.
- Several factors contribute to the reduction: CVE campaign, public awareness, Covid-19 lockdown, and preventive drive by Malaysian police.
- Zero arrest does not reflect online activities leading to radicalization. Radicalization drive continues on the social media platform.
- The above statistic shows the arrest involved religious-oriented radicalization and individuals.

CURRENT UPDATES

ONLINE RADICALIZATION

- In addition to political and religious-oriented radicalization - the presence of extremist narratives centered on religious, racial, and political issues - health-oriented radicalization is growing - using social media platform and smartphone applications to spread their messages and narratives.
- Social media platform and smartphone application (Whatsapps and Telegram) are employed as incubators for radicalization.
- Spreading the message of anti-vaccination based on the conspiracy theories, end of times, and major catastrophe.



CURRENT UPDATES

RETURNING FIGHTERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Malaysia still adopts repatriation policy for its citizens in Syria. However, the operation stopped during the Covid-19 lockdown since late 2019 until now.

At least 24 individuals, consisting of male, female and small children detained in al-Howl and Roj Camp in Syria.

9 individuals, two females and small children expressing their intention to return to Malaysia. The repatriation arrangement is still on-going given the current constraints.



NATIONAL ACTION PLAN FOR PCVE

- Malaysia has initiated the development of National Action Plan for Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (NAPPCVE) led by the Ministry of Home Affairs and Institute of Public Security of Malaysia (IPSOM), in collaboration with researchers from Malaysian public universities.
- The NAPPCVE focuses on prevention, building resilience, law enforcement, and rehabilitation.
- The project would end by April 2022.

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