

70 British Islamic State recruits plotting attacks in UK: Report

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London: Around 70 of the 350 British terror suspects who travelled to Syria to join IS and returned home may be plotting attacks in the UK, a report said on Thursday.

Scott Wilson, a senior UK home office official and national co-ordinator of the Protect and Prepare counter- terrorism programmes, told the Security and Counter Terror Expo in London that these suspects pose a "high risk" to Britain.

I cannot answer where it is going to go. It [the terrorism threat] is going to be with us for a long, long time," he said this week.

According to The Times, he indicated that a fifth of the 350 so-called returning terror suspects were "high threat" extremists and are suspected of plotting or wanting to carry out attacks in Britain.

They are also keen to spread the extremist group's propaganda and seek new recruits in the UK.

More than 800 British extremists are believed to have joined IS in Iraq and Syria.

Meanwhile, an analysis by "The Daily Telegraph" found that one in three terrorists convicted of plotting attacks on British soil were able to enter the UK after training abroad.

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