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Soft Target Security Brief — Practitioner Edition

10 APRIL 2026 | What You Need to Know Right Now

PREP-CON 3 — ELEVATED

General preparedness posture elevated

PASSOVER WINDOW OPEN

13–21 April 2026 — NOW ACTIVE

COMCON 4 — WATCH

Monitor backup comms channels

BOTTOM LINE UP FRONT

Three things are happening RIGHT NOW that change your security calculus:

- 1. An ISIS-inspired IED attack was attempted at a public crowd in New York City on 7 March.** The device contained TATP — a military-grade explosive. It failed due to a construction error, not interdiction. The suspects' backup target list included **festivals, parades, and any crowded public gathering.**
- 2. Passover begins tonight (13 April) and runs through 21 April.** The Secure Community Network recorded 8,000+ direct online calls for violence against Jewish institutions in a single six-day period in March — the highest ever tracked. An FBI investigation into a neo-Nazi plot to stab families at Passover Seder gatherings remains open with no arrests.
- 3. The Iran war ceasefire (8 April) does NOT reduce your threat level.** Lone actors, domestic extremists, and ISIS-inspired individuals do not respond to diplomatic agreements. The ceasefire is fragile. Treat the current environment as unchanged.

SOURCE: [SCN — 8,000 Calls for Violence / DHS Kozma Briefing](#) · [FBI Hate Crime Data via SCN](#) · [Iran Ceasefire — NPR](#)

CURRENT ACTIVE THREATS — APRIL 2026

THREAT	STATUS	WHAT IT MEANS — SOURCES
ISIS-Inspired TATP IED Attack <i>New York City Mar 7 / Indicted Apr 7</i>	INDICTED APR 7	TATP devices failed by accident — not interdiction. Alternate target list: festivals, parades, protests, celebrations. Any outdoor public gathering now carries an IED threat vector. DOJ Indictment — Balat & Kayumi · BNO News — IED Details · Philadelphia Inquirer — Indictment
Neo-Nazi Passover Seder Stabbing Plot <i>United States Active — FBI Investigating</i>	FBI INVEST. ONGOING NO ARRESTS	Cell planned stabbing attack on Seder gatherings, called for mimicking the Nova Festival massacre. Window: 13–21 April — open now. If your facility hosts or neighbors any Passover event, you are in the threat footprint. Israel Hayom — FBI Neo-Nazi Passover Plot Foiled · Fox News — Jewish Communities on High Alert · NYPD Commissioner Tisch — Elevated Alert
Vehicle Ramming — Houses of Worship <i>Michigan Confirmed Active Method</i>	ACTIVE THREAT METHOD	Vehicle ramming hit two Michigan houses of worship within six months using the same template. If a vehicle can reach your main entrance at speed, that is your highest-priority unaddressed vulnerability. Wikipedia — Temple Israel Attack · PBS NewsHour — Synagogue & ODU Attacks · CISA — Vehicle Ramming Resource Guide (DHS)
Coordinated School Attack Planning — Juveniles <i>Ellensburg, WA Mar 17 Case Ongoing</i>	CASE ONGOING	Two 14-year-olds arrested with attack diagrams, named target lists, and a completed weapons-screening breach test. A student testing whether a weapon passes through your screening is already in the attack planning phase. Same-day law enforcement notification required. Education Week — 2026 School Shootings Tracker · K-12 Dive — School Safety 2026
Principal Shot by Former Student <i>Pauls Valley, OK Apr 7, 2026</i>	OCCURRED 3 DAYS AGO	Former student accessed campus and shot the principal. Former students, terminated employees, and banned individuals require active access-denial — not assumptions. Staff should never confront an armed or potentially armed person alone. Education Week — School Shootings Tracker 2026 (Apr 7 Entry)

IS Terrorism — University / Military Program




Old Dominion University, VA | Mar 12

**ATTACK OCCURRED
ACTOR DEAD**

Convicted IS supporter released early targeted a ROTC classroom. **Cadets who engaged the attacker stopped additional casualties. Trained responders who act save lives — every training investment has a measurable return.**

[PBS NewsHour — ODU Shooting](#) · [Wikipedia — 2026 ODU Shooting](#)

WHAT TO DO NOW — BY SECURITY ROLE

 CHURCH & HOUSE OF WORSHIP	 SCHOOL & CAMPUS SECURITY	 COMMERCIAL PROPERTY / EVENTS
<p>PASSOVER WINDOW — ACTIVE NOW If your facility hosts or neighbors any Jewish organization event this week: contact your FBI field office liaison today. No liaison? Establish it today.</p> <p>VEHICLE BARRIERS Two Michigan houses of worship hit by the same vehicle-ramming template six months apart. If a vehicle can reach your main entrance at speed, that is your highest unaddressed vulnerability.</p> <p>ARMED SECURITY Temple Israel: armed guards prevented mass casualties among 140 children. Grand Blanc LDS: no armed response — 4 killed. The data is in.</p> <p>OUTDOOR EVENTS Any outdoor church event this spring carries an IED threat vector. Implement perimeter control and bag checks for any gathering over 50 people.</p> <p>SCN Security Recommendations · CISA Houses of Worship Security Guide</p>	<p>BREACH-TEST BEHAVIOR Ellensburg WA: students tested weapon concealment through screening before planning their attack. A student testing your screening is in the planning phase. Same-day law enforcement call — not a 24-hour review.</p> <p>FORMER STUDENT ACCESS Pauls Valley OK: former student shot the principal three days ago. Audit your restricted persons list. All staff must know the protocol and must not confront alone.</p> <p>ANONYMOUS REPORTING Anonymous tip systems consistently outperform staff detection. If yours is not actively promoted, promote it this week.</p> <p>TRAINING CURRENCY ODU ROTC: trained individuals who responded stopped the attack. If your last all-staff Run-Hide-Fight drill was more than 90 days ago, schedule it now.</p> <p>Sandy Hook Promise — Say Something · CISA K-12 School Security Guide</p>	<p>OUTDOOR / EVENT VENUES Gracie Mansion suspects listed festivals, parades, and celebrations as alternate IED targets. If you manage any outdoor public event this spring, bag screening and IED awareness are no longer optional.</p> <p>CROWD ACCESS CONTROL Implement standoff and bag checks for gatherings over 50. Train staff to recognize suspicious items: sealed glass jars, duct tape, heavy fuses, unexpected weight.</p> <p>VEHICLE STANDOFF Any commercial property with high foot traffic and street-level access should evaluate vehicle barriers. Bollards and jersey barriers are life-safety infrastructure.</p> <p>REPORT IT Something out of place — a person loitering, an unattended bag, an unusual vehicle — call it in.</p> <p>tips.fbi.gov · CISA Bomb Threat Guidance · DHS Soft Target Security Guide</p>

FULL SOURCE REGISTRY — THIS EDITION

ISIS IED / Gracie Mansion

- [DOJ — Balat & Kayumi Charged \(Mar 9, 2026\)](#)
- [DOJ — Balat & Kayumi Indictment \(Apr 7, 2026\)](#)
- [BNO News — IED details & casualty projection](#)
- [The Philadelphia Inquirer — Indictment detail](#)
- [CNN — Gracie Mansion indictment coverage](#)
- [ABC7 NY — Indictment announcement](#)

Passover / Neo-Nazi Plot / Jewish Institution Threat

- [Israel Hayom — FBI Neo-Nazi Passover Plot Foiled](#)
- [Jewish Insider — DHS Kozma SCN Briefing](#)
- [Fox News — Jewish Communities High Alert / Passover](#)
- [Times of Israel — 14 Diaspora Incidents March 2026 / 8,000 calls for violence](#)
- [NBC News — Temple Israel Prepared](#)
- [SCN — Jewish Summer Camps / FBI Hate Crime Data](#)
- [ADL — Decade of Attacks on Synagogues](#)
- [ADL — Jewish Community Unprecedented Threat Environment](#)
- [ADL — Canada Tipping Point MAR 2026](#)

Temple Israel / Vehicle Ramming

- [Wikipedia — Temple Israel Synagogue Attack](#)
- [PBS NewsHour — Synagogue Attack & ODU Shooting Security Analysis](#)
- [CNN — Michigan Synagogue Attack Live Coverage](#)
- [AP / WSFA — DHS Confirms Ghazali ID](#)
- [The Conversation — Violent Acts in Houses of Worship Data](#)

ODU ROTC / University Security

- [PBS NewsHour — ROTC Students Killed Shooter](#)
- [Wikipedia — 2026 Old Dominion University Shooting](#)

School Security

- [Education Week — School Shootings 2026 Tracker](#)
- [K-12 Dive — School Shootings 2025 / Safety 2026](#)

Khan / Brooklyn Jewish Center Plot

- [DOJ — Khan Guilty Plea \(Apr 8, 2026\)](#)
- [Washington Post — Khan Plea](#)
- [UPI — Khan Guilty Plea](#)

Iran War / Ceasefire Context

- [NPR — US-Iran Ceasefire Agreement](#)
- [Al Jazeera — Ceasefire Terms](#)
- [Wikipedia — 2026 Iran War](#)
- [CFR — Iran Strikes Homeland Security Implications](#)
- [CTC West Point — Bondi Attack & IS Strategic Shifts](#)

Soufan Center / Analytical

- [The Soufan Center — 2026 Terrorism Trends](#)

Prior STSB Editions (Full Intelligence Record)

- [STSB Vol. 1, Issue 2 — 04 April 2026 \(internal\)](#)
- [STSB Vol. 1, Issue 3 — 10 April 2026 \(internal\)](#)
- [Fortune Favors the Prepared — Full Product Suite](#)

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