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[FB-ISAO Current Threat Level](#)

FB-ISAO Physical Threat Level:

Guarded

FB-ISAO has assessed the general Physical Threat Level for US Faith-Based Organizations as “SEVERE.” As per FB-ISAO’s definitions of the Physical Threat Levels, “SEVERE” means that an event is highly likely.

Please note that the Pandemic Threat Level has been lowered to [Guarded](#).

FB-ISAO Cyber Threat Level:

Guarded

FB-ISAO has assessed the general Cyber Threat Level for US Faith-Based Organizations as “GUARDED.” As per FB-ISAO’s definitions of the Cyber Threat Levels, “GUARDED” means FB-ISAO is unaware of any specific events, but a general risk of incidents exists.

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FB-ISAO Newsletter

FB-ISAO is Five Years Strong!

Happy Anniversary to the Faith-Based Information Sharing and Analysis Organization. 18 April 2023, marks five years of serving the community of faith with information, analysis, and capabilities to help reduce risk while enhancing preparedness, security, and resilience across all-faiths and all-hazards. Our members include Houses of Worship, Charities, Faith-Based Schools, and their affiliated organizations. We are five years strong!



On our 5-year anniversary, it is befitting to acknowledge, and to thank our members for their tireless efforts to support one another - the FB-ISAO community is centered on a teach and learn approach. Our members are supported by our many partners on the federal, state, and local level who also participate in collaborating to build a strong and resilient community. Our [Board of Advisors](#) has been steadfast in their support of our work. And thanks to our [Board of Directors](#) who volunteer their time to provide strategic direction and oversight of general business operations which includes fiscal oversight.

Help us celebrate!

Add your comments to our [Kudoboard!](#)

Over the course of the next five years, we will continue to build on this growing and thriving community of collaborators and contributors - we must - as no one person, or group, has all the answers when it comes to securing faith-based organizations - we must work together across faiths and denominations to provide a nurturing environment for the entire community to work together to seek those many right answers.

Reduce the threat.

Protect the free practice of faith.

FB-ISAO Advisory Board

Get to Know the Board of Advisors

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Not Yet a Member of FB-ISAO?

[How to join...](#)

Not Yet on FB-ISAO Slack? You Need to Be!

[Write to membership](#)

Upcoming FB-ISAO Events

Office Hours Meeting Invitations sent to all members via email.	Every Tuesday at 1:00pm ET
Coaching Session: How We Can Make a Difference	19 April at 2:00pm ET
2023 Educational Series: A Culture of Security	Monthly, the first Wednesday of each month at 12:00pm ET



Faith-Based Organizations Continue to Be Targets of Hostile Events: Mass Shooting at the Covenant School

By Sadie-Anne Jones, Gate 15 Analyst

Faith-Based Organizations continue to be targets for violence and hostile events. By far, the most prevalent of these hostile events have been in the form of violence and low-tech terrorism such as fall-out from protests and the repercussions of the June 2022 ruling in the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* Supreme Court case, commonly known as the Dobbs ruling. There have been seven notable attacks in the past five years - the mass shooting at the Covenant School marks the eighth notable attack. A mass shooting is defined as [three or more killings](#) in a single incident.

On 05 April, the Faith-Based Information Sharing and Analysis Organization published a case study on the hostile event at the Covenant School that resulted in the deaths of six individuals. The **TLP:AMBER** case study was distributed to members using our report distribution platform. The case study evaluates the threat actor's actions against the Hostile Events Attack Cycle (HEAC) and calls out additional suspicious indicators that could be used to help organizations train employees on identifying suspicious activities leading up to a hostile event that could disrupt their planning. The HEAC is a 7-step process that threat actors go through, consciously, or not, in planning and executing an attack. It begins with Initial Target Considerations and goes through the attack and sometimes the escape. For more details about the HEAC, please reference Gate 15 White Paper on [The Hostile Event Attack Cycle](#) (HEAC), 2021 Update.

To read the entire post, [follow this link](#).

To receive the **TLP:AMBER** report, please join our vibrant community of security practitioners who are working hard to secure their own faith-based organization and who are also contributing to securing the community of faith as a whole. [Membership information is available here](#).



Spotlight: Resources

Our members share valuable resources on our collaborative workspace EVERY DAY! Recently, SOAR, an organization dedicated to strengthening the security and resilience of at-risk religious sites and communities, published, "Incident Management Guide for Faith Communities." The Guide is made up of seven parts and is a great resource on a variety of incident management sub-topics. The [SOAR resource](#) is available here.

The FB-ISAO maintains an extensive library of resources which is available here. The [resource library](#) is broken out and organized along topics such as physical threat, preparedness, cybersecurity, and insider threat. The resources library is reviewed and updated periodically.