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Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security

Review of the listing of IS-KP and re-listing of al-Murabitun as terrorist organisations under the Criminal Code

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Committee supports listing, re-listing of terrorist organisations

The Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security has today tabled its report supporting the listing of Islamic State Khorasan Province and the re-listing of al-Murabitun as terrorist organisations under the *Criminal Code*.

The listing of an organisation under the *Criminal Code* makes it a criminal offence to be a member of, participate in or provide support to the organisation.

Islamic State Khorasan Province (IS-KP) is a recognised partner of Islamic State that follows an extreme interpretation of Islam and adheres to Islamic State's global jihadist ideology. With an estimated membership of 11,000 members, its primary objective is to establish the province of Khorasan (a region encompassing Afghanistan, Pakistan and Central Asia) as part of the global caliphate of Islamic State. IS-KP receives direct funding from Islamic State and has claimed responsibility for a number of attacks since 2015, including suicide bomb attacks in Afghanistan and Pakistan. This is the first time the Australian Government has listed IS-KP as a terrorist organisation.

Al-Murabitun is an al-Qa'ida aligned Sunni Islamic terrorist group that is committed to enforcing Shariah law in West Africa and uniting Muslims and Islamic movements across Africa against non-Muslim and secular influences. The Australian Government first declared al-Murabitun a terrorist organisation in November 2014. Since then, al-Murabitun has re-affirmed its allegiance to al-Qa'ida and continued to conduct attacks, including armed attacks and bombings, in West Africa. Its activities are funded through smuggling, connections with other terrorist organisations and kidnapping for ransom. In 2016, the group kidnapped Australian citizens Jocelyn and Kenneth Elliott in an attempt to gain the release of al-Murabitun captives.

Following consideration of publicly available material, the Committee was satisfied that Islamic State Khorasan Province and al-Murabitun meet the thresholds to be listed as terrorist organisations.

The Committee's report can be obtained from the Committee's [website](#).

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