

Experts: Vigilance key after Noordin death

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The recent death of terror suspect Noordin Mohammad Top in Indonesia should not limit the country's fight against militant activity, experts say.

Rohan Gunaratna, head of the International Center for Political Violence and Terrorism Research, warned that despite Noordin's death in a police raid Thursday, the threat of militant attacks in Indonesia remains high, The Christian Science Monitor reported Friday.

"Indonesia may become complacent after his death. But the threat is far from over," Gunaratna said.

Noordin was tabbed as one of the organizers of the July 17 suicide bombings of the JW Marriott and Ritz-Carlton hotels in Jakarta. He also was linked to a 2003 Jakarta bombing and an attack on the Australian Embassy in 2004.

Noor Huda Ismail, head of the International Institute for Peacebuilding in Indonesia, said while Noordin's track record helped his terrorist efforts, there are other individuals with deadly credentials.

"When he recruited someone, he had a track record (in terrorism). There are other individuals who have credentials and charisma, but they don't have the same track record as Noordin," he said.