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# THE DHS BULLETIN

This is a special edition of the DHS Bulletin to mark the implementation of the National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS), which Secretary Napolitano announced today in New York City. The DHS Bulletin provides up to date information on the Department of Homeland Security initiatives on which the news media is focused. The Bulletin draws from press releases, statements, op-eds, testimony and other public documents to provide an overview of the most newsworthy topics.

## **ISSUES IN THE HEADLINES**

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### **TODAY AT 11:30 a.m. EST: SECRETARY NAPOLITANO WILL FORMALLY ANNOUNCE IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL TERRORISM ADVISORY SYSTEM IN NEW YORK CITY**

Secretary Napolitano will announce today the implementation of the National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS) – a robust terrorism advisory system that provides timely information to the public about credible terrorist threats and replaces the former color-coded alert system – and emphasize the critical role of all Americans in keeping our country safe.

- “NTAS is built on a clear and simple premise: When a threat develops that could impact you – the public – we will tell you.” (quote by Secretary Napolitano – [The Blog @ Homeland Security](#))
- “The National Terrorism Advisory System, developed in close collaboration with our federal, state, local, tribal and private sector partners, will provide the American public with information about credible threats so that they can better protect themselves, their families, and their communities.” (quote by Secretary Napolitano – [DHS press release](#))

**[Read Secretary Napolitano’s blog post on NTAS on the DHS Blog](#)**

### **WHAT IS NTAS?**

Under NTAS, DHS will coordinate with other federal entities to issue detailed alerts to the public – through the [NTAS webpage](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and the news media – when the federal government receives information about a credible terrorist threat.

NTAS Alerts will provide a concise summary of the threat – including geographic region, mode of transportation and critical infrastructure potentially affected, actions being taken to ensure public

safety, and steps that individuals, communities, businesses and governments can take to help prevent, mitigate or respond to the threat.

NTAS Alerts will also include a clear statement on the nature of the threat:

- An **elevated** threat warns of a credible terrorist threat against the U.S.
- An **imminent** threat warns of a credible, specific, and impending terrorist threat against the U.S.

[Read more in the NTAS Public Guide](#)

[View a sample NTAS Alert](#)

[View examples of new NTAS posters that will appear in airports and other public venues](#)

#### **WATCH: SECRETARY NAPOLITANO TALKS ABOUT NTAS ON THE MORNING SHOWS**

This morning, Secretary Napolitano sat down with [NBC's Today Show](#) and [MSNBC's Morning Joe](#) to talk about NTAS.

- “We want this to be a shared responsibility with the citizenry of our country to make sure that they are aware, that they are helping and that they know what to do to help themselves.”  
(quote by Secretary Napolitano – NBC’s [Today Show](#))

**TONIGHT: Don’t miss Secretary Napolitano on CNN’s *The Situation Room with Wolf Blitzer* between 5 and 7 p.m. EDT, and on Fox News’s *The O’Reilly Factor* between 8 and 11 p.m. EDT.**

#### **[SIGN UP TO RECEIVE NTAS ALERTS](#)**

As Secretary Napolitano said, “Everyone has a role to play in our shared security, and the new NTAS system will provide Americans with the information they need to play their role.” Sign up to receive NTAS Alerts on the [NTAS webpage](#), or follow alerts on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

***Still have questions? Find the answers on the [NTAS webpage](#).***

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