Lone Wolf Attacks - Israel's Methods

What is the issue?

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- While it is impossible to prevent a lone wolf-style terror attack there are ways to mitigate the damage caused.
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- Security measures implemented by Israel to deal with erratic attacks are worthy of emulation.
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What are Israel’s tactics?

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- Transforming a motor vehicle into a simple but deadly weapon has long been a favoured terror tactic by Palestinians in Israel.
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- In the wake of these attacks, Israeli officials began using concrete blocks or metal barriers to seal off areas for given periods of time.
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- Another tactic taken by the Israelis is to proactively arrest alleged terrorists based on their profiles and their social media postings.
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- While the tactic has raised questions about the impingement on people’s personal freedoms, it is seen as an effective way to combat lone wolfs.
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What are the European countries adopting these?

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- Europen countries that have been targets of vehicular-terror attacks, have ramped up their security measures and drafted guidelines for safety.
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- European Commission has focus on funneling $116 million to city security initiatives across the continent.
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- Paris extendede the security perimeter around the Eiffel Tower to include public gardens around and erected bullet proofing walls.
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- In UK, barricades have been installed on the city’s Waterloo, Westminster and Lambeth bridges.
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- Obstructions are being put in place to bolster security at Christmas markets during the holiday season.
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- The U.S is also expected to see a heightened security presence in the next few months and many more physical barriers.
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- These actions are as much to assuage the public’s concern as it is to ensure safety and deter terrorists.
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