

Pro-ISIS group posts ominous message showing Long Island cricket stadium set to host World Cup

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Authorities plan to ramp up police presence at cricket watch parties and the FBI's Nassau County office will work on security with NYPD and other local law enforcement partners leading up to next month's ICC World Cup 2024 after a pro-ISIS outlet posted a graphic featuring host venue Eisenhower Stadium and an ominous message, a senior law enforcement official familiar with the investigation said Tuesday.



The image purportedly included the new 34,000-seat venue, which is about 25 miles east of New York City, and drones flying, with text indicating,

“You wait for matches and we wait for you.” It mentioned June 9. That one's a major rivalry – India vs. Pakistan – and not only is a big crowd is expected to watch in person, but a billion people could tune in worldwide.

The senior law enforcement official says there's no evidence of any plot specifically targeting the World Cup (qualifying action soon to get underway) or a specific game on June 9. The

ISIS symbolism was notable, the official said.

According to the senior law enforcement official, the intelligence assessment is that ISIS hopes for violence, and hopes it can incite someone to do something by circulating its propaganda. The terror group is known for using chaos to fuel its sinister efforts across the globe. Maybe someone will feel moved to attack, they hope, the official said.

“The worst threats are the ones you don’t see coming,” said former Homeland Security Advisor Michael Balboni. He believes the non-specific threat is meant to stir up chaos and get their followers to act.