

T.O. low risk as target: Expert

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TORONTO IS likely low on the list of potential terrorist targets, an international counter-terrorism expert says.

"Canada is not exactly high on the probability list, and I'm not trying to insult Canada or Toronto," said Gunnar Kuepper, chief of operations with Emergency & Disaster Management, a Los Angeles-based consultant firm.

"Attacking a city like Washington, London or New York would make a much more powerful statement to the world."

'YOU CAN BE WRONG'

Kuepper -- in Toronto to speak at an annual Association of Trial Lawyers of America conference today -- said intelligence experts can predict upcoming terrorist attacks, to a point.

"You really can predict terrorist activity, but you can't predict exactly where and when," Kuepper said.

"And you can be wrong," he said, pointing to various false alarms since 9/11.

Kuepper believes the only way to really prevent terrorism is for spy agencies to infiltrate terrorist groups.

"All these (anti-terrorism) laws work against the good guys. We search the good people to find the bad people," he said. "We should put all our resources into really going after the bad people, the people organizing these attacks."