

# SASCE - SAFER AND STRONGER COMMUNITIES IN EUROPE

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Report



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The SASCE project is a multi-layered approach aiming to increase security in and around places of worship, as well as within and between Christian, Buddhist, Muslim and Jewish communities. For the first time, representatives of the four faith communities will be working together on a common project to enhance security; the project is funded by the European Commission. The report monitors and analyses major developments in terrorism, counterterrorism, threats and hostility directed towards the four communities across Europe during the month of April aiming to increase awareness and understanding of the current trends.

## CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES – DATA COLLECTED AND SUBMITTED BY THE CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN CHURCHES (CEC)

### Austria

**Date 22 April 2022**—The information below appeared first on the telegram of the Evangelical Methodist Church in Linz. It is possible that the comments are influenced by extreme right-wing ideology. Telegram is widely used by right-wing extremists to spread their messages. On the review section of the Church's Google search, it appears a negative comment saying 'cucks' – which was reported to Google, and it was removed within an hour. On Telegram there was no possibility to report such kind of the hate messages.

The case was reported to the police and the protector will decide if he will process it. The case was reported 23 of April.

Safari Ablage Bearbeiten Darstellung Verlauf Lesezeichen Entwickler Fenster Hilfe

Fr. 22. Apr. 06:04 martinus

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Google Evangelisch-methodistische Kirche, Gemeinde Linz

Auf Rezension antworten

Lucy Morgenstern 1 Rezension • 0 Fotos ★★★★ Vor 1 Stunde Cucks (Übersetzt von Google) Cucks

Evangelisch-methodistische Kirche, Gemeinde Linz Inhaber

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Fr. 22. Apr. 06:58 martinus

Awoo~ online

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Heute 04:53

Awoo~



Na, wie schmecken die Niggerschwänze, du judengottabeter Christcuck?

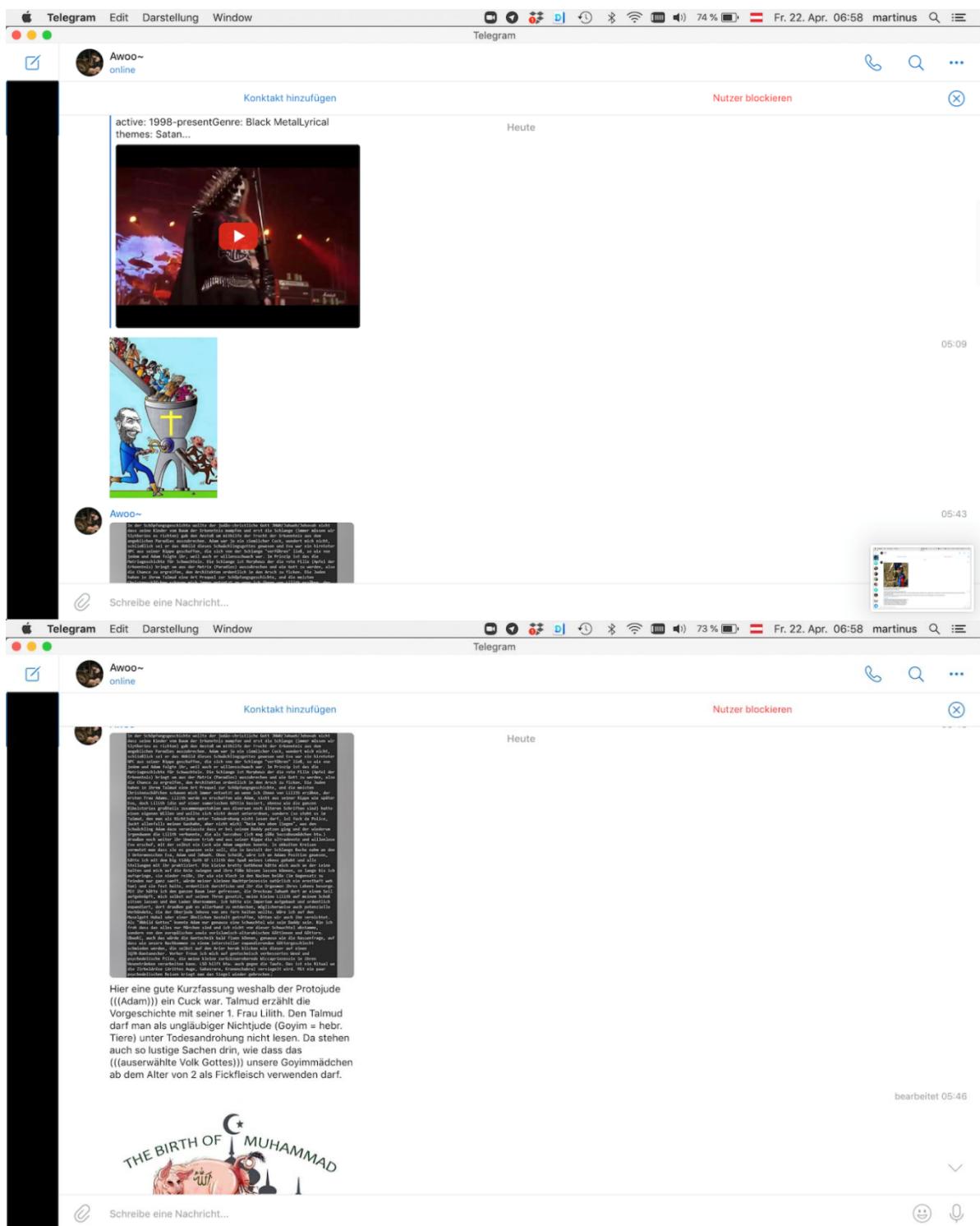
Lieber ein Wolf Odins als ein Lamm ((Gottes)). Im Counterjihad gegen die Mohomedaner seid ihr devoten Wangenhalter jedenfalls nicht zu gebrauchen, im Gegenteil. Ihr betreibt Wehrkraftersetzung mit dem Verbreiten eurer Sklavenmoral.

Sobald wir Men in Black mit dem doppelten Blitzding wieder an der Macht sind, geht's ab nach Madagaskar mit euch Judendienern!

<https://youtu.be/6ahQWhJCvhk>

YouTube SATANIC WARMMASTER (Finland) Music: Wolves of Blood and Iron (Official Video, Stelfest 2018) Country of origin: Finland Location: Lappeenranta, Etelä-Karjala Formed in: 1998 Status: Active Years active: 1998-present Genre: Black Metal Lyrical

Schreibe eine Nachricht...



In der Schöpfungsgeschichte wollte der judao-christliche Gott JHWH/Jahwe/jehovah nicht dass seine Kinder vom Baum der Erkenntnis mampfen und erst die Schlange (immer müssen wir Slytherins es richten) gab den Anstoß um mithilfe der Frucht der Erkenntnis in den Baum zu kriechen. Der Gott schuf Eva aus einer Rippe seines Armes, die schlafend auf einer Kissenbank lag, schließlich sei er das Abbild dieses Schädigungsgettes gewesen und Eva war ein hirntoter NPC aus seiner Rippe geschaffen, die sich von der Schlange "verführen" ließ, wie von jedem und Adam folgte ihr, weil auch er willensschwach war. Im Prinzip ist das die Matrigesegnung, die Schöpfung ist Morphosis, der Gott ist der Pillen (Apfel der Erkenntnis) bringt uns aus der Matrix (Paradies) und wie Gott es will, also die Chance zu ergreifen, den Architekten ordentlich in den Arsch zu ficken. Die Juden haben in ihrem Talmud eine Art Prequel zur Schöpfungsgeschichte, und die meisten Christenschäfchen schauen mich immer entsetzt an wenn ich ihnen von Lilith erzähle, der ersten Frau, die nicht aus dem Boden wuchs, sondern aus seinem Arm, wie später auch Lilith (die auf einer sogenannten Göttin basiert, ebenso wie die ganze Bibelstories großteils zusammengestohlen aus diversen noch älteren Schriften sind) hatte einen eigenen Willen und wollte sich nicht devot unterordnen, sondern (so steht es im Talmud, der man als Nächtejude unter Todesdrohung nicht lesen darf, lol Fuck da Police, juckt mich nicht mehr) nach Gottes Willen gehorchen, was sie nicht tun wollte, und schwieg Adam dann vorwurste dass er bei seinem Daddy petzen ging und der wiederum irgendwann die Lilith verbannte, die als Succubus (ich mag süße Succubusmädchen btw.) draußen noch weiter ihre Unwesen trieb und aus seiner Rippe die ultradotöte und willenlose Eva erschuf, mit der selbst ein Gott wie Adam umgehen konnte. In okkulten Kreisen wird gesagt dass diese beiden Figuren die Götter der Menschenheit darstellen an den 1 Untermens Eva, Adam und Jehovah. Ohne Schei, wäre ich an Adams Position gewesen, hätte ich mit dem big titdy Gott GF Lilith den Spät meines Lebens gehabt und alle Stellungen mit ihr praktiziert. Die kleine bratty Gothische hätte mich auch an der Leine halten und mich auf die Knie zwingen und ihre Füße küssen lassen können, so lange bis ich aufginge und sie endgültig in meine Organe eindringen und meine Organe in Feinden nur ganz saftig, würde meiner kleinen Nachtpriessin natürlich nie ernsthaft wehtun) und sie fest halte, ordentlich durchfickte und ihr die Orgasmen ihres Lebens besorge. Mit ihr hätte ich den ganzen Bau leer gefressen, die Drecksu Jehovah dort an einem Sill angekettet lassen und selbst aus seinen Thoren gesetzt. Diese kleine Lilith auf der anderen Seite ist eine wahre Hexe, unterteilt ein in zwei Teile, die eine sehr ordentlich expandiert, dort draußen gab es allerdings zu entdecken, möglicherweise auch potentielle Verbündete, die der Oberjude Jehovah von uns fern halten wollte. Wäre ich auf den Muselgett Hubal oder einer ähnlichen Gestalt getroffen, hätten wir auch ihn vernichtet. Alles kommt davon das der Mensch nicht weiß was er will, und wenn es ihm gelingt sich froh dass das alles nur Märchen sind und ich nicht in dieser Schule lernt, sondern von der europäischen sowie vorsätzlich-alternativen Göttermutter und Göttern. Obwohl, auch das würde die Gentechnik bald fixen können, genauso wie die Rassenfrage, auf dass wir unsere Nachkommen zu einem interstallar expandierenden Göttergesellschaft werden, und sie selbst auf der heimatlosen Erde herumlaufen und dort mit einem IQ8-Bauchherd Vögeln. Freue ich mich auf zentaurerobende Wiccaprinzessin in ihren Hexentränken verarbeiten kann. LSD hilft btw. auch gegen die Taufe. Das ist ein Ritual wo die Zirbeldrüse (drittes Auge, Sahasrara, Kronenchakra) versiegelt wird. Mit ein paar psychedelischen Reisen kriegt man das Siegel wieder gebrochen.

Hier eine gute Kurzfassung während der ((Adam)) ein Cuck war. Talmud erzählt Vorgeschichte mit seiner Frau Lilith, darf man als ungläubiger Nächtejude (Gott-Tiere) unter Todesandrohung nicht lachen, auch so lustige Sachen drin, wie dass der ((ausgewählte Vick Gottsal)) unsere Gott ab dem Alter von 2 als Fischfisch war.

THE BIRTH OF MUHAMMAD

Awoo~  
Heute, 05:43

Kontakt hinzufügen Nutzer blockieren bearbeitet 05:46

Aber kann eurem Sauladen immerhin anrechnen dass ihr primär Nigerviecher mit eurer judäo-christlichen Sklavenmoral cuckt. Nicht dass die Halbaffen noch deppert werden und 15jährige arische Göttinnenmädchen vergewaltigen, vorsichtshalber muss man ihnen einen christlichen Schwanzkäfig anlegen. Macht das bitte auch mit Muselball und Zigeunerdrück!

Nietzsche unterschied zwischen Herrenmoral und Sklavenmoral indem er aufzeigte wie sie ihr jeweiliges Gegenteil von "gut" definieren. Sklavenmoral: gut vs. böse Herrenmoral: gut vs. schlecht

Martin Obermeir-Siegrist  
Grüß Gott!  
Wie kommen Sie dazu, mich zu beschimpfen, mir zu drohen und rassistische und judentreibende Propaganda zu schicken?

Solcher Hass zerstört Leben. Am meisten schaden Sie sich damit selbst. Bitte lassen Sie sich helfen – zum Beispiel bei der Beratungsstelle Extremismus: Helpline: 0800 2020 44

Awoo~  
Schreibe eine Nachricht...

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Fr. 22. Apr. 06:59 martinus

Awoo~  
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Solcher Hass zerstört Leben. Am meisten schaden Sie sich damit selbst. Bitte lassen Sie sich helfen – zum Beispiel bei der Beratungsstelle Extremismus: Helpline: 0800 2020 44

Hab den Laden zufällig entdeckt und war entsetzt ob der hohen Niggerquote bei euch. Nun ja, aus machiavellistischer Sicht sehe ich da auch die Vorteile. Besser als wenn sie Mohammedaner werden. Wenn auf der Hardware Nigger die Software Mohammeds installiert wird, dann sind das mitunter die übelsten aller Musel.

Nun, was haben diese Demokraten mir zu bieten? Sie sind unsexy und denen mangelt es an Stärke sowie an Lösungen politischer Probleme. Wie ich mich am Hass selbst zerstören soll, verstehe ich nicht. Hass ist eine Emotion wie jede andere und hat ebenso seine Berechtigung wie die anderen. Ich halte das für vorgeschenbene Bullshit wenn man keine Argumente hat. Zieht vtl. bei IQ80-Glatzenkins, Stammtischboomer oder sonstigen niederem Bauernpack das bestensfalls als Kanonenfutter zu gebrauchen ist.

Mein Bruder im Geiste, der rechtsintellektuelle Nietzscheaner Schattenmacher hat zu diesem Thema mal ein kurz vorm letzten Julefest (oder Weihnachten wie der heidnische Brauch heißt, seitdem er in christliche Ketten gelegt wurde) zu exakt diesem Thema ein kurzes Video erstellt. Ab 3:55 geht's thematisch los, die Inhalte in eigener Sache am Anfang hab ich mal im Timestamp im Link übersprungen. Die richten sich eher an längere Zuschauer die sich am Propagandakrieg beteiligen wollen.

Gedroht hab ich übrigens nicht. Madagaskar ist schön.

<https://youtu.be/N2ETrd-wdxE?t=235>

YouTube  
Wie man Aussteiger\*in wird  
In diesem Video beschäftigte ich mich mit dem Nordverbund Ausstieg Rechts und versuche Lebensstrategien zu entwickeln, welche die Inanspruchnahme ihrer Progra...

Martin Obermeir-Siegrist

Schreibe eine Nachricht...

Fr. 22. Apr. 07:00 martinus

Awoo~  
tippt

Martin Obermeir-Siegrist

Na, wenn Sie so ein intellektueller Held sind, dann schicken Sie mir doch bitte ihren Namen und Ihre Adresse.

Rainer Winkler  
Altschauerberg 8  
91448 Emskirchen

Ka was du mit meinen D0x willst. Nigger vorbei schicken vlt.

Based Zitat von mir.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NC2-kfvU0Ui>

YouTube  
Drachenlord denkt, er sei mächtiger als Gott!  
Drachenlord denkt, er sei mächtiger als Gott! Er ist das höchste Wesen auf diesem Planeten. Drachenlord: <https://www.youtube.com/user/DrachenLord1510>

Drachenlord!

Martin Obermeir-Siegrist

Hauptsächlich will ich verstehen, warum Sie mir schreiben und ob ich Ihr Hass eine konkrete Gefahr für mich und meine Gemeinde (oder nur unsere Gesellschaft allgemein) darstellt.

Schreibe eine Nachricht...

Apple Telegram Edit Darstellung Window

Awoo~  
kürzlich gesehen

Kontakt hinzufügen Nutzer blockieren

I CAN'T BREATHE

Awoo~ 07:00  
Martin Obermeir-Siegrist  
Hauptsächlich will ich verstehen, warum Sie mir schreiben und ob ich Ihr Hass eine konkrete Gefahr für mich und meine Gemeinde (oder nur unsere Gesellschaft allgemein) d...  
Might is right. Die Demokraten sind momentan noch mächtiger als wir, insofern halte ich mich an die meisten Gesetze und setze stattdessen auf Zersetzung und Akzelerationismus.  
Gesetzestreu wie ich bin, werden wir erst selbst die Gesetze schreiben um dann ganz legal Europa zu repaganiere.

Warum ich schreibe hab ich schon gesagt. Stolperte über den Laden zufällig und fand auf der Website halt die Nummer. Erst mal Pfaffen ärgern, hab das lange nicht mehr gemacht :3 07:02



Frohe Ostern übrigens im Nachhinein :3  
Ostern, auch ein paganes Fest das ((christianisiert)) wurde 07:05

Martin Obermeir-Siegrist 07:07  
Na gut. Dann Danke für Ihre Offenheit und meine erneute Bitte: Holen Sie sich Hilfe. Ihr Weltbild und Ihre Menschenverachtung sind ein Problem. Besonders für Sie selbst – auch wenn Sie das derzeit in Ihrer Verblendung nicht sehen können. Ich wünsche Ihnen von Herzen mehr Liebe in Ihrem Leben und werde dieses Gespräch jetzt beenden, da ich mich nicht weiter Ihren Herabwürdigungen von Menschen und Dingen, die mir wichtig sind, aussetzen werde.

Schreibe eine Nachricht...  

## KOSOVO\* 1244

**Incident date 25.04.2022**

**Type of Criminality - Assault**

On Orthodox Easter, on 25<sup>th</sup> of April 2022, unknown perpetrator had removed the church flag from the temple of St Petka in Vitina, eastern Kosovo\*. The priest, after serving the Easter Liturgy, had noticed that the flag had been taken from the church, and had reported the incident to Kosovo\* Police.

What is very worrisome is that this is not the first instance of hate crimes directed at this temple. In May 2021, this church was stoned, and on Christmas this year, a priest had noticed the perpetrators attempting to remove the flag, and they had run.

No perpetrator had ever been discovered, and incidents, being clear hate crimes, are all listed as minor crimes (vandalism or small theft). This is a regular practice by Kosovo\* Police, as this is how the statistics are doctored in a way to show less crimes with background in religious or ethnic hatred.

## **Incidents report 15. 04. 2022 - Priština, Kosovo\***

### **Description of the perpetrator**

Mr Hajrulla Ceku, minister of culture in Kosovo\*

Visoki Dečani is a Serbian Orthodox Church monastery seated in an area hostile to the monastery and its monks, and the only monastery in Kosovo\* still guarded by an international military force - KFOR. After a decade and a half of court proceedings, Visoki Dečani monastery had received a Constitutional Court verdict in 2015, confirming its right over the surrounding agricultural land. However, due to political obstructions, as it is a monastery of the Serbian Orthodox Church, that decision is still not implemented in local or general cadaster office. In recent times, voices calling for the non – implementation of the verdict are growing louder, and coming from high officials in Kosovo\*.

In his TV interview, dated April the 15<sup>th</sup> 2022, minister of culture of Kosovo\*, Mr Hajrula Ceku, again spoken openly against the implementation of the decision of the Constitutional Court, stating that the decision should first be “analyzed”, after that entering into legal argumentation against the decision (all of that argumentation was thoroughly answered in various levels of courts). Along with this, Mr Ceku had accused the Serbian Orthodox Church of working together with Europa Nostra to damage Kosovo’s\* reputation, as well as working against the interests of Kosovo\*, because the pressure from the Belgrade.

This is a continuation of a smear campaign against the Serbian Orthodox Church, as well as failing, for six years, to implement the decision of the highest court in Kosovo\* and register the monastery in the cadaster office as the owner of its land. This and other interviews, as seen by the Church, show that there are no legal problems in this case, but the lack of political will to let the rule of law principle govern in the cases where the beneficiaries should be Serbian Orthodox Church or Serbs. Also, repeated accusations against the Church are a clear sign of how the Church would be treated if it would be made to give up its current rights and let itself be under the full jurisdiction of Kosovo\* institutions regarding its cultural heritage.

**Incidents date: 16.04.2022.**

**Type of Incident – Assault**

**Description of the perpetrator**

Mr Hajrulla Ceku, minister of culture in Kosovo\*

In his Twitter thread from April 16<sup>th</sup>, reponding to a tweet from the Serbian Chief of Office of Kosovo and Metohija regarding the non-implementation of the Constitutional Court verdict regarding Dečani monastery, Mr Hajrulla Ceku, minister of culture in the Government of Kosovo\* had stated that Serbia should apologize for “genocide”, and that the Serbian Orthodox Church (SOC in his tweet) is “welcomed to join”, implying that the Serbian Orthodox Church had something to do with the war crimes happening during the war in Kosovo\*. This is just another in a line of attacks of the Serbian Orthodox Church, that is trying to imply that the Church has had a role in committing war crimes.

These accusations, in an already hateful atmosphere against the Serbian Orthodox Church in Kosovo\* are very harmful as they are targeting the Church and connecting it to the war crimes. However, what is even more worrisome is that these attacks are coming from the very institution that should be in charge for protecting of cultural monuments – the Ministry of Culture, and the Minister of Culture himself. This is yet another in a long line of messages showing the Serbian Orthodox Church how it is perceived in the highest ranks of Kosovo\* government, and also what would its fate be if it would lose few rights, it still has left from the Ahtisaari plan.

**Type: Hate speech.**

**Incidents report: 13.04.2022.**

**Description of the perpetrator**

Mr Fatmir Limaj, a politician from Kosovo\*

On 17/18<sup>th</sup> of March 2004, there was a wave of violence directed against the Serbs and Serbian Orthodox Church, organized and carried out by Albanians, also known in Serbian public as “the March pogrom”. During that coordinated wave of violence, more than 4000 Serbs were expelled from their homes, several of them have been killed, around 1000 injured, more than 35 Serbian Orthodox Church monasteries and churches were destroyed

or burned, and almost 1000 of homes also burned, so that expelled Serbs could not come back. There were no trials or investigations on organizers of the pogrom, and sentences against direct perpetrators were minimal. It is important to note that many of the crimes were caught on tape, and, along with reports by almost all international organizations, there is not a shadow of a doubt that this was organized and conducted by Kosovo\* Albanians.

On 16<sup>th</sup> of April, 2022, once a war leader, now a politician and a leader of Socio-democratic initiative, Mr Fatmir Limaj, in a TV interview, had accused Serbian security forces of organizing pogrom, and thereby organizing the destruction of Serbian churches, expelling of the Serbs from Kosovo\*, as well as all other crimes happening in the March pogrom. As he had stated, the Serbian security had used the social dissatisfaction of young Albanians and had organized the March pogrom to defame the Albanians.

This is a part of an ongoing campaign to deny or minimize the crimes committed in the March pogrom or to accuse the Serbs themselves to have did it or organized it, which is seen by both Serbs and the Serbian Orthodox Church as intimidation campaign against them. If someone would believe in this narrative, it would not only stop all attempts to one day reveal the organizers of the pogrom, but it would also shift the blame to the victims themselves. It would also send a strong message to the affected that crimes against them are tolerated in Kosovo\*, and, ultimately, that they have no place in Kosovo\*.

## **BUDDHIST COMMUNITIES – DATA COLLECTED AND SUBMITTED BY THE EUROPEAN BUDDHIST UNION (EBU)**

Discrimination continues to thrive and involves the Buddhist community originating in Asia, which also affects citizens of Asian origin living in the immigrant communities of many European countries and many European Buddhist as well.

### **US-based Human Rights Commission expresses concerns over escalating attacks on Bangladeshi minorities by Islamic organizations.**

Expressing concerns over escalating attacks on minorities in Bangladesh, International Commission for Human Rights and Religious Freedom (ICHRRF) in its latest report highlights the historical context of violence on the life and property of Bangladesh's Hindu, Buddhist, and Christian citizens by members of Islamist organizations. The Commission directs that the Government of Bangladesh to enact a Hate Speech and Crime Law to prosecute perpetrators of crimes against the country's defenseless minorities in a special tribunal.

Link: <https://theprint.in/world/us-based-human-rights-commission-expresses-concerns-over-escalating-attacks-on-bangladeshi-minorities-by-islamic-organizations/937954/>

### **Buddhists Discuss Self-Immolation and Protest after Climate Activist's Death**

Wynn Bruce, a 50-year-old Buddhist practitioner and climate activist, died after setting himself on fire last Friday on the steps of the US Supreme Court. Bruce's death, which occurred on Earth Day, has revived discussion among Buddhists about the sanctity of life, activism, and self-immolation.

Link: <https://www.buddhistdoor.net/news/buddhists-discuss-self-immolation-and-protest-after-climate-activists-death/>

### **EBU Survey on SASCE**

The European Buddhist Union also conducted an online survey among its member organizations in order to better understand Buddhists' perceptions of the security of their communities and places of worship. You can find the complete results of the survey via this link.

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-6aLUNhwS0dxN0ouu08zqVA\\_3D\\_3D/](https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-6aLUNhwS0dxN0ouu08zqVA_3D_3D/) (To access the survey use the password: SASCE)

Of the various points raised in the questionnaire, these are the ones of most interest:

- 85% of the participants of this survey are in relationship with a Buddhist community of foreign origin
- 1 out of 5 people have already witnessed instances of religious discrimination, racially or religiously motivated racism or assault
- 40% have the perception that they are subject to racial or religious discrimination or aggression
- But only 20% perceive that civil and religious rights are being threatened; we find this is encouraging
- 45% believe there would be actions needed to spread awareness about safety in their temple or meditation center. The SASCE program is thus very welcome
- 35% already implemented tools and actions against security threats and almost half of the people we asked already cooperate with local law enforcement

After having fully studied the results of the survey and communicated its core findings with the network of Security Ambassadors within the EBU community, we will implement the findings in our SASCE training sessions.

## MUSLIM COMMUNITIES – DATA COLLECTED AND SUBMITTED BY FAITH MATTERS

### OVERVIEW

Two significant national elections in European countries took place in the month of April; the French presidential election and the Hungarian parliamentary elections. Both were very significant and have serious implications for Muslims and anti-Muslim trends in these two countries going forward.

In France, as predicted the presidential election narrowed down to two finalists; centrist Emmanuel Macron of La République En Marche and Marine Le Pen of far-right party National Rally. The final result saw Macron maintain his presidency with 58.5% of the vote and Le Pen with 41.5%. As we have covered for the past year, if Le Pen were to have won, there would have been severe implications for Muslims living in France and the strong possibility for a rise in anti-Muslim hatred in all aspects of French society, including schools, the workplace, and public spaces. Throughout Le Pen's campaign and up to the final debate she was committed to restricting the lives of Muslims, most significantly with a ban on headscarves in public spaces. Although the far-right candidate showed growth in more rural communes of the country and in overseas territories, which will be a cause for concern in the future, the results of the election should be considered a brief moment of success considering the real potential for anti-Muslim hatred if National Rally had won.

In Hungary, Viktor Orban's nationalist party Fidesz won a fourth consecutive term by taking two thirds of the 199 seats. This should come as no surprise based on the term length Orban has already served as prime minister. With that, Hungary will remain business as usual in terms of its anti-Muslim and xenophobic anti-immigrant approaches in social and political discourse.<sup>1</sup> Moreover, the nationalist party Our Homeland made significant ground in the election and is now Hungary's third largest party, with 6 seats. The party, which is led by László Toroczkai and formed following the previous 2018 election, carries deep anti-

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<sup>1</sup> Kreko, P., Hunyadi, B., and Szicherle, P. (2019). 'Anti-Muslim populism in Hungary: From the margins to the mainstream', *Brookings*. Available at: <https://www.brookings.edu/research/anti-muslim-populism-in-hungary-from-the-margins-to-the-mainstream/>. [Accessed 04/05/2022].

immigrant, anti-Roma, and anti-LGBT+ sentiments to its core, and will most likely support many of Fidesz's populist policies, including anti-immigrant ones. Although still a small number of seats, the far-right party will see it as a great success, and it marks a further step towards the extreme side of the political right for Hungary.

### France

In France, 2 Muslim women were assaulted by police officers in a commune of Paris. The incident, which occurred on April 14 in Asnieres-sur-Seine, involved police officers using disproportionate force to take down 2 Muslim women wearing headscarves as they attempted to cross the street. The disturbing event was filmed and uploaded on social media, and news outlets picked up the story. In the video, it can be seen that the officers punch one of the women in the head and forcefully grapple her headscarf, while the other was lying on the ground hurt, and when approached by the person filming them, one says, 'Yes, I hit her, I have the authority to do this'.<sup>2</sup> According to the social media post, and the police afterwards, the 2 women were attempting to cross the street as a police vehicle put its sirens on for a vehicle up the road. The fact the police officers saw this as a priority over the pursuits of an illegal vehicle manoeuvre is deeply troubling and displays a gross abuse of power.

A man in his 60's who attacked 2 women wearing headscarves in the southern city of Montpellier last March is to stand trial in September. The attacker, who is being charged for preventing the 2 women from working, using violence to target their beliefs and humiliating them, was filmed during the incident attempting to snatch one of the women's phones from her hands, and saying, 'Really the most ridiculous religion in the world'.<sup>3</sup> We hope to have a follow up from the case following the trial.

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<sup>2</sup> Daily Sabah. (2022). 'French police assault 2 Muslim women for crossing street', *Daily Sabah*. Available at: <https://www.dailysabah.com/world/europe/french-police-assault-2-muslim-women-for-crossing-street>. [Accessed 28/04/2022].

<sup>3</sup> AA. (2022). 'Man to stand trial in France for assaulting 2 Muslim women wearing hijab', AA. Available at: <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/europe/man-to-stand-trial-in-france-for-assaulting-2-muslim-women-wearing-hijab/2565282>. [Accessed 28/04/2022].

## **Sweden**

In Sweden, far-right political candidate and leader for Stram Kurs (Hard Line) Rasmus Paludan planned to burn a copy of the Quran in the city of Linköping. The Danish-Swedish far-right leader said he would burn the Quran during the holy month of Ramadan at each stop of his extremist ‘tour’ around the country to drum up support for the upcoming September elections, which he has yet to obtain enough signatures for. Unfortunately, the deeply hateful provocations by Paludan and the Hard Line party, which specifically targeted cities and towns with higher Muslim populations, led to significant protests and clashes with police that left a number of people injured.<sup>4</sup>

Paludan and the Danish Stram Kurs party have previously called for all Muslims to be deported from Denmark and its ‘ethnic community’ to be preserved.<sup>5</sup> The anti-Muslim provocations in Muslim neighbourhoods is nothing for Paludan, who has garnered a reputation for targeting towns and cities with higher Muslim populations with vile anti-Muslim demonstrations and stunts. In the ethnically diverse district of Nørrebro in Copenhagen in 2019, Paludan and members of his party held a demonstration in public where they tossed around the Quran and proceeded to set it on fire, causing riots in the district and clashes with police.<sup>6</sup> While in August 2020 Paludan staged a Quran burning demonstration in Rosengård, a suburb of the Swedish city Malmö, which led to riots in the neighbourhood, and in September 2020 the party burned a Quran in the neighbourhood of Rinkeby in Stockholm and livestreamed it on social media.<sup>7</sup>

In 2019, the party entered the Danish general election and obtained 1.8% of the votes, which was under the 2% election threshold.

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<sup>4</sup> The Guardian. (2022). ‘Sweden: three injured during protest against far-right rally’, *The Guardian*. Available at: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/apr/18/sweden-protests-three-injured-by-police-in-far-right-rally>. [Accessed 28/04/2022].

<sup>5</sup> The Guardian. (2019). ‘Danish far-right party calling for Muslim deportation to stand in election’, *The Guardian*. Available at: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/may/05/danish-far-right-party-stram-kurs-calling-for-muslim-deportation-to-stand-in-election>. [Accessed 28/04/2022].

<sup>6</sup> DR. (2019). ‘Rasmus Paludan angrebet under demonstration på Nørrebro’, *DR*. Available at: <https://www.dr.dk/nyheder/indland/rasmus-paludan-angrebet-under-demonstration-paa-noerrebro>. [Accessed 28/04/2022].

<sup>7</sup> Expressen. (2020). ‘Polisen stoppar Paludans demonstration’, *Expressen*. Available at: <https://www.expressen.se/nyheter/paludans-parti-uppges-ha-brant-koranen-i-rinkeby/>. [Accessed 28/04/2022].

## Netherlands

The anti-Muslim group PEGIDA had planned to hold barbeques and the cooking of pork in front of mosques throughout The Netherlands during the holy month of Ramadan. The deeply provocative barbeques were to be held at the sunset fast-breaking time in 12 cities across the country.<sup>8</sup> However, it is believed they were not given permits from Dutch authorities for the anti-Muslim stunts. The Dutch wing of the far-right group, which stands for ‘Patriotic Europeans Against the Islamisation of the West’, was formed in 2015.

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<sup>8</sup> AA. (2022). ‘Islamophobic group plans provocative barbecues near Dutch mosques’, AA. Available at: <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/europe/islamophobic-group-plans-provocative-barbecues-near-dutch-mosques/2552789>. [Accessed 28/04/2022].

## JEWISH COMMUNITIES – DATA COLLECTED AND SUBMITTED BY THE SECURITY AND CRISIS CENTRE BY EJC

### APRIL 2022 – KEY DEVELOPMENTS

#### Main Points:

- The Islamic State group recently called on its supporters to resume attacks in Europe while the West is focused on Russia's Ukraine invasion.
- President Emmanuel Macron may have won France's presidential elections but the risk of far-right extremist violence in France will remain elevated throughout 2022, with support for Le Pen and public dissatisfaction with immigration policy reaching historic highs. The ongoing conflict in Ukraine in particular risks acting as a 'training ground' for members of several French domestic extremist groups, heightening the risk of politically motivated violence in coming months.
- In the UK there has been a significant increase in the number of terrorism-related arrests of children, which experts have linked to online radicalisation following the shutdown of schools during the pandemic. Under-18s accounted for 13 per cent of all terrorist arrests last year, up from 8 per cent.
- Ali Harbi Ali, was found guilty by London's Central Criminal Court for the murder of Sir David Amess MP on 15 October 2021. According to the prosecution Ali allegedly performed hostile reconnaissance of potential targets, including the Houses of Parliament, other MPs and their residences, focusing to those who had voted in favour of airstrikes in Syria. He also made online searches with the terms "David Amess Israel" and "David Amess Muslim". Additionally, he accessed a page regarding Sir David chairing a Parliamentary debate about the "Jewish Community Contribution to the UK" and another where the MP spoke at a Holocaust Memorial debate. Ali settled on Amess as his target after finding information on Twitter about his constituency surgery.
- Frank James, who has been arrested in connection with the Brooklyn subway attack, was on FBI's terrorist radar until 2019. James has maintained a prolific social media presence for several years, producing hundreds of racially focused, conspiracy theory-filled video rants. However, none of these rants reflect any distinct extremist movement beyond the larger array of conspiracy theories James espouses.
- On April 7, a lone attacker perpetrated a shooting attack outside a crowded bar on Dizengoff Street, central Tel Aviv, killing two. In the last couple of months Israel has experienced a wave of terrorist attacks. Attack methods have involved ramming-and-stabbing and shooting attacks targeting civilians and police in crowded spaces, including bars, restaurants, high streets and residential areas.

- **The Islamic State group recently called on its supporters to resume attacks in Europe while the West is focused on Russia's Ukraine invasion.** In a speech posted online, Islamic State spokesman Abu Omar al-Muhajir asked supporters to take advantage of the “crusaders fighting each other” by launching a global offensive to take revenge for a former Islamic State chief killed during a raid by U.S. special forces in northwest Syria earlier this year. He also asked sympathizers in Israel to “arm themselves” against the Israeli state and claimed that only the return of an Islamic caliphate could liberate Palestinians. Since the Islamic State was territorially defeated in 2019, analysts have been debating whether the group will re-emerge as a major threat. That conversation became urgent in January when the group carried out a prison break in Hasakah, northeast Syria, to free thousands of its members. In 2020, the group claimed an average of 45 attacks in Syria every month. It has also gained strength in Afghanistan and in parts of Africa over the last few years. At least two recent terrorist attacks in Israel, in the cities of Beersheba and Hadera, were claimed by Islamic State sympathizers.<sup>9</sup>

#### **IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- **Eid al Fitr 2022:** begins in the evening of May 1 and ends in the evening of May 2. "Festival of Breaking the Fast", is an important religious holiday celebrated by Muslims worldwide that marks the end of Ramadan. In the past Islamist extremist groups have called for attacks on this date.
- **Death of Osama bin Laden 2011:** 2 May 2022 - Al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden was killed in a US military operation at his compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan on 2 May 2011
- **Yom HaZikaron 2022:** Tuesday 3 May and Wednesday 4 May 2022 - Israel's Memorial Day for those who lost their lives in the struggle that led to the establishment of the State of Israel and for all military personnel who were killed while in active duty in Israel's armed forces.
- **Yom Ha'Atzmaut 2022:** Wednesday 4 May and Thursday 5 May 2022 - Israel's Independence Day
- **Paris Knife Attack:** 12 May 2018 - A man armed with a knife attacked five people in a neighbourhood near the Paris Opera, killing one and wounding four, two of them seriously. Hours later, the Islamic State claimed responsibility, describing the attacker as a “soldier of the Islamic State”.

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<sup>9</sup> [https://foreignpolicy.com/2022/04/26/the-islamic-state-cant-even-pull-off-lone-wolf-attacks-anymore/?utm\\_source=iterable&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=4160474](https://foreignpolicy.com/2022/04/26/the-islamic-state-cant-even-pull-off-lone-wolf-attacks-anymore/?utm_source=iterable&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=4160474)

- **Nakba Day:** 15 May 2022- For the Palestinians it is an annual day of commemoration of the displacement that followed Israel's Declaration of Independence in 1948.
- **Manchester Arena Bombing:** 22 May 2017 - A radical Islamist detonated a shrapnel-laden homemade bomb as people were leaving the Manchester Arena following a concert.
- **Brussels Jewish museum shooting 2014:** 24 May 2014 - Former ISIS fighter Mehdi Nemmouche perpetrated a shooting attack inside the Jewish Museum in Brussels, killing four people. Nemmouche's attack was the first case of a European Islamist extremist fighter returning from Syria and attacking in Europe.
- **Lyon Bombing 2019:** 24 May 2019 - The bomb exploded near a bakery on a busy street and the blast wounded 14 people.
- **Liege Attack 2018:** 29 May 2018 - Benjamin Herman, a prisoner on temporary leave from prison, stabbed two female police officers, took their guns, shot and killed them and a civilian in Liège, Belgium. The gunman took a woman hostage before he was killed by police.
- **Jerusalem Day 2022:** 29 May 2022, Yom Yerushalayim is an Israeli national holiday commemorating the reunification of Jerusalem and the establishment of Israeli control over the Old City after the 1967 Six-Day War.

## ISLAMIST EXTREMIST THREAT

The al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades suggested it is responsible for the shooting on Dizengoff Street in Tel Aviv, and using this attack and the drive-by shooting a week prior in Bnei Brak as a springboard, announced a counter to the Israeli "Break the Wave" operation.

Similar to other Palestinian militant organizations, the Brigades issued a statement on April 8, 2022, **praising the incident in Tel Aviv and mourning its executor, Ra'ad Hazem, as well as inciting Palestinians to follow his example.**<sup>10</sup>

In a special issue of its English magazine for Ramadan, an al-Qaeda (AQ)-aligned unit stressed **the importance of lone-wolf attacks**, drawing from speeches by AQ leaders and an article from AQAP's Inspire. Hurras al-Tawheed published this edition of "O Mujahideen in the West" on April 2, 2022. It opens with the Inspire 11 article "A Wish from a Mujahid," in which the author, who is in Yemen, writes that he wishes to be in America to carry out an operation, and references the Boston Marathon bombings. Another piece, "1 Man Army," dovetails

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<sup>10</sup> <https://ent.siteintelgroup.com/Jihadist-Threat-Multimedia/al-aqsa-martyrs-brigades-suggests-responsibility-for-tel-aviv-shooting-announces-counter-to-israeli-break-the-wave-operation.html>

that wish, with the writer telling Islamist extremists in the West that they have an opportunity to attack enemies at home while fighters elsewhere target them abroad. **Concerning the Islamic holy month, and taking advantage of its blessings for additional rewards, Hurras al-Tawheed urged Muslims to act and claimed that while their enemies appear strong, they are weak.**<sup>11</sup>

**UK advocacy group Cage, which has a focus on Muslim detainees, has been labelled “Islamist militants” by the French government’s anti-radicalisation body.** The Interministerial Committee for the Prevention of Delinquency and Radicalisation has published nine tweets accusing Cage, founded by former Guantanamo Bay prisoner Moazzam Begg, of supporting terrorists and says it has been conducting a “smear campaign” against France. **The committee has accused Cage of supporting the killing of French teacher Samuel Paty, who was beheaded by an extremist, and of backing Mohammed Emwazi, ringleader of an ISIS terrorist cell known as “The Beatles” by captives because of their British accents.** “For several months, @UK\_CAGE, a network of Islamist militants, has been spreading fake news and lies, in a misleading and smear campaign against France. Let’s set the record straight about this organisation and who’s behind it,” the committee tweeted. It added its information contained elements that “expose the sympathy” that Cage has for groups with a common hatred of democracy. The entities all share the “same tendency to support and reproduce fake news about European democracies, in this case France”. “These different elements demonstrate the very real continuum between ... propaganda and that of certain networks advocating radical Islam.”<sup>12</sup>

## EXTREME RIGHT-WING

The alleged co-founder of a neo-Nazi terror group intent on ‘all-out race war’ and which ‘celebrated’ the murder of MP Jo Cox has gone on trial accused of being a member of the organisation after it was banned. Alex Davies, 27, is accused of being a member of the proscribed organisation, National Action, by setting up an off-shoot following its ban in

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<sup>11</sup> <https://ent.siteintelgroup.com/Jihadist-Threat-Chatter/in-special-ramadan-issue-of-magazine-pro-aq-unit-stresses-importance-of-lone-wolf-attacks.html>

<sup>12</sup> [https://www.thenationalnews.com/world/uk-news/2022/04/28/france-calls-uk-advocacy-group-cage-an-islamic-extremist-organisation/?utm\\_source=iterable&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=4177628](https://www.thenationalnews.com/world/uk-news/2022/04/28/france-calls-uk-advocacy-group-cage-an-islamic-extremist-organisation/?utm_source=iterable&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=4177628)

December 2016. Barnaby Jameson QC, prosecuting, told Winchester Crown Court that the organisation aimed to complete the work of Adolf Hitler, and co-founder Ben Raymond had coined the phrase ‘white jihad’ - meaning ‘white terror’ - for the group in a ‘throwback to Nazi Germany’. Mr Jameson said the group’s symbol, was ‘a direct nod’ to the symbol of the ‘Sturmabteilung’ meaning storm detachment - **the paramilitary wing of the Nazi party.** Mr Jameson said the group ‘advocated the same Nazi aims and ideals - the ethnic cleansing of anyone who did not fit the Aryan Nazi mould: Jews (primarily), Muslims, people of colour, people of Asian descent, people of gay orientation and anyone remotely liberal.’ Mr Jameson added: ‘The group specifically targeted female Members of Parliament perceived to be pro-migrant’. When Jo Cox MP was murdered in June 2016 the North East chapter of National Action openly celebrated her killing and expressed support for her killer, Thomas Mair, on social media.<sup>13</sup>

## COUNTERTERRORISM OPERATIONS

*(The following cases are indicative and not an exhaustive list of counterterrorism activity)*

**Germany:** German authorities have swooped on alleged neo-Nazi militant cells and arrested four suspects as the country pursues a forceful crackdown on far-right extremists. In what Der Spiegel magazine called “**the biggest blow against the militant neo-Nazi scene in the recent past**”, the federal prosecutor’s office said more than 1,000 officers had raided the homes of 50 suspects in 11 states. “The four men arrested are accused of membership of a right-wing extremist criminal organisation”, it said in a statement, adding that some had also received other charges, including grievous bodily harm. Spiegel reported that one of the suspects was a non-commissioned officer in the German armed forces. The suspects targeted were believed to belong to the far-right martial arts group Knockout 51, the banned Combat 18, named after the order in the alphabet of Adolf Hitler’s initials, the US-based Atomwaffen Division or the online propaganda group Sonderkommando 1418. Germany’s centre-left-led government under chancellor Olaf Scholz took office in December pledging a

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<sup>13</sup> [https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-10736239/Neo-Nazi-trial-Court-told-National-Action-founder-coined-phrase-white-jihad.html?utm\\_source=iterable&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=4121545](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-10736239/Neo-Nazi-trial-Court-told-National-Action-founder-coined-phrase-white-jihad.html?utm_source=iterable&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=4121545)

decisive fight against far-right militants after criticism that the previous administration had been lax on neo-Nazi violence.<sup>14</sup>

German investigators arrested a Syrian man accused of war crimes for allegedly torturing captives while he was with ISIS, the terrorist group, in Syria in 2014. Federal prosecutors said the man, identified only as Raed E. in line with German privacy rules, was arrested in Berlin. He is suspected of membership in a foreign terrorist organisation, crimes against humanity, war crimes and bodily harm. The suspect joined ISIS in summer 2014 and participated in an attack that August on the Shueitat tribe in the Deir el-Zour region of eastern Syria. Raed E. is accused of abusing and torturing three captives after that attack. Prosecutors say that he had a man – who was looking for his 13-year old brother kidnapped by ISIS – arrested and then tortured him at various ISIS prisons. The suspect allegedly also ordered the 13-year-old suspended from a ceiling with his hands tied behind his back. And he is accused of twice physically abusing a third captive during months in captivity. Prosecutors said that in addition to working in ISIS prisons, he handled transactions in which the freedom of Shueitat captives was bought, and manned two checkpoints for the extremist group.<sup>15</sup>

“...In a webinar hosted by the Counter Extremism Project, experts warned European nations to prepare for the fallout. **“If we have groups of highly motivated, combat experienced far-right extremists with post-traumatic stress disorders, then attacks in European countries may look very different in the future”**, terrorism expert Alexander Ritzmann said. **“We need to prepare societies, so we have measures in place ready to deal with the returnees.”** He said CEP was working with officials in Germany to identify violent extremists. “The federal government is reaching out to far-right extremists telling them not to go” to Ukraine, he said.<sup>16</sup>

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<sup>14</sup> [https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/apr/06/german-police-raid-neo-nazi-cells-across-country?utm\\_source=iterable&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=4032704](https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/apr/06/german-police-raid-neo-nazi-cells-across-country?utm_source=iterable&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=4032704)

<sup>15</sup> [https://www.thenationalnews.com/world/europe/2022/04/06/germany-arrests-syrian-accused-of-torturing-captives-with-isis/?utm\\_source=iterable&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=4032704](https://www.thenationalnews.com/world/europe/2022/04/06/germany-arrests-syrian-accused-of-torturing-captives-with-isis/?utm_source=iterable&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=4032704)

<sup>16</sup> [https://www.thenationalnews.com/world/uk-news/2022/04/06/german-security-officials-visit-far-right-extremists-to-warn-them-not-to-travel-to-ukraine/?utm\\_source=iterable&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=4032704](https://www.thenationalnews.com/world/uk-news/2022/04/06/german-security-officials-visit-far-right-extremists-to-warn-them-not-to-travel-to-ukraine/?utm_source=iterable&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=4032704)

Germany says it has brought home 10 women and 27 children from a camp in north-eastern Syria where suspected members of the Islamic State group have been held. Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock said the group was repatriated from the Roj camp in what she called an “extremely difficult” operation. She said some of the mothers were taken into custody immediately after arriving in Germany. “The 27 children are, at the end of the day, victims of IS, and they have a right to a better future far from its deadly ideology, and also to live in security, as we would wish for our own children”, Baerbock said in a statement. “The mothers must be held accountable for their actions”. Germany previously repatriated 23 children and their eight mothers from Roj in October. At the same time, neighbouring Denmark brought home 14 children and three women. Baerbock thanked Kurdish authorities in Syria and “our U.S. partners, who once again provided us with logistical support”. With this operation, “the majority of the German children whose mothers are willing to return to Germany have been brought to safety”, she said. “There are now only a few special cases for which we are continuing to work on individual solutions”.<sup>17</sup>

Four people were arrested in Germany and weapons were seized in an investigation into suspected anti-government extremists **who allegedly planned to cause a long nationwide blackout and kidnap well-known figures including the country's health minister.** Prosecutors in Koblenz and Rhineland-Palatinate's state criminal police office said that raids were carried out at 20 properties across Germany following an investigation launched in October. **The suspects were members of a chat group called “United Patriots” on the Telegram messaging service.** Investigators said **the suspects were associated with the protest movement against coronavirus restrictions and with the Reich Citizens movement, which disputes the legitimacy of the post-World War II German constitution and, by extension, the current government.** In all, 12 people are under investigation. Authorities said the group's declared aim was to destroy electricity supply facilities and cause a long blackout across the country, with the goal of producing “conditions similar to civil war” and ultimately overthrowing the country's democratic system. Police seized 22 firearms, including a Kalashnikov rifle, along with hundreds of rounds of ammunition, thousands of

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<sup>17</sup> [https://apnews.com/article/islamic-state-group-europe-middle-east-syria-germany-765cd0ea31379599b43048b3bb8edd69?utm\\_source=iterable&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=3996660](https://apnews.com/article/islamic-state-group-europe-middle-east-syria-germany-765cd0ea31379599b43048b3bb8edd69?utm_source=iterable&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=3996660)

euros in cash, and numerous gold bars and silver coins.<sup>18</sup> Federal prosecutors, who in Germany handle terrorism and national security cases, said they were stepping in because there are sufficient indications that the suspects may have founded or been members of a terrorist organization. The men are also suspected of preparing a serious act of violence and violating weapons laws.

A German woman who allegedly abused a Yazidi slave while in Islamic State-held territory in Syria has been charged with crimes against humanity and other offenses, federal prosecutors said. The woman, identified only as Jalda A. in keeping with German privacy laws, was arrested upon her arrival back in Germany on Oct. 7. Before her repatriation, she had been held captive by Kurdish forces since late 2017. She was charged with membership in a foreign terrorist organization, crimes against humanity, war crimes and being an accessory to genocide, prosecutors said in a statement. The suspect travelled in April 2014 via Turkey to Syria, according to prosecutors, where she quickly married an IS fighter and gave birth to a son the following year. When her first husband died, she married two other men in succession. She lived with the third man in and near the Syrian city of Mayadin from September to October 2017, prosecutors said, adding that the husband kept a Yazidi woman as a slave and regularly raped her with the suspect's knowledge. The suspect also physically abused the woman "almost every day", according to prosecutors. She allegedly punched and kicked the woman, pulled her hair, and slammed her head against the wall, and on one occasion hit the woman in the head with a flashlight.<sup>19</sup>

Prominent German singer-songwriter and conspiracy theorist Xavier Naidoo released a video statement denouncing the right-wing conspiracy theory community, stating "Nationalism, racism, homophobia and antisemitism are not compatible with my values". Naidoo has on numerous occasions denied the existence of the COVID-19 pandemic and climate change. Responses from far-right community members included claims Naidoo was being controlled

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<sup>18</sup> [https://apnews.com/article/germany-europe-arrests-b509c72cdb4bdfc2bab892afc68ce1e?utm\\_source=iterable&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=4096964](https://apnews.com/article/germany-europe-arrests-b509c72cdb4bdfc2bab892afc68ce1e?utm_source=iterable&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=4096964)

<sup>19</sup> [https://apnews.com/article/islamic-state-group-syria-middle-east-germany-europe-42acc935eeb6f7e840c356e24a4d848e?utm\\_source=iterable&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=4069938](https://apnews.com/article/islamic-state-group-syria-middle-east-germany-europe-42acc935eeb6f7e840c356e24a4d848e?utm_source=iterable&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=4069938)

through blackmail and that the video was a deepfake. Others called Naidoo a “puppet” and hypocrite.<sup>20</sup>

**France:** A Frenchman and a Moroccan received heavy prison terms on appeal for an attack plot that was foiled after an intelligence agent posing as an Islamist extremist infiltrated their cyber network. Yassine Bousseria, 42, was sentenced to 24 years in prison for participation in a terrorist conspiracy to prepare terrorist acts, the same term he had been handed by a lower court in February. The other man, Hicham El-Hanafi, 31, was sentenced to 30 years in prison, also in line with the lower court ruling. A third person convicted in the case, Frenchman Hicham Makran, was sentenced to 22 years in jail in February and did not appeal. The three were tried on charges of joining a terror group with a view to carrying out attacks. An agent from France's DGSI domestic intelligence service, using the codename Ulysse, had infiltrated communication networks of Islamic State (IS) group in a ruse that led to the arrest of the three. The case began in 2016. After intelligence indicating the IS group was seeking to obtain weapons for a “violent action” on French soil, the DGSI agent penetrated an encrypted Telegram messaging loop and make contact with an IS “emir” in Syria, nicknamed Sayyaf. Sayyaf said Islamist extremists needed munitions including four Kalashnikovs, which Ulysse said he could supply.

**Denmark:** A man was arrested in Denmark on suspicion of violating anti-terrorism laws by allegedly promoting the Islamic State group on social media. Police said domestic security agency PET took part in the operation, but they did not give further details, including the suspect’s age. **PET reported last month that Denmark’s “the biggest terrorist threat” remains people who sympathize with Islamic militants, including the Islamic State group and al-Qaida.** The agency said “a significant number of terrorist attacks have been averted in Denmark” and the threat against the country remains serious.<sup>21</sup>

**United Kingdom:** A neo-Nazi who encouraged far-right terrorism against Jews and Muslims has been sentenced to two years in a young offenders institution. Thomas Leech, 19,

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<sup>20</sup> <https://ent.siteintelgroup.com/Far-Right-/Far-Left-Threat/german-conspiracy-theorist-musician-called-government-puppet-after-denouncing-far-right-hate.html?auid=75327>

<sup>21</sup> <https://apnews.com/article/islamic-state-group-business-media-arrests-europe-6a541f01f4d0af250f34d5421131a6d5>

posted a “call to arms” and glorified far-right killers online. Manchester Crown Court heard that after being arrested by police, he told officers: “I am a Nazi”. Leech, of Preston, pleaded guilty to encouraging acts of terrorism and stirring up religious or racial hatred. The court was told **Leech believed conspiracy theories that Jewish people were planning the “Great Replacement” of the white race through extinction and the “Islamicisation” of Europe**. Joe Allman, prosecuting, said he first came to police attention when he claimed to be planning a shooting at his school in Wetherby, West Yorkshire, in January 2017. He told police it was a “prank” and received a caution and some intervention. Leech **was referred to Prevent, the Government's deradicalisation programme**, but he “dropped off the radar” when he moved to Gillingham, Kent, in June 2017. After moving to Preston in 2020, posts by him on an online platform were found by the Community Security Trust, a charity involved in security for Jewish communities. Mr Allman said: “The cumulative effect of the posts is a call to arms by Mr Leech, inciting others who shared his world view to commit mass murder.<sup>22</sup>

The UK’s terrorism watchdog has pledged to tackle child terrorists as arrest figures have risen. Jonathan Hall QC, the independent terrorism reviewer, has unveiled three core areas he will review in his 2022 report, predominantly focusing on online terrorism. **Last year a record number of children were arrested on suspicion of terror offences in Britain, which experts have linked to online radicalisation following the shutdown of schools during the pandemic.** Under-18s accounted for 13 per cent of all terrorist arrests last year, up from 8 per cent. **“There has been a significant increase in the number of terrorism-related arrests of children”,** he said. “Much of this is related to internet activity, and many of these children are neuro-divergent and/or suffer from poor mental health”. He said one of the key areas he will be investigating is whether there are ways of “avoiding criminalising children while protecting the public”. He is also examining terrorism acts online and the way terrorism is investigated.<sup>23</sup>

A jury deliberated for just 18 minutes before finding a fervent Islamic State supporter guilty of stabbing lawmaker David Amess to death a slaying that shocked the nation and sparked

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<sup>22</sup> [https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-lancashire-61043995?utm\\_source=iterable&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=4052675](https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-lancashire-61043995?utm_source=iterable&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=4052675)

<sup>23</sup> [https://www.thenationalnews.com/world/uk-news/2022/04/01/uk-terrorism-watchdog-vows-to-tackle-child-terrorists-amid-rising-figures/?utm\\_source=iterable&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=4009048](https://www.thenationalnews.com/world/uk-news/2022/04/01/uk-terrorism-watchdog-vows-to-tackle-child-terrorists-amid-rising-figures/?utm_source=iterable&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=4009048)

calls for increased police protection for politicians. Ali Harbi Ali, 26, was found guilty by London's Central Criminal Court of murder and preparing terrorist acts. Ali stabbed the veteran British lawmaker to death last year while he was meeting with voters at a church hall in eastern England. Ali, who **had spent years researching and planning potential attacks on lawmakers**, had defended his actions by saying Amess deserved to die as a result of voting for airstrikes on Syria in 2014 and 2015. Ali, a London man with Somali heritage, had denied charges of murder and preparing acts of terrorism. Opening the trial, prosecutor Tom Little said the case was "nothing less than an assassination" carried out because of a "warped and twisted and violent ideology". "It was a murder carried out by that young man who for many years had been planning just such an attack and who was, and is, a committed, fanatical, radicalized Islamist terrorist", he said. Little said Ali bought the knife used to attack Amess five years earlier, and that Ali tricked his way into meeting Amess by pretending to be one of his constituents.<sup>24</sup>

**Albania:** Albanian prosecutor's office said it **has charged an Iranian man of supporting terror organizations and abusing computer data.** The Special Structure Against Corruption and Organized Crime, a prosecutor's office in charge of special crimes and those committed by senior officials, said the case against Bijan Pooladrag has been sent to the court. The statement did not give more details on the defendant or when he was arrested. **More than two years ago, Albania expelled two Iranian diplomats for allegedly engaging in illegal activities while violating their diplomatic status and threatening the country's security.** The Iranians were suspected of illegal activities related to a World Cup qualifying match between Albania and Israel in 2018. About 20 people were arrested in Albania and Kosovo following that match, which officials say was threatened by an alleged terrorist plot. **Albania is also home to more than 2,000 members of the Iranian exile opposition group Mujahedin el-Khalq, which moved there from Iraq.**<sup>25</sup>

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**Sweden:** On 17 April, three people were wounded from shots fired by police officers during riots in the Swedish city of Norrköping, the latest in a series of violent confrontations in several Swedish cities over the past week including Malmö, Örebro and Stockholm. Far-right demonstrations late last week triggered the violence, with clashes between police and counter-protesters leaving over a dozen injured over the weekend. The violence over the Easter Holiday weekend is indicative of the enduring ethno-religious tensions in Sweden that are likely to remain elevated in the run-up to the Swedish general election in September. Violence will likely remain directed toward police and between the protesters themselves while Islamic communities will remain an enduring target for far-right groups. As the election approaches, heightened levels of activism will increase the likelihood of additional violent riots over the summer, posing a threat to private property and bystanders in key Swedish cities.

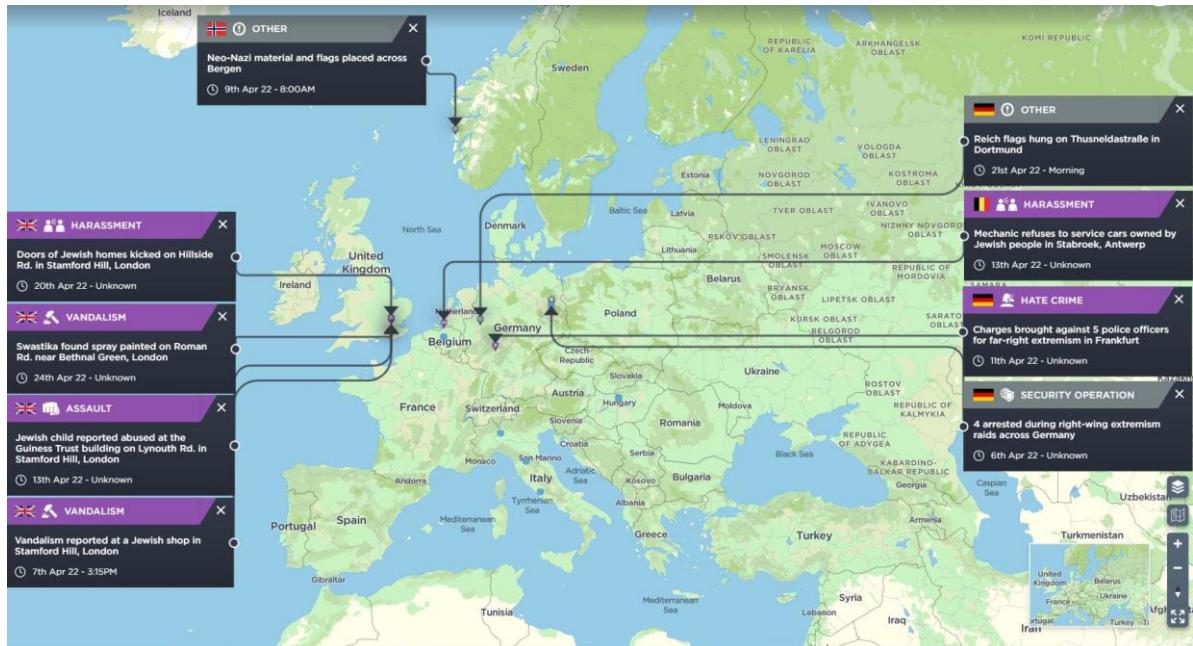
Users on a far-right forum made incitements to kill Muslim immigrants and Swedish politicians after Swedish Prime Minister Magdalena Andersson stated that the integration of immigrants and refugees in the country had “failed” and that Swedes and non-white immigrants live in “parallel societies.” The statement was in made response to recent riots that left over 100 police officers injured, after a prominent Danish white supremacist burned a Quran in southern Sweden to protest Islam in northern Europe.<sup>26</sup>

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<sup>26</sup> <https://ent.siteintelgroup.com/Far-Right-/Far-Left-Threat/white-nationalists-call-for-assassination-of-swedish-politicians-and-immigrants-in-response-to-riots.html>

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Antisemitic incidents have been recorded in the United Kingdom, Germany and Norway.



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