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Fears over migrants 'are form of terrorism'

Prevent guidance says 'cultural nationalism' could require referral for deradicalisation

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CONCERN about mass migration is a "terrorist ideology" that requires intervention by the Government's anti-radicalisation Prevent programme, official documents claim.

An online training course hosted on the Government's website for Prevent lists "cultural nationalism" as a belief that could trigger an individual being referred to the deradicalisation scheme. This encompasses a conviction that "Western culture is under threat from mass migration and a lack of integration by certain ethnic and cultural groups", staff taking the course are told.

It is the latest example of officialdom, police and the courts attracting criticism with an apparent crackdown on free speech.

In recent weeks *The Telegraph* has disclosed that a pensioner was wrongly arrested for warning of anti-Semitism on Twitter, as well as highlighting the case of a man who was given a criminal sentence for burning the Koran.

The Prevent programme was the subject of a damning report two years ago and failed to stop Southport attacker Axel Rudakubana, who was referred to it on three separate occasions.

Free speech critics warned that the definition of cultural nationalism was too widely drawn and could, in theory, mean that even Sir Keir Starmer and Robert Jenrick, the shadow justice secretary, would fall foul on past comments.

Campaigners said others at risk of being labelled extremists could include Douglas Murray, the bestselling author

who has written extensively on migration, as well as Matthew Goodwin, the academic turned GB News broadcaster. Lord Young, general secretary of the Free Speech Union (FSU), has written to Home Secretary Yvette Cooper urging her to reconsider the classification. He warned that anyone referred to Prevent could face "serious, long-lasting consequences" for their education, employment and public reputation.

Prevent aims to identify people at risk of turning to terrorism, who are then referred to the programme where agencies work to divert them from radicalisation.

A Home Office spokesman said: "Prevent is not about restricting debate or free speech, but about protecting those susceptible to radicalisation."

Schools, universities, hospitals and other public sector bodies have a legal duty to stop people from being drawn into terrorism.

Each year thousands of teachers, police officers, health workers and other staff undergo Prevent training.

Prevent's official "refresher awareness" course, hosted on Gov.uk, states that "cultural nationalism" is one of three of the most common "sub-categories" of extreme right-wing terrorist ideologies alongside white supremacism and white/ethno-nationalism.

In a letter to Ms Cooper, Lord Young said this was a "matter of serious concern". He said: "Topics captured under the Prevent category of 'cultural nationalism' include widely held views, ranging from concerns about immigration

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Boulter: I get death threats when boyfriend loses



Katie Boulter, the British women's tennis No 1, reveals today that she gets death threats online when her boyfriend, the Australian Alex de Minaur, loses. 'Ultimately you get abused and I get double now, because every time Alex loses, they blame me' Page 3

Trump hits back: Musk has lost his mind

By Connor Stringer and Rob Crilly

DONALD TRUMP said Elon Musk has "lost his mind" as he attempted to draw a line under a bitter White House feud. The president said yesterday he was "not particularly" interested in speaking to Mr Musk after they clashed publicly over his tax and spending bill.

White House sources said that the president was "over it" and wanted to

move on from the public spat, raising hopes of a truce. Mr Musk had called for Mr Trump to be impeached and linked the president to the late paedophile, Jeffrey Epstein, at the height of a row played out on social media.

Mr Musk appeared to climb down late on Thursday night amid reports of a White House call to smooth relations.

Asked if he would get on the phone to Mr Musk, Mr Trump told ABC News:

"You mean the man who has lost his mind?"

Mr Trump and Mr Musk had resisted any further public attacks on each other by last night. Mr Trump is now planning to give away or sell the red Tesla Model S, which he purchased from Mr Musk in March. It is currently parked at the White House.

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NEWS Miliband: Solar panels for all new homes

Developers will be forced to install solar panels and heat pumps in the "vast majority" of new homes, Ed Miliband has said. The Energy Secretary said plans for a major increase in rooftop solar power were "just common sense" and should become "almost universal" across the country. In a move his department claims will save households hundreds of pounds in energy bills, gas boilers will effectively be banned in new homes and heat pumps prioritised. Page 2

NEWS Antique expert jailed over Hezbollah finance

A BBC *Bargain Hunt* expert has been jailed for two and a half years for selling works of art to a Lebanese man suspected of financing Hezbollah. Oghenochuko Ojiri pleaded guilty to eight offences under section 21A of the Terrorism Act 2000. The 53-year-old admitted failing to disclose information about sales he made to Beirut-based Nazem Ahmad who was sanctioned by the US and UK authorities on suspicion of financing the Iran-backed terror group. Page 15



BUSINESS M&S sales growth hit after cyber attack

Growth at Marks & Spencer's food business ground to a halt after it was hit by a cyber attack. Figures show that spending in M&S's food halls rose by just 0.8 per cent in the four weeks to May 17. Analysis by NIQ showed spending had been up by 11 per cent in the 12 months to May 17, but M&S sold fewer items in the four weeks that date compared with the same period last year and its market share slipped to 3.3 per cent, compared with 3.6 per cent in the year as a whole. Page 33

SPORT Spurs hunt new boss as Postecoglou sacked

Ange Postecoglou has been sacked by Daniel Levy, the Tottenham Hotspur chairman, despite ending the club's long trophy drought in the Europa League. It is understood that chief football officer Scott Munn, who was one of Postecoglou's biggest supporters inside Spurs, has also been sacked. The club said: "It is crucial that we are able to compete on multiple fronts and believe a change of approach will give us the strongest chance for the coming season and beyond." Sport, page 1

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Two-tier police row protester is Islamist given asylum

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Activist claimed he meant the Home Office when he said: I like an organisation that starts with H

A PRO-PALESTINE activist who evaded terror charges in a “two-tier” policing row is an Islamist propagandist granted asylum in Britain, *The Telegraph* can reveal.

The demonstrator, who avoided prosecution after chanting “I love the 7th of October” at a London rally last year, can today be named as Mohammad Al-Mail, a 27-year-old Kuwaiti national granted refugee status in 2017.

Last month, *The Telegraph* published footage of Mr Al-Mail apparently glorifying the Hamas massacre and shouting “I like an organisation that starts with H” through a megaphone at an anti-Israel protest in Swiss Cottage, north London, last September. He was later arrested on suspicion of terrorism offences but never charged.

By contrast, a Jewish man who attended a counter-protest on the same day was charged with causing “distress” to terrorist sympathisers for briefly holding a placard mocking the Hezbollah leader. It took eight months for the CPS to admit there was insufficient evidence to prosecute.

The Telegraph can reveal Mr Al-Mail claimed he avoided prosecution by telling counter-terror officers that the “H” in his chant stood for the Home Office, rather than Hamas. In footage obtained by this newspaper – which police confirm they had not seen – Mr Al-Mail appears to boast of misleading investigators.

In an Arabic-language podcast aired in March, he said the case “fell apart” after he gave what appears to be a knowingly false answer when asked:

“Who do you mean by the letter H?”

“Immediately, I answered, ‘It could be the Home Office, you know, the Ministry of the Interior. I love the Ministry of the Interior and so on.’”

“Truly, as the saying goes, ‘The worst calamity is the one that makes you laugh,’” he joked, adding that officers “wanted to delve into the depths of my conscience to know what I truly believe”. The Met twice referred his case to the Crown Prosecution Service but he was never charged.

A source familiar with the case said the CPS declined to bring charges, fearing it would be “speculation” to infer support for a proscribed group from his chant. *The Telegraph* can also reveal Mr Al-Mail’s support for terror groups was not limited to the Sept 20 protest. Since being granted asylum, he has used his group, the Upper Hand Organisation, to promote an Islamist ideology at odds with British democratic values.

In the same podcast, he urged supporters to “seize opportunities” created by the Oct 7 attack – the worst massacre of Jews since the Holocaust. “Not every day is like October 7,” he said. “If an opportunity arises, we must fully exploit it. If you strike, make it hurt.”

His website hosts Islamist manifestos and incendiary texts. He has criticised al-Qaeda, the Taliban and Syrian group HTS for being too “pragmatic” and failing to advance global jihad. He wrote that such groups have “succumbed to the international system and failed to bring about significant change to the concept of jihad itself – jihad, which is understood as a struggle to establish Sharia on earth.”

Mr Al-Mail has promoted the jihadi cause online and at protests through leaflets and stickers. On Aug 17 last year, the Upper Hand Organisation issued a pamphlet titled *Wake Up! Protect the Honour of Islam*, portraying the Israel-Palestine conflict as a “war of faith”.

It glorifies jihad, urges mobilisation, and repeats the slogan “a new Khaybar awaits” – a phrase often used to incite violence against Jews. The document



Protester charged for mocking Hezbollah

Above, Mohammad Al-Mail, who chanted ‘I love the 7th of October’ at a rally. Inset above, our report highlighting the plight of a Jewish protester last month

claims his group is “committed to channeling resources toward strategic projects to achieve Islamic dominance.”

On Nov 11 last year, Mr Al-Mail announced he would surrender to police over his chants but told supporters to “continue the path of jihad”. He described peaceful Muslims as “slaves and dwarves” and issued a warning to Britain: “What is coming to you is terrifying, either our annihilation or yours.”

He has used his platform to lobby Parliament to de-proscribe Hamas and divert taxpayer funds to sharia courts. He also opposes the banning of child

marriage, arguing it discriminates against 16- and 17-year-old Muslim girls.

In a statement to *The Telegraph*, the Metropolitan Police said it was unaware of Mr Al-Mail’s apparent admission and record of Islamist advocacy until contacted by this newspaper.

A spokesman said the force “do not believe the material provided to us was known to officers at the time of their initial investigation. It did not form part of the case put to the CPS. Officers will carefully review it to identify any offences so the appropriate action can be taken.”

The case has been described as an example of two-tier policing, deepening embarrassment for Scotland Yard and raising concerns over national security. Last night Chris Philp, the shadow policing minister, said that, in light of *The Telegraph*’s disclosures, “the police must urgently re-investigate the incident with a view to re-arresting the

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man concerned”. His comments were echoed by Lord Walney, the former extremism tsar, who said the evidence uncovered by this newspaper “raises serious questions for the Metropolitan Police.”

The Jewish counter-protester, charged for “causing distress” by holding a sign mocking Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah, said the disclosures were more evidence of “two-tier policing”. The CPS dropped the case against him last month.

It said it was reviewing its decision not to press charges against Mr Al-Mail.

A Home Office spokesman said: “The investigation of criminal offences is a matter for the police and CPS, who are operationally independent. It is our long-standing policy not to comment on individual cases.”

Mr Al-Mail was approached for comment.



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