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Save the date

**\*Webinar: Prevent in Healthcare\*: The UK is the only nation in the world to deliver a counterterrorism programme within its healthcare system**

Date: Thursday 19th November 2020

Time: 5.30PM (GMT)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/prevent-in-health-tickets-126382775283>

Government

**The Republic in action: speech by the President of the Republic on the theme of the fight against separatism**

FRANCE (Macron)

<https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2020/10/02/la-republique-en-actes-discours-du-president-de-la-republique-sur-le-theme-de-la-lutte-contre-les-separatismes>

**Hate Crime and Prevent Coordinator**

<https://jobs.localgov.co.uk/job/148769/hate-crime-and-prevent-coordinator/>

**Counter Terrorism Policing – New insight into the world of Prevent**

<https://northyorkshire.police.uk/news/counter-terrorism-policing-new-insight-into-the-world-of-prevent-2/>

**Prevent: Public knowledge and interactions**

Home Office

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-public-knowledge-and-interactions>

Reports and Papers

**Racial Capitalism, Islamophobia, and Austerity**

Nadya Ali, Ben Whitham

<https://academic.oup.com/ips/advance-article-abstract/doi/10.1093/ips/olaa023/5941765?redirectedFrom=fulltext>

**CAGE publishes report charting assaults on the legal system through terrorism legislation**

CAGE

<https://www.cage.ngo/cage-publishes-report-charting-assaults-on-the-legal-system-through-terrorism-legislation>

**Recovering antiracism: Reflections on collectivity and solidarity in antiracist organising**

Azfar Shafi , Ilyas Nagdee

<https://www.tni.org/en/antiracism>

**AS MUSLIMS’ HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS, WE NO LONGER FEEL SAFE IN FRANCE**

CCIF

<http://www.islamophobie.net/en/2020/10/26/le-nouveau-depart-du-ccif-pour-preserver-sa-liberte-daction/>

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**Treating white men as a new suspect community is not the answer**

Natalie James

<https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/countering-radical-right/treating-white-men-new-suspect-community-not-answer/>

**Macron says Islam ‘in crisis’, prompting backlash from Muslims**

Al Jazeera

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/10/2/macron-announces-new-plan-to-regulate-islam-in-france>

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**David Haines' brother fears youth radicalisation during lockdown**

BBC

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-tayside-central-54387493>

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**Far-right 'exploiting coronavirus crisis to try to recruit people'**

Victoria Smith

<https://www.lbc.co.uk/news/far-right-exploiting-coronavirus-crisis-to-try-to-recruit-people/>

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**Terrorist and radicalised inmate convicted of trying to kill guard at top-security jail**

Russell Hope

<https://news.sky.com/story/terrorist-and-radicalised-inmate-convicted-of-trying-to-kill-guard-at-top-security-jail-12098497>

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Karina Piser

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2020/10/07/macron-wants-to-start-an-islamic-revolution/>

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**Islamic extremist and inmate he radicalised behind bars are jailed for life for trying to murder prison officer with a 'shank' while wearing fake suicide vests at HMP Whitemoor**

Amie Gordon and Jack Wright

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-8819831/Islamic-extremist-jailed-life-trying-murder-prison-officer.html>

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**Boy, 15, cleared of preparing for Isis-inspired terror attack during lockdown**

Lizzie Dearden

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/terror-plot-attack-uk-isis-teenage-boy-eastleigh-lockdown-not-guilty-b910016.html>

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**THE CHANGING FACE OF TERROR**

SUSIE BEEVER

<https://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/interactive/yorkshire-terrorism-threat#main-page-section-5>

**Britain to overhaul its counter-extremism strategy**

Bethan Staton and Helen Warrell

<https://www.ft.com/content/b2c00bc1-bd90-4277-8951-da1b8588ac20> (use internet search of headline if link blocked by paywall)

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**The local groups fighting violent extremism in the UK: Politicised debates around Prevent often obscure what actually takes place at the grassroots level.**

Fernan Osorno

<https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/global-extremes/local-groups-fighting-violent-extremism-uk/>

**UK’s ‘weak’ counter-extremism strategy set for overhaul**

Paul Peachey

<https://www.thenationalnews.com/world/europe/uk-s-weak-counter-extremism-strategy-set-for-overhaul-1.1092286>

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**We Do Not Concede, Nor Do We Condemn**

Elesa Zehndorfer Ph.D

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/gb/blog/political-animals-and-animal-spirits/202010/we-do-not-concede-nor-do-we-condemn>

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**Prison officers under 'constant threat' of beheadings from extremists**

Jon Ironmonger

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-cambridgeshire-54551709>

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**Radicalisation warning ahead of sentencing of teen neo-Nazi who downloaded bomb manuals**

Sam Courtney Guy

<https://metro.co.uk/2020/10/16/radicalisation-warning-ahead-of-sentencing-of-teen-neo-nazi-who-downloaded-bomb-manuals-13431492/?ito=cbshare>

**Harry Vaughan: Police warning over far-Right radicalisation as teen is sentenced**

Martin Bentham

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/crime/police-warning-farright-radicalisation-harry-vaughan-sentenced-a4571848.html>

**Failure of anti-extremism measures allowed terrorist Usman Khan to kill Jack Merritt and Saskia Jones**

David Brown

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/failure-of-anti-extremism-measures-allowed-terrorist-usman-khan-to-kill-jack-merritt-and-saskia-jones-hz8mwptkc>

**Grammar school pupil became convicted neo-Nazi terrorist**

Martin Evans

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2020/10/16/grammar-school-pupil-became-neo-nazi-terrorist-shows-anyone/>

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**Blackburn workshop on preventing radicalisation in young people**

Alima Nadeem

<https://www.lancashiretelegraph.co.uk/news/18801602.blackburn-workshop-preventing-radicalisation-young-people/>

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**Why UK’s extremism strategy is shifting**

David Toube

<https://www.thejc.com/comment/analysis/why-uk-s-extremism-strategy-is-shifting-1.507690>

**Review of security around terrorist prisoners after first Isis-inspired attack in UK jail**

Lizzie Dearden

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/terror-attacks-uk-prisons-isis-hmp-whitemoor-murder-jail-security-b1012846.html>

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**Macron launches anti-Muslim police-state crackdown after terror attack in France**

Will Morrow

<https://www.wsws.org/en/articles/2020/10/20/macr-o20.html>

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**Extremist who made Festival Hall ‘attack’ video found guilty of terrorism**

Shropshire Star

<https://www.shropshirestar.com/news/uk-news/2020/10/20/extremist-who-made-festival-hall-attack-video-found-guilty-of-terrorism/>

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**Jailed wannabe jihadi who downloaded guides on how to make a bomb and suicide vest has lost a legal bid**

John Sheerhout

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/jailed-wannabe-jihadi-who-downloaded-19137815>

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**Police raise PREVENT awareness to help support vulnerable people**

Cumbria Crack

<https://www.cumbriacrack.com/2020/10/22/police-raise-prevent-awareness-to-help-support-vulnerable-people/>

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<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2020/oct/25/priti-patel-kept-up-anti-lawyer-rhetoric-after-met-warning-on-terror>

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