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Mohammed Elshimi

https://rusi.org/commentary/The_New_UK_Counterterrorism_Strategy#.WziQ2YLgkno.twitter

Special Edition on PREVENT

FOCUS: THE 'WHERE' OF PREVENT

Shereen Fernandez, Rob Faure Walker and Tarek Younis

<https://discoversociety.org/2018/06/05/focus-the-where-of-prevent/>

COULD COUNTER-EXTREMISM POLICIES BE AIDING THE EXTREME ANTI-ISLAM RIGHT?

Hilary Aked

<https://discoversociety.org/2018/06/05/could-counter-extremism-policies-be-aiding-the-extreme-anti-islam-right/>

HOW AND WHERE IS PREVENT PROMOTED? DIGITAL, VISUAL AND SPATIAL REPRESENTATIONS OF UK COUNTER-TERRORISM

Gareth Thompson

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RESEARCHING PREVENT: A GEOGRAPHICAL SILENCE

Anna Lockley-Scott

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TERRORISM, AUTISM AND MENTAL ILLNESS IN THE UK PREVENT STRATEGY

Charlotte Heath-Kelly

<https://discoversociety.org/2018/06/05/terrorism-autism-and-mental-illness-in-the-uk-prevent-strategy/>

Save the date

Have your say on Prevent

6th July in Slough

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/have-your-say-on-prevent-tickets-46570045259>

Government

Securing the future: counter-terrorism strategy published

Home Secretary Sajid Javid sets out the UK's response to evolving threat of terrorism.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/securing-the-future-counter-terrorism-strategy-published>

Human Rights Committee

Subject: Legislative Scrutiny: Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Bill

Witnesses: Max Hill QC, Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation, and Corey Stoughton, Advocacy Director, Liberty

Full video: <https://www.parliamentlive.tv/Event/Index/08562a49-2e28-4afd-b62d-9108e7623ec0#player-tabs> (PREVENT discussed at 16:49.10)

Tweet:

<https://twitter.com/HumanRightsCtte/status/1009847474457104385>

Progress of the Bill: <https://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/counterterrorismdbordersecurity.html>

n.b. see Clause 18 of Bill for section relevant to PREVENT

Reports and Papers

More than words – Approaching a definition of Islamophobia

MEND

<https://mend.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Approaching-a-definition-of-Islamophobia-More-than-words.pdf>

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Research Participants Wanted

Sam Andrews is a PhD student looking for statements from women on what they think about Prevent, and whether they have been affected by the policy. Statements can be any length, but please make them descriptive. All participants anonymous. Email: samandrews@lincoln.ac.uk

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How UK Cops Invented 'Domestic Extremism' to Justify Political Spying

<https://sptnkne.ws/hE3y>

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Police facing surge in extremists released from jail, analysis finds

Jamie Grierson and Caelainn Barr

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2018/jun/03/surge-in-terrorists-eligible-for-parole-poses-threat-to-uk-security>

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Police and MI5 to get quicker tip-offs on suspicious purchases in new anti-terror plan

Sanya Burges

<https://news.sky.com/story/police-and-mi5-to-get-quicker-tip-offs-on-suspicious-purchases-in-javids-anti-terror-plan-11394229>

Major shift in war on terror

Dominic Yeatman

<https://www.metro.news/major-shift-in-war-on-terror/1085819/>

The Yorkshire Post says: Javid’s mission. Stepping up fight against extremism

<https://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/opinion/the-yorkshire-post-says-javid-s-mission-stepping-up-fight-against-extremism-1-9191270>

Terror strategy: MI5 to share information on UK suspects

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-44351841>

Sajid Javid to unveil revamped counter-terrorism strategy

Peter Walker, Jamie Grierson and Caelainn Barr

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2018/jun/04/sajid-javid-unveil-revamped-counter-terrorism-strategy>

Sunderland Uni academic speaks on counter-radicalisation

<https://www.sun-fm.com/news/local/2597237/sunderland-uni-academic-speaks-on-counter-radicalisation/>

Impact of Brussels anti-radicalisation spending unclear, say auditors

Simone Rensch

<http://www.publicfinanceinternational.org/news/2018/06/impact-brussels-anti-radicalisation-spending-unclear-say-auditors>

How London teenager plotted attacks with all-female terror cell

Nadia Khomami

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The radicalisation of Safaa Boular: A teenager's journey to terror

Dominic Casciani

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-44359958>

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Spies to reveal terrorism suspects to teachers in latest attempt to foil death plots

RT

<https://www.rt.com/uk/428619-mi5-terror-islam-javid/>

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Hambleton council raises concerns over housing asylum seekers

Stuart Minting

http://www.darlingtonandstocktontimes.co.uk/news/16271021.Council_raises_concerns_about_housing_asylum_seekers_in_rural_district/

Counterterrorism Efforts Can Radicalize Homegrown Terrorists, Study Finds

Jonathan Lee

<https://www.inverse.com/article/45652-high-anti-muslim-google-searches-match-pro-isis-searches-in-u-s-communities>

In defence of the Prevent programme

Joe McElroy (Institute for Strategic Dialogue)

<https://www.tes.com/news/defence-prevent-programme>

SHOCK REPORT: De-radicalisation programmes are NOT working

Rebecca Perring

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/970249/Terror-news-de-radicalisation-uk-prevent-report>

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Vast majority of deradicalisation programmes 'ineffective'

The Week

<http://www.theweek.co.uk/94112/vast-majority-of-deradicalisation-programmes-ineffective>

Croydon man who works with kids to counter Islamic extremism now hopes to reduce knife crime

Sam Truelove

<https://www.croydonadvertiser.co.uk/news/croydon-news/croydon-man-who-works-kids-1650368>

Abdul Ahad: The Geordie Imam battling extremism

Gareth Browne

<https://www.thenational.ae/world/europe/abdul-ahad-the-geordie-imam-battling-extremism-1.738017>

Ignorant councillor needs a lesson in diversity

Joanna Morris

http://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/local/northyorkshire/thirsk/16276446.Jo_Morris_Ignorant_councillor_needs_a_lesson_in_diversity/

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A civil liberties group just won a huge legal victory over five police forces and the Home Office

Emily Apple

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Partnerships to defeat extremism, says UK minister

<http://www.uniindia.com/~partnerships-needed-to-defeat-extremism-says-uk-minister/India/news/1259069.html>

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Manchester researchers tackling extremism and promoting social unity

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Officials considered removing the Parsons Green bomber from list of extremists 10 days before attack

Sarah Newey

<https://inews.co.uk/news/parsons-green-bomber-extremists-list/>

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Anti-terror officials discussed closing Parsons Green attacker's case 10 days before Tube bombing

Lizzie Dearden

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/parsons-green-tube-bombing-close-station-london-underground-prevent-isis-a8404736.html>

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Councillor who said 'no proof' ISIS exists now helping protect kids from radicalisation

Jeanette Oldham

<https://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/midlands-news/councillor-who-said-no-proof-14804493>

UK hardest hit as report reveals EU faced 205 terror attacks last year

Press Association

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/pa/article-5865543/UK-hardest-hit-report-reveals-EU-faced-205-terror-attacks-year.html>

Nigeria ramps up airport security amid concerns terrorists are training for UK attacks

Harriet Mallinson

<https://www.express.co.uk/travel/articles/977031/nigeria-airport-security-terror-attack-terrorism>

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Woman who let friend practice Isis-style terror attack at her home is jailed

Lizzie Dearden

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Terrorist Radicalization ‘Biggest Scourge’ in U.K., Police Official Says

Kitty Donaldson

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-06-26/terrorist-radicalization-biggest-scourge-in-u-k-police-says>

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How shared values and partnership help Luton tackle extremism

Nicola Monk

<https://www.lgcplus.com/services/community-cohesion/how-shared-values-and-partnership-help-luton-tackle-extremism/7024983.article>

Doctors 'should not have to report' suspected terrorists

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MP's call to extend Copyright Directive filters to 'extremist' material attacked by Article 19

Graeme Burton

<https://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/3034997/mps-call-to-extend-copyright-directive-filters-to-extremist-material-attacked-by-article-19>

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Doctors insist they should not be forced to report patients or colleagues they suspect of having extremist ideologies to anti-terror chiefs

Kate Pickles

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5898961/DOCTORS-insist-not-forced-terror-suspect-patients.html>

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Young people being radicalised into violence by music videos and social media, former gang member warns

Lizzie Dearden

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/violent-crime-knife-stabbings-radicalisation-drill-music-videos-social-media-a8423211.html>