

Global Networking of Right-Wing Extremism (RWE)

Some additional remarks

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In this brief paper I give some additional remarks, which are based on my last analysis with Jane's Intelligence Review („Far-right extremists step up international networking“), which was published 1 May 2020.¹

Key Points are:

- Increased monitoring of the communications of far-right extremists suggests that their personal and international contacts are growing in importance.
- Far-right extremists travel internationally to network at conferences and events, and to gain combat experience and training in conflict zones.
- The increasing internationalisation of far-right extremism is likely to further international networking between extremists in-person and virtually.

The JIR analysis started with the following abstract:

„The US Department of State designated the St Petersburg-based Russian Imperial Movement (RIM) and three of its leaders as Specially Designated Global Terrorists (SDGTs) on 6 April. This was the first such designation of a far-right extremist group by the US government.“

For legal reasons some names and sources are blackened. I have no time and money for legal dispute and I don't promote extremist websites.

¹ <https://www.janes.com/security/janes-intelligence-review>

Since I do research into the militant Neonazi scene after 1945 and their Cold War activities I am interested in left- and right wing extremists (RWE) who fight as mercenaries in different crisis regions of the world. Also interesting (especially for psychiatrists) are those idiots with pimples - but dangerous anyway to public safety - who think it's cool to be photographed in front of a burning house with an AK-47. I combed through a lot of material, which I collected, especially on RWE militants, mercenaries, front organisations and security companies. Many of them were engaged or still are engaged in somehow dodgy operations, some of them affiliated to governmental agencies or influential persons of some states as e.g. Russia.

Especially walking through some dedicated forums of the Dark Web or discussion boards of the Surface Web is always fruitful for me to get closer to this scene.

I have heard of paramilitary "holiday camps" in eastern countries (Belarus, Ukraine, Serbia, Albania ...) I have done some research but I don't find much about it, surely because it shouldn't be too legal, do you know something about that ?



commented Feb 6 by [REDACTED]

reply

The relationship between state agencies and „private“ security companies I also follow closely – sometimes for the Intelligence Online².

After reading the two great volumes „The Darkest Sides of Politics“ (Jeffrey M. Bale³) I became more and more fascinated in these organisations and I hope to dig deeper in it with my current research on a former SS member, who was pretty active in the RWE scene.

The following is not a precise analysis, but rather a collection of indications of a development that in my opinion should be more and better investigated. Based on my observations, I had already developed a concept in September 2013: Identification - Monitoring - Elimination (IME). It was a model with which relevant RWE developments should be recognized and combated in advance. For this I compared the procedures of earlier RWE terrorist attacks, clandestine preparations, militant individuals, etc. with developments till 2013. Even after 2013, these developments led to the devastating situation that we find today. One can say that IME was unfortunately ignored – but this is another story.

Later I was able to apply IME to the activities of North Korean actors - a far less dangerous threat to security, but also an important investigative goal. This does not mean that I will no longer apply IME to RWE. For this purpose I have collected some evidence here. The paper is based on my original analysis for Jane's Intelligence Review.

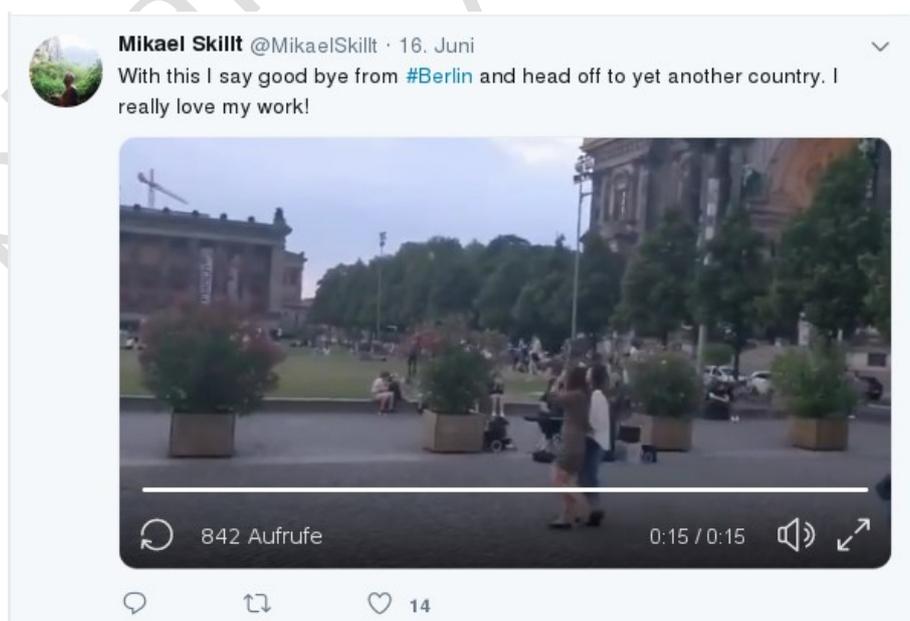
² <https://www.intelligenceonline.com/>

³ <https://www.middlebury.edu/institute/news/darkest-sides-politics-two-volume-series-bale-published>

The international mobility and networking of the right-wing scene developed inevitably after 1945, as National Socialism and Fascism failed as concepts of society and were discredited because of the crimes committed under their rule. Despite divergent programmes and social differences, various groups, organizations and networks therefore had to cooperate globally. They organized joint conferences and demonstrated against one joint enemy: Communism. Today's right-wing extremist organizations operate in a political climate in which international refugee movements and the immigration of Muslims, often perceived as Islamisation, are the common denominator. Racist ideologies and conspiracy theories in which "the Jews" and other historical enemies such as the Bilderbergers repeatedly appear serve as internationally accepted enemy notions within the scene.

Obviously governmental efforts to stop this RWE mobility are not efficient. Even if e.g. US agencies try to stop departures of right-wing militants current cases show that RWEs successfully circumvent those efforts and choose unsuspecting destinations such as Ireland, Germany or Italy in order to continue their journey by land. Violent RWEs, some with a military background, repeatedly travel through Europe and to conflict zones such as Ukraine in order to fight, network and gather further paramilitary expertise. This takes place in an environment that is not transparent to the authorities. A few examples illustrate this high degree of mobility:

- Swedish right-wing extremist and sniper Mikael Skillt, who the BBC called a "white power warrior" in 2014,⁴ has appeared as a mercenary of the Azov Battalion, in which international right-wing extremists fight against pro-Russian separatists in Ukraine. He uploaded a Twitter video in Berlin on 16 June 2018:



4 <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-28329329> (04 May 2020)

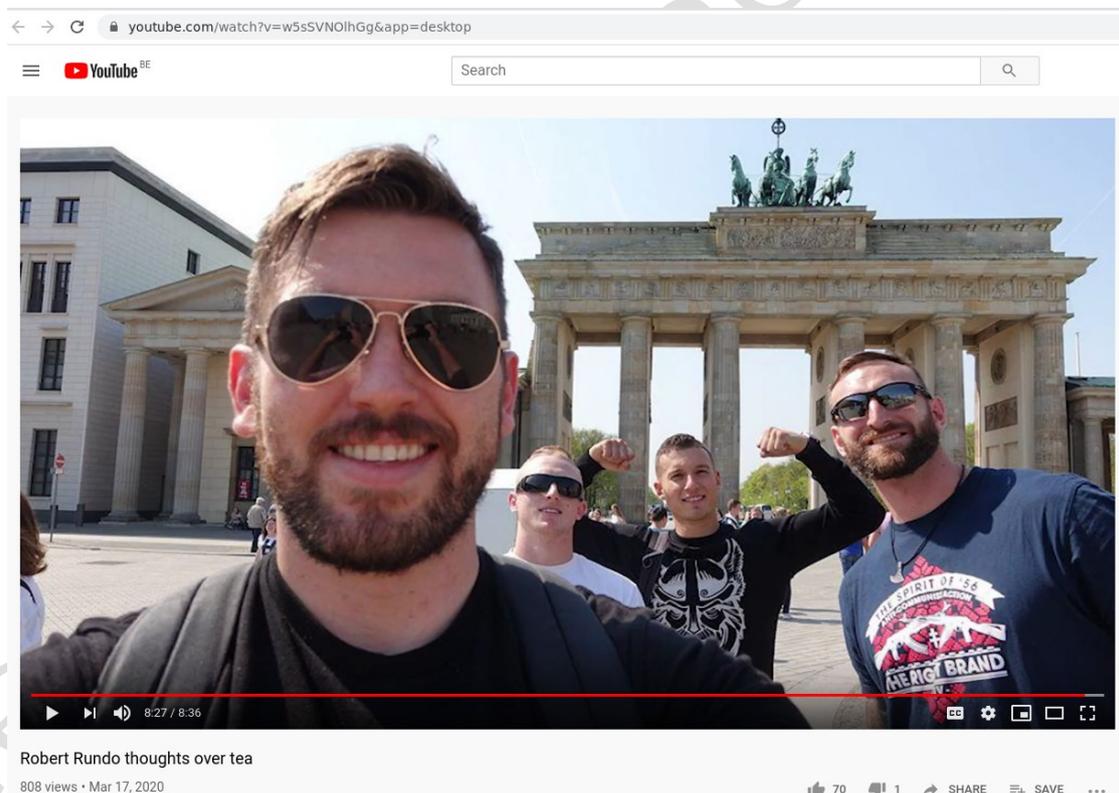
Since 17 July 2017, he had been „Director 2“ of Polidev Ltd („Director 1“ was a German citizen), which was registered in London and dissolved on 14 May 2019, and whose services included “intelligence support”.

<i>Company Name in full:</i>	POLIDEV LTD.		
<i>Company Type:</i>	Private company limited by shares		
<i>Situation of Registered Office:</i>	England and Wales		
<i>Proposed Registered Office Address:</i>	OFFICE 32 19-21 CRAWFORD STREET LONDON UNITED KINGDOM W1H 1PJ		
<i>Sic Codes:</i>	62020 62090 64209		
<i>Company Director</i>	2		
<i>Type:</i>	Person		
<i>Full Forename(s):</i>	MR KJELL MIKAEL		
<i>Surname:</i>	SKILLT		
<i>Former Names:</i>			
<i>Service Address:</i>	recorded as Company's registered office		
<i>Country/State Usually Resident:</i>	UKRAINE		
<i>Date of Birth:</i>	**/12/1976	<i>Nationality:</i>	SWEDISH
<i>Occupation:</i>	DIRECTOR		

According to a Polidev press release, he “took part in the successful live demonstration of Stiletto System's armour piercing ammunition” (21 September 2017) – a business well known among Western military experts and a UK registered business.

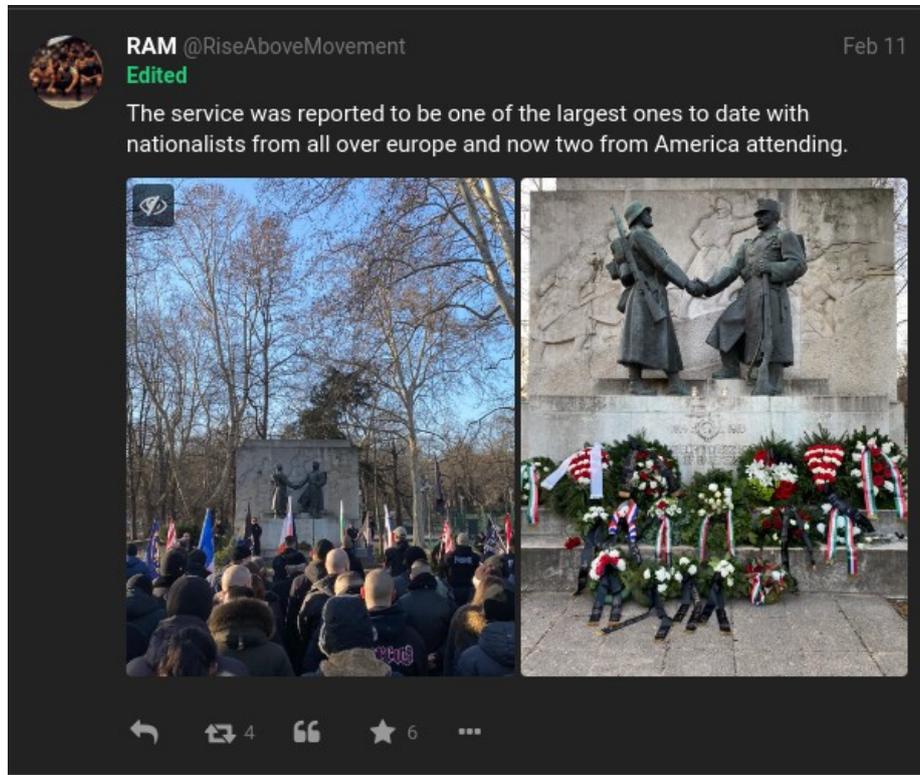


- Christchurch's attacker, Brenton Tarrant, had been travelling through Europe, the Middle East and apparently also to North Korea since 2016. One year before his mass murder, he was in Bulgaria and allegedly in Spain. To this day, the respective authorities are investigating his possible contacts in situ.
- ██████████, a member of the right-wing populist party *Alternative für Deutschland* (AfD) in Rostock (eastern Germany), stayed in Ukraine in 2018 to take part in paramilitary exercises with various neo-Nazis as well as demonstrations by militant RWE organizations.
- In spring 2018, Michael Miselis, Robert Rundo, Ben Daley and other members of the right-wing extremist US organization "Rise Above Movement" (RAM) travelled to Germany, Italy and Ukraine to meet other European right-wing extremists (USA v. Rundo, 2:18-mj-02791, 20 October 2018). While they were in Berlin in front of the Brandenburg Gate,....



... they said they met other RWEs from Portugal and Switzerland in Ukraine. In Germany, they visited the so-called *Schild und Schwert* (Shield and Sword) festival in Ostritz, which has been held annually since 2017 and in which numerous RWEs from Eastern Europe take part. Despite several criminal proceedings and investigations by the FBI, RAM is still active and its members can travel through Europe seemingly unhindered: On 3 April 2020, RAM advertised its new website on

gab.com ([REDACTED]). Both there and on their website [REDACTED] as well as gab.com, RAM proudly presents photos of the “Day of Honour” (11 April 2020) in Budapest (Hungary) and their attending members. This event is intended to honour Hungarian and German soldiers of the Wehrmacht:



I secured a video of the event uploaded by RAM, which features a song apparently performed by an American. RAM was able to expand their international network, such as with members of the German RWE party “Die Rechte”, who were also present. The RAM website shows that a few days earlier, members of RAM had met in Serbia with soldiers and participants in the Yugoslavian war – an El Dorado of the 1990s for RWE mercenaries from all over the world. A video shows Robert Rundo back in Belgrade on 17 March 2020.

- On 7 November 2019, AWD's US activist Kyle McCoy was refused entry at Tegel Airport in Berlin after an interrogation.⁵ On 20 September 2010, a left-wing US website had already reported that McCoy had been in Germany in the past as a member of the Berlin Black Metal band “Golgothar”. By means of his nickname “Hexergeist”, it was easy to verify his previous activity⁶:

5 Easy research: While German magazine FOCUS wrote about „Neonazi McC.“ (https://www.focus.de/politik/deutschland/einreise-gestoppt-us-neonazis-rekrutieren-an-deutschen-universitaeten_id_11351542.html), another German newspaper – DIE ZEIT – mentioned „Kyle M.“ (<https://www.zeit.de/gesellschaft/zeitgeschehen/2019-11/atomwaffen-division-rechtsterrorismus-us-neonazi-berlin-einreisestopp>). Anyway: US left-wing sources knew him years before.

6 <https://www.metal-archives.com/artists/Hexergeist/40454> (04 May 2020)

HEXERGEIST report an error

Real/full name: N/A Place of origin: United States
 Age: N/A Gender: Male

PAST BANDS LIVE GUEST/SESSION

EDELWEISS
Vocals, Guitars (2013-2014)

2014 Calling the Ancestral Storms (Demo) Vocals, Guitars

GOLGATHAR
Guitars, Bass

2008 Germania Misanthropica (Demo) Guitars, Bass

IMMORTAL PRIDE

2011 proPAGANda Guitars, Vocals (backing)

PANZERGOD
Guitars

Various sources as ProPublica reporter Ali Winston suspect that he is the middleman between AWD USA and Germany.⁷

- The role of Rinaldo Nazzaro, presumably the leader of another RWE organisation called "The Base", is still somehow dodgy: Apparently, he ran a company for several years – Omega Solutions International – which had a Cage Code (61PL9) and was therefore allowed to carry out government contracts. The company logo reminds me of the so-called Maltese Cross, often instrumentalized in right-wing conspiracy circles:

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Customized Solutions + Personalized Support

Omega Solutions International (OSI) is a security consulting firm specializing in intelligence, counterterrorism, and counterinsurgency. Our associates have worked with various government and military agencies. We assist clients worldwide with analysis, training, information management, and risk assessments. OSI is small but experienced, ensuring dedicated personalized support at a competitive cost. Confidentiality, discretion, professionalism, and customer service are the foundations of our operations.

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⁷ <https://twitter.com/awinston/status/1242820854028869632> (04 May 2020)

International travel movements of the RWE scene also occur from the crisis regions back to and within Europe. One example for for this is the right-wing extremist mixed martial arts festival "Kampf der Nibelungen". In 2018, hundreds of visitors from many countries travelled to Germany, including militant neo-Nazis and hooligans from the Ukraine, Czech Republic, France, Italy, Austria, Bulgaria and Greece – many of whom were criminals convicted of serious acts of violence, including a political murder: ██████████, who spent years in prison for robbery and who had contact with a member of the terrorist group National Socialist Underground (NSU) responsible for ten murders. He is also a member of the terrorist organization Combat 18, which was banned in Germany in January 2020. In addition to ██████████, who was imprisoned for years for manslaughter, there are other members of a mixed scene of hooligans, martial artists and criminal OMCG, such as ██████████, who was apparently shot by competitors in March 2020. Representatives of European companies that finance the RWE scene by selling music and textiles were also among the attendees. The festival was banned by the competent court in 2019 on the grounds that "the event does not have a sporting character, but rather serves to train right-wing extremists in combat and thus to prepare for a political struggle".

In March 2020 three Polish neo-Nazis were sentenced by a Polish court. The convicts had – apparently on behalf of the German right-wing extremist journalist Manuel Ochsenreiter (he is currently not convicted, the investigation is still ongoing) – carried out an arson attack against a Hungarian cultural institution in Ukraine in February 2018. Ochsenreiter had worked in the Berlin Bundestag as an AfD employee for some time and appears to have very good connections to Russian organizations as well as to Iran. He is not only a friend of the Russian mastermind of pan-European fascists, Alexander Dugin, but also writes since 2015 for the think tank Katehon, which is financed by the Russian businessman Konstantin Malofeev. Malofeev is on various sanctions lists because of his political activities on behalf of the Ukrainian separatists in Eastern Ukraine and the Crimea. Ochsenreiter cooperates with Russia Today and Sputnik News, and was mentioned by the BBC in April 2019 in connection with Russian influence on the German parliament. In both 2012 and 2014 he appeared at anti-Semitic conferences in Iran. Ochsenreiter is also well connected to Mateusz Piskorski.⁸

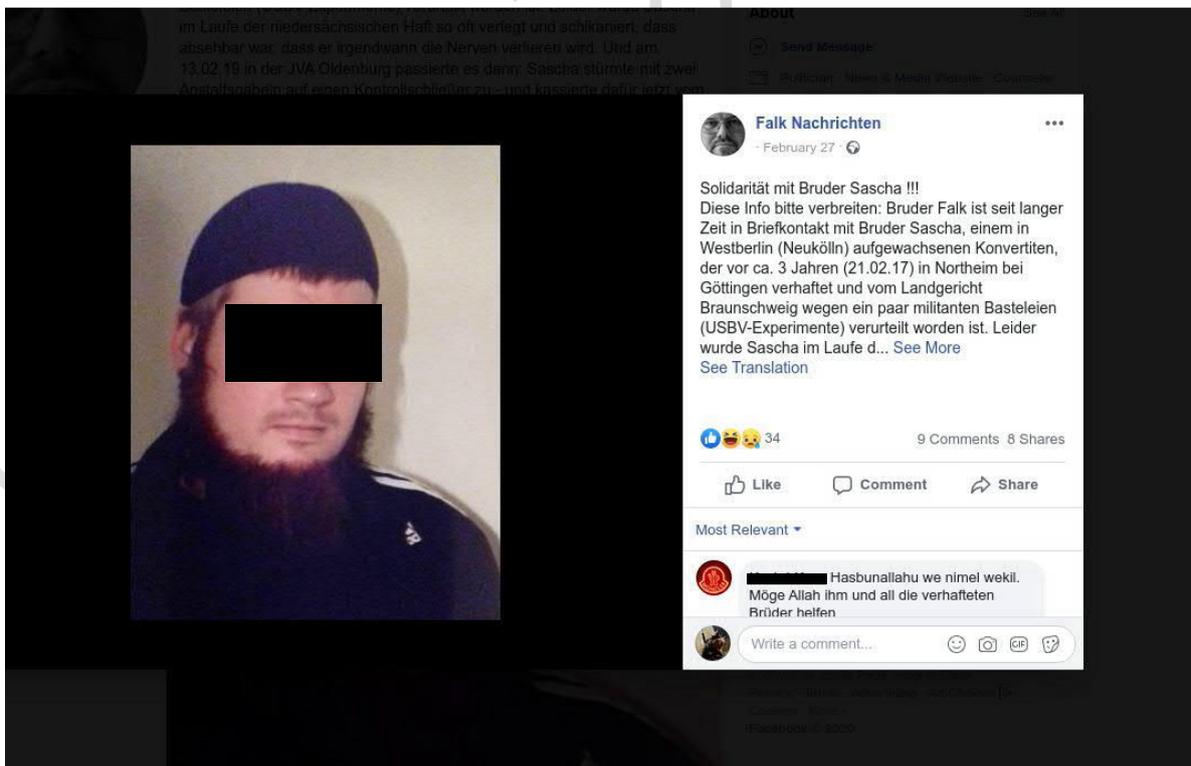
To Syria and RWE only a very few remarks: The extent to which Syria supports right-wing extremist plans is unclear. However, looking at the numerous examples in which individual states have given massive material and financial support to international terrorist groups over a period of several years, it is plausible that the extreme right is receiving such support. Here, too, non-military right-wing extremists travelling to corresponding crisis regions can provoke problematic and politically sensitive follow-up trips. In 2006 it was reported that RWEs from the Czech Republic intended to fight with the Iranian military against Israel. Due to the politically extremely sensitive constellation,

⁸ <https://stephanblancke.blogspot.com/2018/05/mateusz-piskorski-etc.html> (04 May 2020)

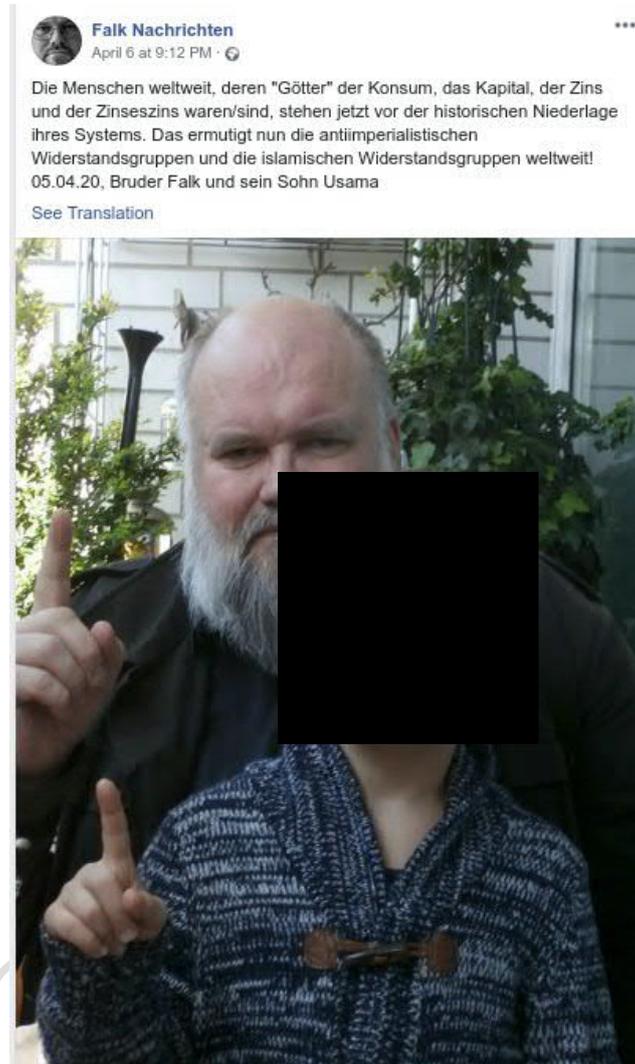
such plans would lead to diplomatic problems if realized. Already in June 2013, the then-head of the right-wing extremist British National Party (BNP), Nick Griffin, travelled to Damascus, where he reiterated his sympathy for the Syrian dictator and explicitly praised the terrorist organization Hezbollah. Supporters of other RWE organizations such as Casa Pound and Forza Nuova (Italy), Golden Dawn from Greece or members of various Polish and French organizations did the same as Griffin. In March 2019, a delegation of representatives of right-wing extremist parties from Germany, Italy, Belgium, Croatia and the UK travelled to Beirut to express their solidarity with Hezbollah's foreign policy envoy Ammar Al-Moussawi in the fight against Israel.

Over the years, the RWE scene has repeatedly been able to adapt to or evade the investigating authorities' increasing surveillance as well as the investigations of political opponents. Their successful international networking beyond the virtual world is proof of this. At the same time, the scene can be seen to form unusual alliances and demonstrates a high propensity for violence: In Germany, the former neo-Nazi Sascha [REDACTED] was sentenced to prison in 2017. He had joined the Islamist scene and planned various attacks. His plans were supported and financed by a Turk, an Afghan and a neo-Nazi, all of whom were united by their hatred of Jews.

The arbitrariness with which some individuals switch from one extremism to the next is evidenced by the present case. It is grotesque that [REDACTED], a former right-wing extremist who has defected to Islamism, is now defended by an Islamist, Bernhard Falk, who was formerly a left-wing terrorist.



On the other hand – this is not about RWE, but on Left Wing Extremism (LWE), another exciting topic – Bernhard Falk sticks on his LWE ideology, which he can mix without hesitation with Islamism⁹:



This overlapping of two scenes was again evident in 2019, when the US police officer Nicholas Young, who – full of reverence for Hitler and hatred of Jews – had planned to support the IS. The report prepared for the court case was entitled “Report on the Relationship between Affinity for Nazism and Inclination to Support Militant Islamist Groups” (September 2017). Due to the proximity of the RWE scene to totalitarian Islamism, operational and logistical synergy effects for both scenes are to be expected in the future. The IS has gained considerable expertise in the global, clandestine smuggling of individuals.

9 In his Facebook posting he says: „People worldwide, whose "gods" were/are consumption, capital, interest and compound interest, are now facing the historical defeat of their system. This now encourages the anti-imperialist resistance groups and the Islamic resistance groups worldwide!“. Source: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Politician/> [redacted] (05 May 2020).

And finally international networking and connections can be found, maybe sometimes unintended, at the same location: It is somehow remarkable that the party (Liberal Konservative Reformer) of AfD founder Bernd Lucke resides at the same Berlin address as the RWE organization Europa Terra Nostra - on its board are various European right-wing extremists.

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