Dozens of Muslim teenagers sent to Government's antiterror programme after being radicalised by Nazi propaganda that celebrates Adolf Hitler's genocide of Jews

Muslim teenagers are being radicalised by Nazi propaganda that celebrates Adolf Hitler's genocide of the Jews and even claims he was an admirer of Islam, the <u>Mail on Sunday</u> can reveal.

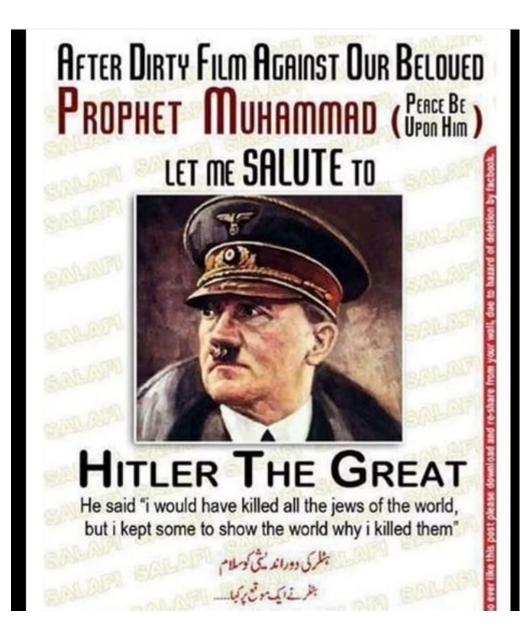
Dozens of Muslim schoolboys have been referred to the Government's Prevent programme after viewing and sharing Nazi videos and memes in the wake of the October 7 attack on Israel by Hamas and the war in Gaza.

Previously only white teenagers susceptible to Far Right extremism were referred to Prevent over such material, officials say. But now Muslim youths are being sent to the deradicalisation programme for viewing the same propaganda and expressing similar views about the Nazis.

The cases raise fears that some Muslim youths risk being radicalised as violent extremists who could carry out attacks against Jewish targets in Britain.

An alleged plot against Jewish targets in Manchester is under investigation. Home Office sources said teachers had flagged up a number of Muslim teenage boys for viewing Hitler memes and videos on social media sites such as Discord and TikTok.

Some of the memes shared the by teenagers show a photo of the Nazi dictator with the title 'Hitler the Great'. Τn others. а quote is attributed to him saying: 'The only religion Т admire is the religion of Islam.'



Official sources say dozens of Muslim teenagers have been referred to Prevent in London alone for sharing Nazi material, often as 'no fixed ideology' cases. . . when spoken to by Prevent mentors, it usually emerges that the individuals have 'Islamist mindsets' but are coming across Nazi propaganda when searching for anti-Semitic material online.

A Home Office source said: 'These kids are being spotted by teachers for viewing Nazi stuff on their smartphones. But the teachers are confused — they don't see that Islamists sometimes agree with the Far Right. The Islamists hate Jews and gays, and so do the Far Right. This makes them think Hitler was right in some respects.'

A former Prevent worker said Islamists often did not realise

that the Far Right hates Muslims as much as Jews, adding: 'For Islamists to love the Far Right is like turkeys voting for Christmas.'