

## **Press Release**

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## **TERROR INCIDENT ON LONDON UNDERGROUND**

AND THE RECENT ARRESTS IN NEWPORT SOUTH WALES ON TUESDAY 19th SEPTEMBER

*The Onyx Link Foundation (OLF) is a Newport based independent think tank which challenges radical and extremist ideologies. It was set up by a board of experts in the field, headed by Dr Abdalla Mohammed PhD, OBE.*

The OLF would like to take this opportunity to extend their thoughts and prayers for the victims and their families, and commend the emergency services and their prompt response in dealing with the aftermath of the atrocity.

We are taking the initiative to challenge these radical ideologies head on via a knowledge based approach. A month ago, we released our 'open resources', challenging radical ideologies. These resources provide an in-depth understanding of such ideologies and challenge the textual and logical arguments used to support them.

### *Features of Radicalisation*

1. Social isolation
  - a. Social isolation provides a breeding ground for radicalisation which in turn elevates it further.
  - b. In such a state of vulnerability, victim mentality is heightened, where feelings of resentment and anger materialise.
2. Radical Ideology
  - a. Radical ideology is provided within a terror narrative which is then subscribed to.
  - b. A terror narrative is a simplified approach to solving worldwide grievances through forms of violence

- c. This results in a rejection of social and national establishments

### *Recommendations*

Based on our previous work and provision of services we recommend the following (*note: identifying the specifics of the following recommendations require a specialist and technical approach that the OLF provides*):

1. Community Vigilance
  - a. Since radicalisation works in the milieu of isolation, countering such an environment is significant as a counter-strategy.
2. Technology & Social Media
  - a. Tackling online extremism and access to such graphic and hatred-filled content.
3. Providing a counter-narrative
  - a. Clarifying the essence and purpose of radical ideologies and challenging the ways religious texts are used to justify them.
  - b. As a result, empowering communities and organisations to build resilience against radicalisation, and to develop models for deradicalising and rehabilitating extremists.

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