

Risk ID	Category / Element	Risk Short Title	Description	Desired Outcome	Current Situation	Proposed Strategy
C00538	R8 Political / Government	Reactive National Response to Violent Islamist Extremism	The current national response to violent Islamist extremism is widely perceived as too reactive, with action tending to intensify only after an attack has already occurred. This creates a repeating cycle in which atrocities are followed by public outrage, temporary scrutiny, and limited corrective change before attention fades and vulnerabilities remain. The concern is not only the continued threat of extremist violence, but also the absence of a consistent, credible, pre-emptive strategy that reduces risk while remaining lawful, evidence-based, and distinguishable from hostility toward wider faith communities.	A firm, lawful, intelligence-led national counter-extremism framework is established that acts early against violent extremist threats, disrupts networks before attacks occur, strengthens oversight of enabling structures, cuts funding channels, protects the public, and does so without undermining due process, civil liberties, or community cohesion. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">What Could Go Wrong?</div> Further attacks.. Public confidence in government may deteriorate as each atrocity appears to confirm institutional paralysis. In the absence of a coherent strategy, political pressure may drive overly broad or poorly designed responses that alienate communities, weaken legitimacy, and make long-term prevention harder.	There is a strong perception among some sections of the public that violent Islamist extremism remains a major national security threat, yet government response is inconsistent, politically cautious, and insufficiently preventive. Each new attack renews demands for stronger border control, deportation of foreign extremists, tighter scrutiny of extremist networks, and tougher disruption measures, but these demands are not seen as translating into sustained operational change. The issue is therefore framed as one of weak governance, delayed intervention, and repeated failure to break the attack-response-repeat cycle.	Full review of current counter-extremism policy, legal powers, border controls, deportation pathways, intelligence coordination, and institutional oversight relating to violent extremist activity. Separate legitimate security action against violent extremism from broad-brush treatment of religious communities. Strengthen lawful mechanisms for early identification, surveillance, disruption, prosecution, exclusion, deportation. Establish a transparent performance framework that measures prevention effectiveness, response speed, legal robustness, and public confidence. Maintain political clarity that violent extremism must be confronted directly.

Risk (three-part) Statement			Current Risk			Response Type	Manageability	Residual Risk	Risk Owner	Due Date	Close Date	Last Review Date Notes
Cause	Risk Event [uncertainty]	Consequence	Probability	Impact	Score (Pxl)							
An insufficiently preventive and inconsistently applied counter-extremism governance framework.	Violent Islamist extremist networks or individuals exploit those weaknesses to plan, support, or carry out further attacks.	Loss of life, public fear, reduced confidence in government, and intensified political and social instability.	4	4 H-1 C-1 Q-1 S-1	16	Mitigate	4	12	Winter, David	20Jun27	Open	20Mar26

Mitigating Actions / Response				
ID	Actions	Action Owner	Due Date	Close Date
#1	Make review of current counter-extremism policy	Winter, David	19May26	Open
#2	Separate legitimate security action against violent extremism from broad-brush treatment of religious communities.	Winter, David	19May26	Open
#3	Strengthen lawful mechanisms for early identification, surveillance, disruption, prosecution, exclusion, deportation where legally justified, and financial investigation of extremist actors and networks	Winter, David	19May26	Open
#4	Establish a transparent performance framework that measures prevention effectiveness, response speed, legal robustness, and public confidence.	Winter, David	19May26	Open
#5	Maintain political clarity that violent extremism must be confronted directly, but only through evidence-led and legally sustainable means.	Winter, David	19May26	Open

Last 10 RM Events (Meetings/Interviews/Workshops).

Mtg.	Date	Title / Person / Department	Objective	(0 Events held.)

Comments

History

Top Risk Summary

Reactive National Response to Violent Islamist Extremism

Top Risk Mitigation

Review and strengthen counter-extremism policy, border and deportation controls, intelligence coordination, and institutional oversight. Improve lawful early identification, disruption, prosecution, and financial investigation of violent extremist networks, while distinguishing this clearly from broad treatment of religious communities. Measure results through a transparent framework and ensure action remains evidence-led, proportionate, and legally robust.