

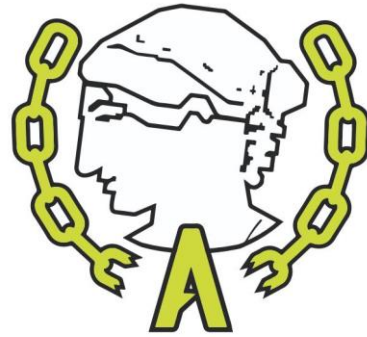


Strategies and programmes to prevent, deter and counter radicalisation in prison in the EU: an analysis

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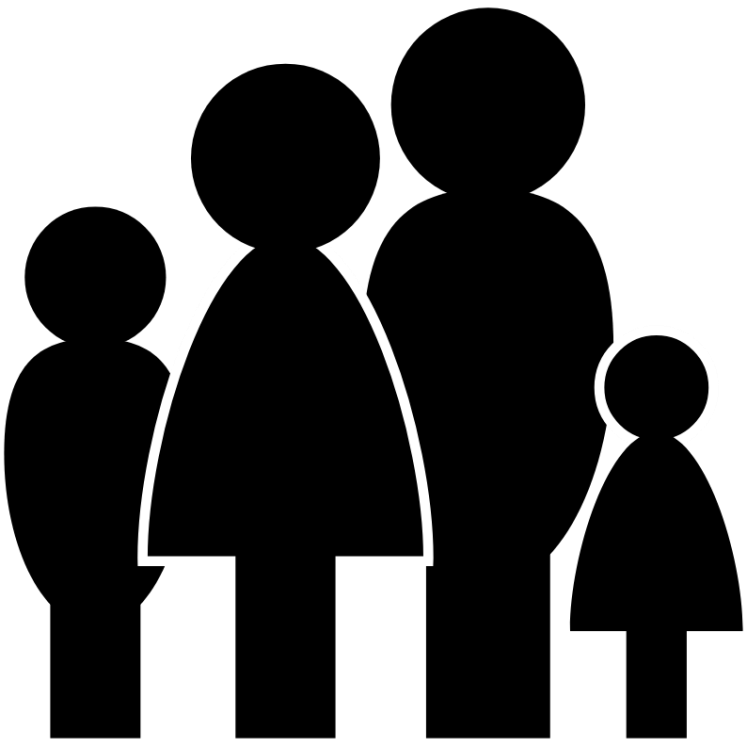
Reasons to be worried?

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Yilmaz, Aicha, Mohammed
(13), Kareem

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They were flagged by Interpol for

- (1): the fact that Yilmaz' brother committed a suicide attack in Syria in August 2015
- (2) Yilmaz' network consists of known jihadi extremist most of whom departed for Syria
- (3) Yilmaz' name has appeared in a number of investigations into foreign fighters (most of whom have been convicted) as a person of interest.



Reasons to be worried?

Family disappeared at the end of 2015 and are now returning without any luggage and only one (empty) phone (Yilmaz). Some docs were found and restored:

A picture of Aicha with automatic weapon.

Aicha shared ISIS ideology online (hidden FB-groups & Telegram)

Two pictures of oldest son with automatic weapon.

School brochure of ISIS primary school

How to survive in the west



Reasons to be worried?

Interrogation Yilmaz: He admits to having been in Syria. Hearing the news of his brother's death, he decided to collect his body in Syria. Once in Syria, their passports were taken by ISIS. Yilmaz claimed he was forced to work for ISIS as a nurse, due to prior medical education.



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Interrogation Aicha: Claims she did not know that they would go to Syria. Blames her husband for this ‘surprise’. She was told they would visit her husbands’ family. Once in Syria, she hardly left her home. Yilmaz was away for days sometimes. Claims she is happy to be back, but still loves her husband and is certain that Yilmaz would never hurt anyone.



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Yilmaz is arrested and put in PTD. What about the rest of the family?

- One group refuses to answer
- Most of the groups decided for PTD for Aicha
- One group decided for PTD for Mohammed as well

Reasons to be worried?

- Terrorism always challenges our values
- Ethnic profiling in policing
- Ethnic bias in the CJS
- Racism



What did we observe?

- Numbers?
- Measures?
- Effects?

What do we know about prisons?

- Detention is a sanction and, in exceptional cases, a temporary preventive measure
- Detention in Europe
- Re-socialisation or social resettlement vs. de-radicalisation



What do we know about prisons?

- Proselytism?
- Radicalisation?



What should be avoided?

- Emergency approach
- Emergency approach in a dangerous environment and against an over represented and less protected group
- Prison as a place of polarisation

Thank you for your attention

