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National Counter Terrorism Security Office

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The Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research

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Tarek Younis

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Manuela Trindade Viana &Pedro Paulo dos Santos da Silva

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Alexander Brown

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Martin Evans

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James Moore

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Harry Howard

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Martin Bentham

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Sam Brooke

<https://www.examinerlive.co.uk/news/local-news/warns-rising-right-wing-extremism-20564693>

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Rebecca Taylor

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Amandla Thomas-Johnson

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David Child

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Joseph Reaidi

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Figen Murray

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Abul Taher

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Andrew Bardsley

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