

Salafism

Salafism is a particularly radical and currently the most rapidly developing Islamist movement in both Germany and across the world.

Salafists glorify an idealised version of original Islam from the 7th to 8th century. Salafists reject any developments in Islam that started after the early Islamic period, such as the creation of established Islamic law schools, but also liberal forms of Islam too, reconciling Islam with democracy or gender equality. They view themselves as the only true Muslims.

Salafist ideologists try to convey an all-encompassing approach to life to young people that provides simplistic answers to all questions and personal problems. In addition to a politically focused form of Salafism, Jihadists, such as Al-Qaeda or the so-called Islamic State (IS), primarily use violence as a means of achieving their goals.*

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WE ADVISE
WE HELP**

Are you seeking advice, help or support?

Hotline: 0511 700 520 40

(In cooperation with Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge)

Weekdays from 9. a.m. to 3 p.m.

Outside these hours you can leave us a message and we'll get back to you as quickly as possible.

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Counselling centre for preventing
neo-Salafist radicalisation
Niedersachsen

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The association

The counselling centre is sponsored by the Verein für jugend- und familienpädagogische Beratung Niedersachsen - beRATen e.V. that was founded in Hanover on 10 December 2014.

Founding members of the association are drawn from a broad section of society and are the Islamic associations DITIB and SCHURA, the University of Osnabrück, Landesjugendring Niedersachsen, Niedersächsische Städtetag, the state of Lower Saxony and representatives from charities and the Crime Prevention Council of Lower Saxony.

The purpose of the non-profit association is to offer counselling on how to persuade young people and their relatives who are affected by neo-Salafist radicalisation to turn their backs on violent and extremist ideology.



Counselling hotline

0511 70052040

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What we offer

- Advice to parents, relatives and other people in environments where youths and young adults are affected by neo-Salafist radicalisation
- Local support to people seeking it throughout Lower Saxony or in our counselling centre
- Personal consultations
- Case-related training and boosting of local-player networks
- Prevention
- Expert support to teachers, social workers and others playing an active role in society's welfare
- Provision of further needs-based support programmes
- Information and educational programmes

Our counselling services

We help you to gauge worrying changes in your child's, student's or friend's behaviour if they appear to be adopting an extremist religious attitude. If there's a risk that those concerned are embarking on a neo-Salafist spiral of radicalisation, we'll support you in developing approaches so that they can find their way back into the family or their previous environment.

In order to prevent or reverse processes of radicalisation it's important to maintain and boost the ability to talk to the people affected. We use our social, educational and also Islam-related skills to do so. Counselling is confidential, voluntary and free of charge.



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