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Right-wing extremism/terrorism – the question of escalation of violence

Abstract

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The presentation begins by looking at the specific nature of a *new and ideologically radicalised, violent right-wing extremism* since the early 90's, its metamorphoses since then and its violence to date. The unique feature, in my view, is the racially *charged individual propensity to violence by a network of neo-Nazi cadres which continues to function to this day.* The violence varies between opportunistic violence, day-to-day terror and forms of right-wing terrorism.

Using examples taken from parts of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania and Western Saxony, the further ideological formation as well as the conditions for an escalation of violence and terror in a new national socialism, which *free networks* are planning, are discussed.

A look is then taken at how the security authorities, policy makers and society increasingly adapt to this and in terms of an *integrated prevention*, draw conclusions.