

The 1st Commemoration of the International Day to Combat Islamophobia, March 15, 2023.
It aims to promote unity, tolerance, and solidarity with all humanity.

Islamophobia Scorecard™

Grade: 0/10

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Instigator & Provocateur: Rasmus Paludan (Sweden)

Organizational Affiliation: A Danish political party, Stram Kurs

Character Introduction and Islamophobia Status¹

Grade 0

Is the instigator an established Islamophobe?	YES
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Islamophobic Organization and Strength²

Grade 0

Does the instigator represent an Islamophobic organization	YES
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Funding Sources for Islamophobia³

Grade 0

Instigator and/or organization funded by one or more third-party sources	YES
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Statements Inciting Islamophobia⁴

Grade 0

Engaged and made statements inciting Islamophobia	YES
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Act of Islamophobia Violence⁵

Grade 0

Engaged in acts of Islamophobia, violence	YES
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Desecration of Islamic Symbols⁶

Grade 0

Engaged in desecration of Islamic symbols	YES
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Racism against Muslims and Other Communities⁷

Grade 0

Incites racism against Muslims and other minorities	YES
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Indictments and Judicial Actions⁸

Grade 0

The instigator or organization has been indicted, and legal actions taken against	YES
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Scope of Influence (local and/or global)⁹

Grade 0

Extend of influence local or global	local
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International Acknowledgements and Condemnation¹⁰

Grade 0

An international organization has condemned the instigator or organization.	YES
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Character Introduction and Islamophobia Status¹

At the initiative of the organization of Islamic countries, the OIC, on March 15, 2022, the United Nations designated March 15 as the International Day to Combat Islamophobia. The UN resolution invites, all Member States, relevant organizations of the United Nations system, other international and regional organizations, and civil society, private sector and faith-based organizations to organize and support various high-visibility events aimed at effectively increasing awareness at all levels about curbing Islamophobia, and to observe the International Day in an appropriate manner.

Rasmus Paludan, born on 2nd January 1982, is a Danish-Swedish lawyer and politician known for his far-right extremism. Possessing dual citizenship of Denmark and Sweden, he is the elder sibling of the poet [Tine Paludan](#) and writer [Martin Paludan](#). [Rasmus Paludan](#), having a migrant background with his father, Swedish journalist Tomas Polvall, has spent parts of his life in Sweden, which he argues grants him Swedish citizenship. In October 2020, Swedish authorities officially [recognised Paludan as a citizen](#) due to his Swedish lineage. He served as the leader of the Stram Kurs party. He was an external lecturer at the Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen, from 2015 to 2018, despite his history of harassing fellow students and staff at the associated faculty of humanities. Martin Krasnik, editor-in-chief of the Danish newspaper "Weekendavisen", called [Paludan a Nazi](#) in a recent editorial. He said Paludan is "clearly familiar with the Nuremberg laws" from Nazi-era Germany.

Organizational Engagement and Strength²

Does the instigator or provocateur represent or lead an organization that routinely engages in Islamophobic acts, and what is the organization's strength?

He is the leader of the Danish political party Stram Kurs ("Hard Line"), founded in 2017. Stram Kurs (Hard Line) is a [far-right political party](#) founded in Denmark and Sweden by Danish-Swedish lawyer Rasmus Paludan. The party is known for its anti-Islam activism and demonstrations, which have often been controversial. In the 2019 Danish general election, the party received [1.8%](#) of the votes, below the 2% election threshold. The party's platform is based on the principles of [nationalism, anti-immigration, and anti-Islam](#). Stram Kurs wants to ban Islam in Denmark and Sweden and to deport all non-Western immigrants. The party has been accused of racism and Islamophobia, and its demonstrations have often been met with violence.

Rasmus Paludan's political faction, Stram Kurs or Hard Line, defines itself as a party for the ["ethnic Danes"](#). It aims to prohibit Islam and expel all Muslims from Denmark. According to [Kasper Møller Hansen](#), a professor of political science and elections specialist at the University of Copenhagen, the sole agenda of Hard-Line is to adopt an extreme stance against refugees, immigrants, and especially Muslims. This approach resonates with a subset of voters who believe anti-immigration policies can be made more stringent and radical.

Funding Sources for Islamophobia³

Instigator, provocateur, or the organization that routinely engages in Islamophobia, and how they receive their funds and who funds them.

Reports from Swedish outlets suggest that a demonstration permit valued at 320 Swedish krona (roughly £25 or \$31) for Paludan was funded by [Chang Frick](#), an ex-contributor to the Kremlin-affiliated RT channel. Frick, who presently serves as a regular commentator for the Sweden Democrats, a right-leaning political party, has acknowledged his role in financing the permit for the demonstration.

Statements Inciting Islamophobia⁴

The nature of statements made by the instigators, provocateurs, or organizations inciting Islamophobia violence.

Paludan has [held numerous demonstrations](#) in which he has burned the Quran, leading to counter-protests, some marked by violence and burning of cars. In [2019, Paludan burned a](#) copy of the Quran in front of a mosque in Malmö, Sweden. This led to riots and violence, and Paludan was eventually arrested. In 2020, Paludan announced that he would be holding a series of demonstrations in Muslim neighborhoods in Denmark. He has been burning copies of the Quran in both [Denmark and Sweden since 2017](#). He has carried out more burnings in 2023, sparking outrage and protests from Muslims around the world.

Acts of Islamophobia Violence⁵

Acts of Islamophobia incited by the instigators, provocateurs, or the organization representing them.

Paludan [said in a December 2018 video](#): "The enemy is Islam and Muslims. The best thing would be if there were not a single Muslim left on this earth. Then we would have reached our final goal."

Desecration of Islamic Symbols⁶

Acts of desecration of Islamic symbols incited by the instigators, provocateurs, or the organization representing them.

Rasmus Paludan [burned](#) the Quran and [played with Quran as football](#). He held a demonstration on the outskirts of the Swedish multicultural city of Malmö, calling on members of the public to [draw cartoons](#) of the Islamic prophet Mohammed.

Racism against Muslims and Other Communities⁷

Overt acts of racism against Muslims and other communities by the instigators, provocateurs, or the organization representing them.

In April, a Danish court found Paludan guilty of racism after he argued that people from [Africa are less intelligent](#). The court also found him guilty of defaming a woman of Somali origin at a demonstration by [insinuating she was a prostitute](#). He also has the extreme tough agenda against [migration, refugee](#) and specifically against Muslim. He adopts an extreme nationalism agenda of ethnic Dense.

Indictments and Judicial Actions⁸

Did the instigator, provocateur, or the organization representing them ever indicted and faced judicial actions for their racism or Islamophobia?

In January 2013, [Paludan received a 5-year injunction prohibiting](#) him from interacting with a 24-year-old male whom he had persistently stalking since 2010, when their paths crossed at the University of Copenhagen. He was also accused for engaging in [sex chats with minors](#).

In June 2020, He has been given a [month in jail](#) due to racism for posting anti-Islam videos on his party's social media channels.

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He is currently [wanted by Turkish authorities](#) after having burned a Quran in front of the Turkish embassy in Stockholm.

Scope of Influence (local and global)⁹

What is the scope of influence by the Instigator, provocateur, or the organization?

He and his party involve in hate against Muslim in Denmark and Sweden and have the ambitious plan to expand in entire Europe and the World.

International Acknowledgements and Condemnation¹⁰

Has an international organization acknowledged and condemned the acts of Islamophobia by the instigator, or the organization represented by the instigator?

The United Nations Alliance of Civilizations ([UNAOC](#)), the Organization of Islamic Cooperation ([OIC](#)), the United Nations Human Rights Council ([UNHRC](#)), and the US report on [religious freedom in 2023](#) all condemned the burning of the Quran by Rasmus Paludan.

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