



Violence Prevention Network is a group of experienced specialists who have been successfully engaged in the prevention of extremism, as well as in the deradicalisation of extremist-motivated criminals, for a number of years. Since 2001, the Violence Prevention Network team has been working successfully in reducing ideologically and religiously motivated serious crime and extreme acts of violence committed by adolescents and young adults.

WHO WAS BAHIRA?

Bahira was a Christian monk who lived in Bosra in southern Syria. When Muhammad's caravan made a stopover there, Bahira saw him and recognised his prophetic calling. Bahira advised Muhammad's uncle, Abu Talib, who accompanied him, to immediately take Muhammad back to his homeland to protect him from enemies.

Protecting people from harm is also our mission.



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If you are interested in training or advice, give us a call or send us an email. The services provided by BAHIRA are free of charge and open to everyone.

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Extremism
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BAHIRA Advice Centre

BAHIRA is a joint project between Violence Prevention Network, the Central Council of Muslims in Germany (ZMD) and the association DITIB-Şehitlik Türkisch-Islamischen Gemeinde zu Neukölln e.V.

Over the past few years, the Şehitlik mosque has become the central port of call for various institutions and social stakeholders. It hosts seminars, workshops, guided tours and talks in the areas youth and women's work, and prevention. At the same time, young Muslims get to know their religion in the mosque, are encouraged to reflect on their religious knowledge and are taught a peaceful and tolerant understanding of Islam.

Within the Şehitlik mosque itself and beyond, BAHIRA helps educate and raise awareness among mosque communities on the topic of radicalisation prevention. BAHIRA also aims to establish mosques as places and "providers" of radicalisation prevention measures.

The goals of BAHIRA

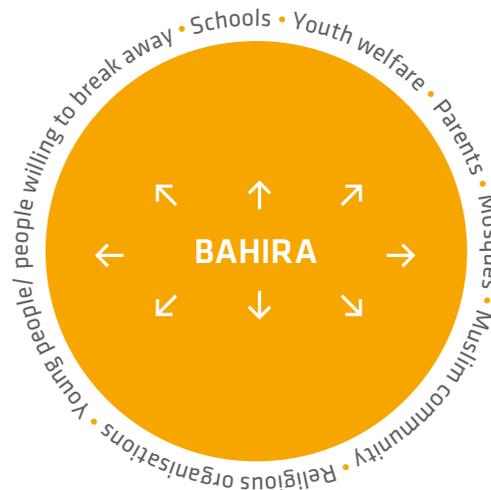
The main objective of this pilot project is the prevention of Islamic extremism within the Muslim communities. Specifically, BAHIRA aims to:

- + Develop specific educational and awareness creation activities with and for members of the mosque communities
- + Provide training and advice for multipliers
- + Provide direct intervention and advice in the mosque community (providing both venue and staff)
- + Host events and produce publications to initiate a discourse on the role of the mosque communities in the prevention of radicalisation

- + Host discussions within the mosque communities with individuals in danger of becoming radicalised and those who have already undergone radicalisation
- + Dissemination of experience, knowledge and skills to other mosque communities via the networks of the partners ZMD and Şehitlik mosque

Who is BAHIRA for?

The services of the Advice Centre are essentially meant for all persons who require advice or support in dealing with extremism based on religion.



BAHIRA particularly addresses

- + Young people and young adults who are noticeably undergoing Islamist radicalisation and have yet to express motivation for breaking away from it
- + Young people who want to distance themselves from the extremist scene
- + Family members and supporters of young people and young adults willing to break away or to distance themselves
- + Community members (multipliers) of the Şehitlik mosque and other mosque communities in Berlin



Offers

BAHIRA offers a wide range of prevention and intervention measures - in particularly serious cases this covers deradicalisation and disengagement assistance.

Prevention

- + Information, sensitisation and training events in the mosque
- + Advice service by staff members that can be contacted in the mosque

Training offers for multipliers

- + Ensuring the transfer of skills (carrying out information, sensitisation and training events independently) to other mosque communities

Individual support

- + Advice for relatives when dealing with extremism based on religion
- + Help for young people at risk