

# Counter Terrorism Policing Head Quarters (CTPHQ) Proscribed Extreme Right Wing Groups: Signs and Symbols April 2021

## Scope of this product

- This document has been produced to aid external partners in identifying signs and symbols associated with extreme right wing groups that are proscribed in the UK.
- The sign or logo associated with each group is provided with a brief description of the group's background.

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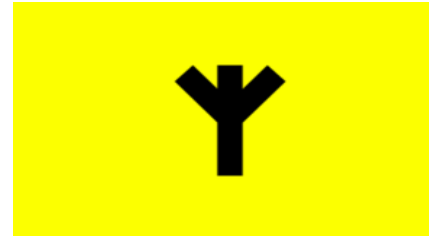
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## National Action



National Action (NA) was proscribed as a terrorist organisation in 2016.<sup>1</sup> NA emerged in the UK in 2013 as a youth oriented white supremacist movement. NA expressed anti-Islamic, anti-Semitic, anti-BAME and anti-LGBTQ+ grievance narratives whilst also targeting establishment figures such as MPs and police officers.<sup>2</sup> In 2019 a NA member received a life sentence for a plot to murder an MP and a police officer.<sup>3</sup> Since its proscription, a number of individuals have been prosecuted for being members of a proscribed organisation.<sup>4</sup>

## Scottish Dawn



Scottish Dawn was proscribed in September 2017 under a name change order as part of National Action (NA).<sup>8</sup> The group emerged shortly after NA was proscribed and described itself as a “patriotic society for the defence of our race and nation, active across Scotland”. Small in numbers, the group attended anti-refugee protests in Scotland, flying flags bearing its group logo.<sup>9</sup>

The group used the Algiz/Elhaz rune in its logo. This is a Pagan symbol often worn for protection, either as an item of jewellery or a tattoo.<sup>10</sup>

**It is important to note the context in which this symbol is being used – the presence of this symbol does not indicate criminal or extremist intent when used on its own.**

## NS131



NS131 was proscribed in September 2017 under a name change order as part of National Action (NA).<sup>5</sup> NS stands for National Socialist, and 131 represents the first and third letters of the alphabet for the phrase Anti-Capitalist Action.<sup>6</sup> Following the proscription of NA, this group name emerged and described itself as “a platform dedicated to promoting and spreading NS street art and physical propaganda”.<sup>7</sup>

## System Resistance Network



System Resistance Network (SRN) was proscribed under a name change order as part of National Action (NA) in February 2020.<sup>11</sup> Describing itself as revolutionary National Socialist, SRN was formerly known as “Vanguard Britannia”, a short lived British chapter of the American white supremacist group Vanguard America. Coming to notice in 2017, the group has a similar ideology to NA,<sup>12</sup> and preached zero tolerance to non-white, Jewish and Muslim communities, stating that homosexuality is a disease.<sup>13</sup>

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## Sonnenkrieg Division



Sonnenkrieg Division (SKD) was proscribed as a terrorist organisation in February 2020. SKD is a white supremacist group that formed in 2018. Some of its members were previously involved with Systems Resistance Network (SRN), which was itself a successor of proscribed group National Action (NA).<sup>14</sup> The group follows a white supremacist ideology and is assessed to adhere to SIEGE culture. Some members have also shown interest in Satanic and Occult style ideologies.<sup>15</sup> The group carried out activity primarily online producing explicit and offensive propaganda. Since its inception three members of SKD in the UK have been found guilty of terrorism offences including encouragement of terrorism, distribution of terrorist publications and possession of information useful to terrorism.<sup>16</sup>

## Atomwaffen Division



Atomwaffen Division (AWD) was proscribed as a terrorist organisation by the UK Government on 23 April 2021. National Socialist Order (NSO) was also included as part of a name change order under the proscription.

AWD was a US based white supremacist group that adheres to SIEGE culture, established in 2015 on the Iron March forum. It was assessed to be mainly US based but with real world and online links to numerous other white supremacist groups, including those based in the UK.<sup>20</sup>

On 9 March 2020 the disbanding of AWD was announced.<sup>21</sup> A few months later, several former leadership figures formed a new group called National Socialist Order (NSO).

## Feuerkrieg Division



Feuerkrieg Division (FKD) was proscribed in July 2020. FKD is a white supremacist group that adheres to SIEGE culture.<sup>17</sup> The group is believed have been formed in Europe led by a 13 year old individual known as the 'Commander'.<sup>18</sup> FKD is based predominantly online and has created propaganda inciting violence against a number of high profile individuals. One of its members targeted the Chief Constable of West Midlands Police in online postings, following the arrest of one of its members.<sup>19</sup>

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