

## SITE Director Rita Katz Giving Analysis of Hanau, Germany Shooter Tobias Rathjen

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**Tobias Rathjen, the 43-year-old perpetrator of shootings at two shisha bars in Hanau, Germany on February 19, left behind several videos and documents espousing racist beliefs and conspiracy theories.**

**SITE Director Rita Katz is providing analysis on Twitter, discussing Rathjen's attack, his ideas, and how it compares to other recent far-right terrorist attacks.**

**The Twitter thread is linked below:**

[https://twitter.com/Rita\\_Katz/status/1230292886702510080](https://twitter.com/Rita_Katz/status/1230292886702510080)

**If you are unable to access these tweets, you can view the following copies of Ms. Katz' posts thus far:**

*BREAKING: Shooting at hookah lounges in #Hanau #Germany resulted in at least eight killed and several injured. No motive has been confirmed yet, and no group has yet claimed responsibility. Comes less than a week after German authorities dismantled a far-right terror cell.*

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*Based on #Hanau shooter's manifestos, videos & website, his beliefs were all over the place. He voices incel-like frustration that he "never had a wife or girlfriend" and QAnon-like paranoia about "invisible people" listening to him and following him.*



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*#Hanau shooter says immigrants making Germany dangerous. But while attacks in Christchurch, Halle, etc. may have inspired him, he doesn't use language of "white genocide" & "replacement" these attackers have. So while he may believe some things, no signs he is of same community.*

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*Despite the muddy waters regarding his ideas and paranoia, this is absolutely another far-right terrorist attack. At the core of his beliefs were the same far right themes of racism, anti-immigration, and Islamophobia driving other recent terrorist attacks.*

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*#Hanau attacker's website, registered Aug 2019, contained docs & vids. Manifesto last modified Jan 22, 2020. Two other docs posted—one about Afghanistan & other about soccer—last modified Nov 4, 2019. None of the three docs directly indicate he was planning an attack.*

**TOBIAS RATHJEN**

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*Unclear why #Hanau #Germany attacker Tobias Rathjen chose this timing, but it is of note that he attacked at the start of Germany's Karneval Season, a time that*

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*celebrates German culture and heritage.*