



Contextual Resources: At the Intersection of Terrorism and Technology in Spain and Europe

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This Insight analyses the ways in which the Pirkkala attack reflects a dangerous synthesis of misogynist violent extremism (MVE) and how emerging technological enablers like Generative AI (GenAI) can be exploited by violent extremists.

[‘Islamic Republic of France’: AI and the Spreading of Islamophobic Conspiracy Theories Around the French Parliamentary Elections](#)

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