

## Germany is **belatedly** waking up to the threat of far-right terrorism

Five bullet-holes still scar the window of Karamba Diaby's office in Halle, a city in eastern Germany. No one knows who fired at the empty building, where Germany's only black MP meets constituents and does routine political work. But Mr Diaby's staff do not doubt that the attack, in mid-January, was racially motivated. A week after the incident Mr Diaby got an email warning him to expect the fate of Walter Lübcke, a pro-**refugee** politician murdered last June. The anonymous threat was signed off with a "Sieg Heil".

belatedly 延迟地

refugee 难民

Right-wing extremism in various **guises** has troubled parts of Germany for decades. The Amadeu Antonio Foundation, an **outfit** that monitors such activity, says it is responsible for 208 deaths since 1990.

guise 伪装; 外观

outfit 机构

Online groups can, to an extent, offer a sense of community that other extremists find in **marches**, concerts or martial-arts clubs. They can also nurture "**communal delusions**" says Miro Ditrich at Amadeu Antonio. These often **straddle** national boundaries.

communal 公共的

delusion 迷惑; 幻想

straddle 跨坐

transgression 犯罪

That creates problems for the domestic intelligence services. Having long relied on American and British spooks to alert them to online **transgressions**, Germany's underresourced security **apparatus** remains **woefully** ill-equipped to manage internet-based radicalisation, says Daniel Koehler of the German Institute on Radicalisation and De-radicalisation Studies.

apparatus 设备; 装置

woefully 悲伤地

Germany's history gives the country a special responsibility to tackle right-wing extremism in all its forms. But that does not isolate it from threats that look increasingly international in character.