

Man Arrested at Home in Middle of the Night for Anti-Hamas Post

A British man was arrested for a tweet. What was his crime? He posted a meme on social media criticizing Hamas and Islam.

The arresting officer informed the man, a blogger named Pete North, “Basically, section 19 refers to spreading what we say like racial hatred. So you’ve posted something online that we believe is spreading racial hatred.”

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“Twitter, Facebook?” the blogger wondered aloud.

“Well, I can’t explain too much. It’s just to give you the context beforehand,” the officer said.

“What, you’re taking me away now?”

“Yes, so you’re under arrest...”

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“In the middle of the night, over a tweet?”

“I am, unfortunately...”

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Billy Hallowell: "Well, the first thing I made of it is this real curiosity about what in the world is happening with free speech in the UK. This has been an ongoing issue when it comes to abortion and buffer zones and arrests for silent praying. And now you have this thing where somebody has posted something on X. And as far as we know, we have this man's story, right? We have this video based on what we know. And there could always be details we don't. It seems incredibly troubling that somebody would be detained by the police and arrested. And you can hear the shock in this guy's voice as he's being arrested for a meme that he shared on X."

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