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Ritz firecrackers
Flames shoot up from a dish cooked at the table at The Ritz in a picture shortlisted for the Pink Lady Food Photographer of

the Year award. Nominees, such as a carrot field and a girl wolfing down pasta, will be exhibited by the Royal Photographic Society in Bristol



Prison guards give way to Islamists

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Prison staff are so concerned about being accused of racism that Muslim terrorists have been able to seize control of wings and set up sharia courts behind bars, a report by the terrorism watchdog has found.

A review of how terrorism is dealt with inside prisons said that Islamic extremists had sought to dictate the diets and washing habits of non-Muslim prisoners.

They had gone unchallenged when insisting that prison staff were barred



Dominic Raab, the justice secretary, on a visit to HMP Woodhill this week

from attending Friday prayers because they were not Muslim, or imposing conditions on entry, such as removing their shoes.

Inmates had appointed their own "emirs" on wings who undermined the authority of prison imams, the inquiry found. Jonathan Hall QC, the government's independent reviewer of terrorism legislation, said he had been told that prison officers sometimes appealed to the wing "emir" to help maintain order among inmates.

Extremists used sharia courts to administer punishments such as flogging and made "insincere allegations of

Isolation for worst offenders

Behind the story

Dominic Raab was met with repeated shouts of *Allahu akbar* by prisoners circling the small exercise area at HMP Woodhill in Milton Keynes, dubbed Britain's toughest jail by the justice secretary himself (Matt Dathan writes).

The shouts were soon drowned out by the barking of two alsatians straining at their leashes as Raab waited to be let into the "jail within a jail" that is home to four of the most dangerous ideological terrorists in the country.

It was not a comfortable visit for

the justice secretary, who used it to highlight a crackdown on the treatment of terrorist prisoners by expanding the use of the separation centres that are used to stop jails becoming breeding grounds for terrorism.

Even as deputy prime minister he was not exempt from the searches conducted on all visitors to Woodhill. He grimaced as a female prison officer frisked him, with no part of his body untouched.

The only outdoor area those in the separation centres have access to — for a maximum of an hour a day — is an area of breeze blocks half the size of a football pitch. Three immovable pieces of exercise equipment and two small benches are the only items.

The prisoners are allowed to socialise only among

themselves, with the help of a pool table, table football, table tennis and a TV.

Walking through another series of high-security doors and corridors, Raab was led into one of the two close supervision centres that hold Britain's most physically violent prisoners.

About 20 violent offenders, most of whom have committed murder in prison, are in the centre at Woodhill.

These include Charles Bronson, known as Britain's most violent prisoner, and Michael Adebowale, one of Lee Rigby's killers, *The Times* understands.

Prisoners in the centre are largely kept apart. Those allowed to socialise can play board games such as Scrabble or Ludo. Otherwise they must make do with books.

training on spotting signs of terrorist activity.

Raab has also announced a significant expansion in the use of separation centres to protect the rest of the prison population from the most dangerously ideological prisoners to stop jails becoming breeding grounds for terrorism. The process of referring prisoners to the centres will be streamlined by reducing the seven steps it now takes from a prisoner being referred to a centre and being approved.

The government's overhaul of the Human Rights Act will prevent prisoners using Article 8 rights to a private life to claim their rights to socialise are being breached by putting them in separation centres.

Only nine terrorists are held in the separation centres in England and Wales at present, despite there being 28 cells available across three prisons. Among them are Hashem Abedi, the Manchester Arena bomb plotter, at HMP Frankland in Co Durham.

Hall's inquiry was launched after a spate of terrorist attacks carried out by ex-prisoners radicalised behind bars.

Sudesh Amman, 20, a convicted terrorist who boasted in prison of a desire to kill the Queen, became a suicide bomber and join Islamic State, stabbed two people in Streatham, south London, ten days after his release.

Three months earlier Usman Khan, 28, killed two people at a prisoner rehabilitation event inside Fishmonger's Hall at London Bridge.

Speaking on a visit to HMP Woodhill, where Michael Adebowale, the Woolwich barracks killer, is held, Raab said: "The risk of terrorists and extremists poisoning the well inside prison, not just plotting what they might do on the outside, has grown and changed. We need to nip in the bud and be much more decisive earlier on in confronting coercive and controlling behaviour."

Ministers to tighten terror jail loopholes

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Ministers will consider amending terror laws to ensure they cover prison cells to stop acts of terrorism, dissemination of material and radicalising inmates going unpunished behind bars.

A report by Jonathan Hall QC, the independent reviewer of terror legislation, warned that inmates were escaping punishment by arguing that their prison cell did not come under the jurisdiction of current terror laws.

Hall also said that the 2000 and 2006 Terrorism Acts did not apply to one-to-one encouragement of terrorism in prison and that those on the receiving end must be "members of the public". Priti Patel, the home secretary, has agreed to consider tightening the Terrorism Acts to ensure prison cells are defined as public places, that fellow inmates count as members of the public and that one-to-one encouragement is included as a terror offence.

On a visit to HMP Woodhill in Milton Keynes, one of three prisons that contain separation centres for the most dangerously ideological inmates, Dominic Raab, the justice secretary, pledged to "clear the obstacles" that lead to terrorism behind bars going unpunished.

He said he would use his overhaul of the Human Rights Act to "end the nonsense" of prisoners claiming their right to socialise was being breached by being in separation centres.

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racism and Islamophobia" when challenged. This had weakened the ability of staff to stop the expanding control of terrorists over prison activities because they "worry about making false assumptions based on a lack of cultural familiarity with Islam or Muslims".

In response to Hall's report, which

will be published today, Dominic Raab, the justice secretary, has pledged to stop prisoners using "cultural and religious sensitivities" to exert control over other prisoners and staff. This will include drawing up a new code for staff that will protect them when identifying "terrorist risk behaviour" and regular