

INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

AHMADI RELIGION OF PEACE AND LIGHT (AROPL) - CHESHIRE OPERATIONS

Date: May 1, 2026

Subject: Operation Lancia and Investigative Findings into AROPL UK Headquarters

1. Executive Summary: Operation Lancia

In late April 2026, Cheshire Police executed a high-profile raid on **Webb House** in Crewe, following a long-term investigation into allegations of organized crime within a religious framework. The operation involved over 500 personnel and specialized units.

- **Arrests:** 10 individuals (7 men, 3 women) were detained on suspicion of modern slavery, forced marriage, and sexual assault.
- **Current Status:** As of May 1, all suspects are on conditional bail. Slavery and Trafficking Risk Orders (STROs) have been applied for to safeguard the community.
- **Public Order:** An additional 25 members face charges relating to the obstruction of police duties during the raid.

2. Financial Structure & Funding

Estimated Asset Value: Approximately £3.3 million (\$4.2M USD)

The group's financial liquidity is largely driven by a communal economic model that critics and former members describe as "total tithing."

Sources of Revenue:

- **Member Liquidations:** New followers are reportedly encouraged to sell all personal assets (homes, vehicles, and jewelry) and transfer the proceeds to the central fund.

- **Salary Tithing:** Members living within the community are allegedly required to surrender their full monthly income, receiving only a small allowance for essentials.
- **Tax Incentives:** By operating under UK Registered Charity status (No. 1214311), the group has historically accessed Gift Aid and tax exemptions on these donations.

3. AROPL Studios & Visa Allegations

AROPL Studios Ltd, incorporated in 2021, serves as the movement's sophisticated digital propaganda hub. It produces content for high-reach platforms, including YouTube and satellite networks.

The Visa Investigation: The Home Office is currently scrutinizing whether the studio was used as a vehicle for immigration fraud. Allegations suggest the group used "Skilled Worker Visas" to bring international followers into the UK, designating them as media professionals to justify their residency at the Crewe headquarters.

4. Institutional & Global History

Region	Timeline	Key Events
Egypt	Pre-2015	Origins of the movement; faced arrests for heresy and challenges to state religious authority.
Sweden/ Germany	2015 - 2021	Relocated to Stockholm. Residency permits for 69 members were revoked in 2021 due to labor law violations.
United Kingdom	2021 - Present	Purchased Webb House in Crewe for ~£2M. Established a base for ~150 followers, including 56 children.

5. Ideological Context

The group is led by **Abdullah Hashem Aba Al-Sadiq**. While they adopt liberal stances on social issues—such as the non-mandatory nature of the hijab and alcohol consumption—to appeal to Western youth, law enforcement focus remains on the internal governance of the group, specifically regarding the freedom of movement and consent of its members.

