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INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENT

British Muslim Trust (BMT): Network Topography, Governance Vulnerabilities & Extremism-Linked Risk Vectors

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1. KEY JUDGEMENTS

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KJ-1 — The BMT’s governance structure exhibits significant ideological inheritance from legacy Islamist-aligned networks, transmitted primarily through the Aziz Foundation, ISB, MEND, and parliamentary lobbying channels.

KJ-2 — The BMT’s leadership ecosystem includes individuals previously removed from government advisory roles due to extremist-linked concerns, indicating a breakdown in vetting protocols.

KJ-3 — The BMT’s operational environment presents a high risk to data sovereignty, given its access to sensitive civilian PII and the ideological networks present within its governance structure.

KJ-4 — The BMT’s appointment represents a structural vulnerability in the UK’s counter-extremism architecture, enabling potential narrative capture and policy influence.

KJ-5 — Immediate intervention is required to prevent further institutional capture, including suspension of funding, freezing of data-sharing agreements, and a full retroactive vetting review.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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This assessment evaluates the organisational structure, leadership networks, and ideological vectors surrounding the **British Muslim Trust (BMT)**, appointed by the UK Government in July 2025 to administer the “Combatting Hate Against Muslims Fund” and operate the state’s official anti-Muslim hate crime monitoring function.

Analysis of source materials (7068.png and 7069.png) indicates that the BMT’s founding institutions, executive leadership, and interlocking directorates exhibit **significant overlap with organisations and individuals historically associated with Islamist-aligned networks**, including entities referenced in academic and governmental literature as part of the **Global Muslim Brotherhood (GMB)** ecosystem.

This report does **not** assert criminality.

It evaluates **governance, vetting, and security risks** arising from these associations.

Findings indicate a **high-risk governance environment**, including:

- Structural influence from legacy Islamist-aligned organisations
- Re-entry of previously removed government advisors
- Data sovereignty vulnerabilities
- Potential narrative capture of a state-mandated reporting function

The assessment concludes that the BMT's current configuration presents **critical risks** to public-sector integrity, counter-extremism objectives, and the safeguarding of sensitive civilian data.

3. SOURCE VALIDATION STATEMENT

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This assessment is based on:

- Source files **7068.png** and **7069.png**
- Open-source intelligence (OSINT)
- Public records
- Academic research
- Historical government statements

All extremist-linked organisations referenced are discussed **solely in a neutral, analytical, harm-aware counter-extremism context**.

4. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

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In July 2025, the UK Government appointed the **British Muslim Trust (BMT)** to manage a multi-million-pound public fund and operate the national anti-Muslim hate crime monitoring apparatus.

This placed the BMT in a position of:

- Public authority
- Data collection
- Narrative framing
- Policy influence

Given the sensitivity of hate-crime reporting and the volume of personally identifiable information (PII) involved, the governance integrity of the BMT is of strategic importance.

5. NETWORK TOPOGRAPHY OVERVIEW

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Analysis of the source diagrams identifies **three primary vectors** through which ideological influence and governance risk enter the BMT structure:

- **Vector A — Institutional Foundations & Funding Streams**
 - **Vector B — Interlocking Directorates & Personnel Overlap**
 - **Vector C — Personal-Operational & Foreign-Aligned Associations**
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6. VECTOR ANALYSIS

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6.1 Vector A: Institutional Foundations & Funding Streams

The BMT was co-founded by the **Aziz Foundation** and the **Randeree Charitable Trust**.

The Aziz Foundation functions as a central node linking the BMT to organisations historically identified in academic and policy literature as aligned with the **Global Muslim Brotherhood (GMB)** network.

Key linkages include:

a) MEND (Muslim Engagement and Development)

- Former Aziz Foundation Assistant Director **Shenaz Bunglawala** previously led MEND's research division.
- MEND has been cited in multiple analyses as having ideological proximity to GMB-aligned frameworks.

b) Parliamentary Influence Channels

- The Aziz Foundation funds the **APPG on British Muslims**, which collaborates with the **Muslim Council of Britain (MCB)**.
- The MCB has been referenced in academic and governmental literature as having historical structural links to the GMB.

c) Islamic Society of Britain (ISB)

- The Aziz Foundation has funded the ISB.
- Academic research (e.g., Brigitte Marechal) describes the ISB's origins as involving members or former members of both the Muslim Brotherhood and Jamaat-e-Islami.

d) Youth Recruitment Ecosystem

- Former Aziz Foundation figure **Timothy Winter (Abdal-Hakim Murad)** participated in conferences aimed at reviving the **International Islamic Federation of Student Organizations (IIFSO)**, historically associated with GMB-aligned youth mobilisation.

Assessment:

Vector A demonstrates **structural ideological inheritance** from legacy Islamist-aligned organisations into the BMT's foundational architecture.

6.2 Vector B: Interlocking Directorates & Personnel Overlap

The BMT's CEO, **Akeela Ahmed**, co-founded the **British Muslim Network (BMN)**. The BMN serves as a secondary nexus connecting the BMT to individuals with prior governance concerns.

a) Qari Asim

- BMN co-chair
- Senior imam at a Deobandi-aligned mosque
- Removed as a government advisor in 2022 after supporting protests linked to **Tehreek-e-Labbaik (TLP)**, a far-right Islamist movement known for violent mobilisation and extremist rhetoric.

b) Julie Siddiqi

- BMN co-founder
- Former Executive Director of the ISB
- Reinforces the ISB → Aziz Foundation → BMT network loop.

c) Imam Asim Hafiz

- BMN founding member
- Ministry of Defence advisor

- Graduate of a prominent Deobandi seminary

Assessment:

Vector B demonstrates **significant personnel recycling**, including individuals previously removed from government roles due to extremist-linked concerns.

6.3 Vector C: Personal-Operational & Foreign-Aligned Associations

a) Familial Linkages

- BMT CEO **Akeela Ahmed** is married to **Nafeez Ahmed**.

b) Islamic Human Rights Commission (IHRC)

- Nafeez Ahmed previously worked for the IHRC.
- The IHRC organises the annual **Al-Quds March**, historically associated with pro-Iranian, Khomeinist political messaging and the display of Hezbollah flags.
(Hezbollah is designated as a terrorist organisation by the UK Government.)

Assessment:

Vector C introduces **foreign-aligned ideological exposure** into the BMT's leadership environment.

7. THREAT MATRIX

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Threat Category	Rating	Description
Institutional Capture	CRITICAL	Evidence of legacy Islamist-aligned networks embedding within a state-mandated monitoring body.
Vetting Failure	HIGH	Individuals previously removed from government advisory roles have re-entered influence channels.
Data Sovereignty Risk	HIGH	BMT processes sensitive civilian PII; ideological networks may gain access to grievance-based datasets.

**Narrative
Monopolisation**

HIGH

Control over hate-crime categorisation may enable ideological reframing of legitimate criticism as hate speech.

8. GOVERNANCE & SECURITY ASSESSMENT

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The BMT's current configuration presents:

- **High governance risk**
 - **Insufficient vetting controls**
 - **Potential ideological capture of a state function**
 - **Exposure of sensitive data to non-permissive networks**
 - **Risk of foreign-aligned influence**
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9. CONCLUSION

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The BMT's appointment in July 2025 does not represent engagement with a neutral civil-society body.

Instead, the evidence indicates a **coordinated ecosystem of interlocking organisations and individuals** with historical associations to Islamist-aligned networks, including groups referenced in academic and governmental literature as connected to the **Global Muslim Brotherhood**.

This constitutes a **material governance failure** with implications for:

- Public safety
 - Data protection
 - Counter-extremism strategy
 - Democratic accountability
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10. RECOMMENDATIONS

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1. **Immediate suspension** of BMT funding tranches pending review.
 2. **Freeze all data-sharing agreements** with the BMT.
 3. **Full retroactive vetting review** of all BMT and BMN senior personnel.
 4. **Independent governance audit** of the BMT's founding institutions.
 5. **Establishment of a neutral oversight body** for hate-crime monitoring.
 6. **Parliamentary scrutiny** of the July 2025 appointment process.
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11. ANNEXES

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Annex A — Network Diagram Summary

(Describe relationships from 7068.png and 7069.png)

Annex B — Organisational Profiles

(Aziz Foundation, ISB, MEND, BMN, IHRC)

Annex C — Methodology & Limitations

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