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Far-right mobs set migrant's houses on fire in Belfast. The world's richest man, Elon Musk, has openly backed these movements across the UK and Europe.

Details. A [knife attack](#) by a Sudanese asylum seeker in northern Belfast on [June 8](#) triggered far-right [riots](#) across Northern Ireland. Since August 2025, these groups had [compiled](#) a hit list of immigrants' addresses and properties, which they [targeted](#) during the unrest. Houses and cars were [set on](#) fire, [racist checkpoints](#) were erected on the main roads, with [35](#) people being arrested for the disorder.

► The riots received support from prominent British far-right figures, including activist [Tommy Robinson](#) and Restore Britain leader [Rupert Lowe](#). One of Robinson's posts on X, which called for repeated and loud protests, was [retweeted](#) by US trillionaire Elon Musk.

Context. This follows growing far-right unrest in the UK. In June 2025, [violent riots](#) erupted in Ballymena after an alleged assault by two Romanian teenagers, charges that were later [dropped](#). In July 2024, [nationwide riots](#) followed the Southport stabbings, fuelled by a far-right fabrication about the attacker's immigration status.

► In the 12 months leading up to November 2025, police recorded [2,048](#) racist incidents and [1,280](#) racially motivated hate crimes. This is one of the [highest](#) levels recorded since the records began in 2004.

► Anti-immigrant violence is [rising](#) across Europe. In July 2025, far-right clashes with North African migrants erupted in [southeastern Spain](#), and throughout 2024, [77 attacks](#) on asylum seekers were recorded in Berlin alone.

► Capitalists actively support inflaming these anti-migrant tensions. Musk has backed British far-right party [Restore Britain](#) and its leader [Rupert Lowe](#), and financially supported [Tommy Robinson](#). Across Europe, he has backed the [Alternative for Germany](#), Italy's far-right prime minister [Georgia Meloni](#), and France's National Rally leader [Marine Le Pen](#).

Important to Know. Pogroms against ethnic and national minorities have a long history in capitalist Europe. Jews faced repeated waves of mass killings in the [Russian Empire](#). In 19th century England, Irish migrants were [physically attacked](#) and banned from jobs - one Dublin paper [wrote](#) in 1892 that "nowhere in England can our countrymen consider themselves safe from English mob violence."

► In 1870, Marx [pointed](#) out that antagonism between British and Irish workers is "artificially kept alive and intensified [...] by all the means at the disposal of the ruling classes." This antagonism, he wrote, is "the secret of the impotence of the English working class, despite its organisation."

► Modern capitalists, like Musk, back far-right violence to reproduce manufactured divisions that have long served the ruling class. Workers kept divided by mutual hatred cannot effectively organise against their exploitation.