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CEP (04.01.2017) - <http://bit.ly/2CD3vc0> - The [Counter Extremism Project](#) (CEP) today released new resources on the violent neo-Nazi group the [Nordic Resistance Movement](#) (NRM) and extremism and counter-Extremism in [Sweden](#), following the conviction of NRM leader Simon Lindberg of "incitement to racial hatred."

The court found that during a speech at a 2017 Stockholm rally, Lindberg "spread and expressed contempt for groups based on their race, skin color, national or ethnic origin by shouting 'Sieg Heil' while raising his right arm upwards."

The NRM has been expanding in Sweden, Norway, and Finland, and is reportedly an inspiration for U.S.-based white nationalists. Formed by neo-Nazi nationalists in Sweden in 1997, the group seeks to merge all Nordic countries into a single, nationalist-socialist state. NRM members have carried attacks against gay people, Muslims asylum seekers, and ideological adversaries, using explosives, guns, and knives. Three deaths are tied to NRM members.

Sweden convicts neo-nazi leader of inciting hatred at rally

AFP (02.01.2017) - <http://bit.ly/2ISkpIf> - A Swedish court on Tuesday convicted the head of a neo-Nazi movement of "incitement to racial hatred" more than a year after he held a speech at a Stockholm rally that turned violent.

The Nordic Resistance Movement's leader Simon Lindberg, 34, held a speech which "spread and expressed contempt for groups based on their race, skin color, national or ethnic origin by shouting 'Sieg Heil' while raising his right arm upwards," the Stockholm district court said in its verdict, seen by AFP.

Five people were arrested and two were injured in clashes between police and anti-fascists at the November 2016 rally, organized by the group.

The court said Lindberg had never been convicted before and that his crime merited a punishment of one month in prison.

But because he had been speaking at a rally which had a permit the sentence was suspended and combined with an 800 krona (\$98) fine instead.

The Nordic Resistance Movement, founded in 1997, is described as the most violent Nazi organization in Sweden by Swedish anti-racism magazine Expo.

The group, which promotes an openly racist and anti-Semitic doctrine, has nearly 200 active members, according to the magazine.

A district court in Sweden's second largest city of Gothenburg in July sentenced three neo-Nazi activists for up to eight and a half years in prison over bomb attacks against refugee shelters that left one person seriously injured.

More about the Nordic Resistance Movement at
<https://www.counterextremism.com/threat/nordic-resistance-movement-nrm>