

# Farage, fascism, division and the reasonable fear of wh...

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Last December, a young man in Southampton was murdered.

I deeply regret any murder or unnecessary loss of life, however caused.

In the aftermath of the guilty verdict for the murderer this week, reckless UK politicians have reacted to what clearly was a mistake by the police officers who initially attended this incident by calling for 'cold rage'.

The parents of the young man who died called for calm in the aftermath of this month's murder conviction. Nigel Farage and others ignored that request and claimed that there is two-tier policing in the UK.

There is not. There are human beings who take on the role of policing, many of whom are themselves quite young and relatively inexperienced, who, like all of us, are capable of making errors in the heat of the moment.

That such an error occurred appears apparent in this case, although the confusion that they faced when arriving at this scene appears to have been underplayed in the discussions that have taken place.

What I do know is that this is a situation where any politician should have stood back and decided that this was the moment to offer sympathy, suggest that an enquiry take place, that lessons be learned, and that the heat be taken out of the moment; the far right did nothing of that sort.

Nigel Farage, who is now in internal exile somewhere within the UK whilst avoiding questions about the £5 million donation he received before deciding to run for Parliament, has demanded 'cold rage' from the UK public in response to what he has claimed is racist policing.

No doubt, Restore will do the same.

I am just hoping that Kemi Badenoch has the sense to stay clear of this issue in

Parliament today. It will be a test of her judgment as to whether she does or not.

Almost inevitably, some responded to Farage's demand last night. He knew they would. He knew what he wanted. There was violence against the police in Southampton as a result.

Thankfully, it was relatively cool last night, which is good news because heat and high political temperatures do not mix well. But if Farage and his allies continue to make provocative statements of this sort, we can expect three things.

Firstly, policing will become very much more difficult in the UK, and it is already hard.

Secondly, policing will become much more political, and it is already bad enough in this regard.

Thirdly, we can expect more demonstrations and even rioting.

Farage knows this from the experience at Southport, and what everybody else should realise is that this man is more than willing to exploit anyone's unfortunate death for his own gain.

Fascism always seeks to divide populations. Farage is pursuing a fascist approach to his campaigning. It is impossible to say otherwise. A family who asked for the peace to grieve, and the community in Southampton, and probably elsewhere, will be those who suffer as a result, all so that Farage hopes he might win a bye-election. His politics is moving into the realm of the unacceptable, and beyond. His indifference is staggering.

We should be genuinely worried about what comes next, because I am quite sure there is worse to come.