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Semantic Summary

Leader of Britain First, the far-right political party known for anti-Islam street patrols, "Christian patrol" stunts, and mosque invasions. Served time for religiously aggravated harassment. Organises national marches. Declining influence but still active in the far-right demo circuit. T2/T3/T5 — mobiliser operating at the intersection of street movements, fringe party politics, and social media content. Connected to the broader anti-immigration protest network and overlaps with the auditor scene.

Overview

- **Role:** Leader of Britain First
- **Nationality:** British
- **Known For:** Britain First leadership; anti-Islam demonstrations; mosque invasions; national marches

Background

Paul Golding is the longtime leader of Britain First, a fringe far-right political party formed in 2011 by former BNP members. The group gained notoriety for "Christian patrols" through Muslim-majority areas and mosque invasions livestreamed on social media. Golding has multiple criminal convictions including for religiously aggravated harassment. At its peak, Britain First had a significant Facebook presence before being banned from the platform. The group's influence has declined since the mid-2010s but Golding continues to organise national marches and maintains a presence in the far-right protest ecosystem.

Tier Classification

- **Tier 2** — Mobiliser: organises street-level movements, capitalising on social crises

- **Tier 3** — Fringe political party leader seeking electoral viability
- **Tier 5** — Content creator pipeline: events translate into viral digital content

Affiliations

- Britain First (leader)
- Connected to broader anti-Islam protest network
- Overlaps with auditor/Youtube far-right scene at demonstrations
- Historical BNP links

Sources

- Session history: prior Hermes research on UK far-right ecosystem
- Britain First coverage in Searchlight / HOPE not Hate

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