Paris court jails Indian man for leading sadist neo-Nazi cult that tortured girls

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A 29-year-old Indian man was sentenced to 20 years in prison Friday in a Paris trial over his alleged involvement in an international criminal network that targeted vulnerable children in the US, Britain and Canada and coerced them into producing violent and sexual videos.



Rohan Rane was found guilty of sexual extortion and acts of torture against minors. © Benoît Peyrucq, AFP

A Paris court on Friday sentenced a young Indian man to 20 years in prison for leading a masculinist group that forced young girls, many of them minors, to perform sexual acts and in some cases tortured them.

Prosecutors had sought a 30-year jail term for Rohan Rane, a 29-year-old who they described as a neo-Nazi lover of sadism and macabre ultra-violence.

Most of the dozens of victims of the group led by Rane were American girls, the court was told. Many were aged under 15. Other young male members of the masculinist group were from the United States, India, Germany and New Zealand.

Six of the girls, now aged between 18 and 21, made official complaints. About 20 victims were identified but others could not be contacted, prosecutors said.

US prosecutors.

US authorities have indicated that they will seek Rane's extradition once his sentence in France is served.

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