

Three charged over death threats to French teen after anti-Islam online rant

From the French edition of [high-school girl received death threats](#) for an expletive-laden social media rant against Islam, a prosecutor said Wednesday.

The case of 16-year-old Mila – who called Islam “a shitty religion” on an Instagram post that went viral – revived debate in France about freedom of speech and highlighted deep societal divisions on the topic. Mila’s family was placed under police protection amid the fallout, and the girl had to change schools.

On Wednesday, prosecutor Audrey Quey, (prosecutor in Vienne in the Isère department in southeast France) said three teens – one aged 16 and two 17, have been charged in the case.

The 17-year-olds admitted to investigators earlier this month that they had collected Mila’s private online data and passed it on to the younger boy. The two face charges of theft and possession of stolen data, and were placed under judicial supervision pending the outcome of the investigation, Quey said in a statement. One of them was also from Isère, and the other from the neighbouring Rhone department.

Charges against the boy, from Besancon north of Isère, include possession of stolen goods, electronic harassment, and distributing a third party’s personal data.

A fourth person, alleged to have been behind death threats to Mila, was arrested in May, the prosecutor said.

“Investigations are continuing with a view to identifying others behind the threats,” said Quey.