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Note: Sweden Democrats, unlike what its name suggests, is an far-right organisation - with an extreme anti-muslims propaganda. SD got 5.7% at the September 20 election and 20 parliamentary seats.(ESSF)

An Islamic revolution akin to the one that swept through Iran in 1979 could easily take place in Sweden, claims the second highest ranking member of the far-right Sweden Democrats.

"It can happen really fast," said Sweden Democrat party secretary Björn Söder to the TT news agency.

Söder is number two behind party leader Jimmie Åkesson on the Sweden Democrat party list. As party secretary, his role is to stake out the party's line on key issues.

The Iranian revolution came up as Söder was explaining statements made by Sweden Democrat international secretary Kent Ekeroth, who could also find himself with a seat in the Riksdag following Sunday's vote.

Ekeroth said previously that "Sweden and western countries are at risk of going out with a whimper" because of the influence of Islam, drawing a connection to 1400 years of Muslim aggression.

Nor did Ekeroth see any real distinction between ordinary Muslims and militant Islamists.

"I think that he brings up a very timely problem and as I see it, Islamification is a question of destiny for the entire western wold," Söder told TT.

According to Söder, all Muslims are "bearers of an ideology".

"It's a political ideology disguised as religion. And I think that it's a very appropriate subject to address, otherwise we'll be facing the same problem that Iran did in 1979. It can happen really fast."

Söder explained his argument by pointing out that the socialists made common cause with the Islamists to overthrow the shah in Iran.

"But when the Islamists came to power, they wiped out the socialists too. And I'm saying that if we don't take the Islamification that's taking place in western Europe right now seriously, maybe history will repeat itself," he said.

When asked to clarify whether he thought an Islamic revolution was possible in Sweden and other western countries, Söder answered in the affirmative.

"Yes, Sweden is being Islamified right now. We've taken up countless examples of how Sweden is adapting to Muslim demands and we're seeing how mosques are popping up like mushrooms from the ground in Sweden and all over Europe. It's not necessarily the case that we'll all become Muslims, but that we will have to obey Sharia," Söder said.

"Through Muslim immigration and rapid propagation, as well as through Turkey's membership in the EU, Europe can become dominated by Muslims."

The theory of a so-called "Eurabia" has been roundly rejected by scholars of Islam, who compare it to anti-Semitic views of an international Jewish conspiracy.

But Söder claims his view isn't simply a conspiracy theory, and goes on to lament what he sees as Swedish culture's weakened ability to keep Muslim influences out.

"Unfortunately, it's been weakened through several decades of ridicule and belittling, which means that its very marginalized and threatened," he said.

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