

Appendix1. The prompts used and steps taken during the AI-assisted pre-selection

The initial prompt used in Comet Assistant to pre-select relevant articles from Factiva:

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Given that each page displays a maximum of 20 headlines and that the AI only scans the content visible on the current page, an extra command was incorporated at the beginning of the prompt to enable sequential navigation across all pages:

“Browse through all the 643 articles retrieved on this page and those following it by automatically going to the next page through clicking on "Next 20" when one page is successfully scanned.

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After deduplication, a total of 570 articles were retrieved from Factiva. Following the review of all 570 articles, the AI assistant identified the following headlines as relevant to the present research:

1. Man called Asian taxi driver a 'terrorist' during tirade of racial abuse
2. Fast-Spreading Delta Variant Threatens Europe's Reopening; Haiti Police: Man Arrested Had Plans of Becoming President; Racist Abuse Directed at England Players After Defeat; Top U.S. General Steps Down as Part of Withdrawal; Taliban Claim to Control 85 percent of Afghan Territory; IOC President Praises Tokyo's Preparation; "Graphic" COVID Ad in Australia Sparks Backlash; Chinese Companies Subject to Review Before Listing Overseas. Aired 1-2a ET (eliminated because not focusing on racial hate crime against Chinese/Asian)
3. Asian student allegedly assaulted in Newcastle as police probe 'appalling hate crime'
4. Racism and Asian hate crime during Covid: Young people from the community speak up
5. Stark reality of anti-Asian racism in the UK (eliminated because it talks about racism towards Asians, not racial hate crimes)
6. 'Chinese virus' attack on academic in the UK: and they call China backward(eliminated because not a British newspaper)
7. Man accused of murdering teenager in attack at Chinese takeaway appears in court (eliminated because no mention of racist motivation, slurs, or police treating it as hate-motivated; it is reported simply as a murder and attempted murder at a Chinese takeaway)
8. Girl killed in 'knife attack' at Chinese takeaway is pictured as police launch murder probe following the death of the 16-year-old described by her family as a 'gentle soul' who 'worked hard at school' (eliminated because no mention of racist motivation, slurs, or police treating it as hate-motivated;)
9. Girl, 16, is killed and several others 'seriously injured' after 'knife attack at Chinese takeaway' in Welsh village as police confirm people involved in incident 'know each other' (eliminated because no mention of racist motivation, slurs, or police treating it as hate-motivated;)

10. Girl, 16, killed in Chinese takeaway attack named and pictured by police (eliminated because no mention of racist motivation, slurs, or police treating it as hate-motivated;)
11. Several victims in knife attack at a Chinese restaurant in south Wales (eliminated because no mention of racist motivation, slurs, or police treating it as hate-motivated;)
12. Chinese groups in UK are being taught how to handle Covid hate crimes after brutal attack on lecturer
13. Lancashire man convicted of "appalling" online abuse against Chinese doctor
14. Swansea star Yan Dhanda is latest footballer to suffer racist abuse on social media
15. Lancashire man convicted of "appalling and disgusting" hate crime against Chinese doctor
16. Man who carried out 'absolutely disgusting' online abuse of Chinese doctor convicted by courts
17. Asian apprentice secretly recorded Huddersfield boss to expose his racist abuse (included because even though the incident was on the tribute for employee victimization, there's enough evidence to say that it is a racially motivated abuse) (interesting use of quotations here: all that the Asian victim has said was indirectly reported while the defendant's and the officials' statements were quoted directly)
18. Drunk neighbours from hell who hurled racist abuse at their Asian neighbour for playing Bollywood songs during lockdown admit racially aggravated harassment
19. Asian cricketers at Yorkshire faced constant abuse, says Azeem Rafiq (eliminated because it is about racist abuse and discrimination against Asian cricketers in professional sport, but it does not describe specific criminal offences in the UK nor clearly frame them as hate crimes against Chinese/Asian communities; instead, it focuses on institutional racism within Yorkshire County Cricket Club)
20. Racist attacks on Chinese in region double since start of Covid-19 crisis
21. Two Asian women racially abused and assaulted during walk in Rotherham
22. Sheffield's Chinese community fear new wave of hate crime after Government's Hong Kong offer
23. Humza Yousaf condemns thugs after Chinese photographer 'attacked and racially abused' in Glasgow
24. Red faces amid police hate crime probe into Kingstanding Chinese takeaway 'vandalism' (eliminated because the incident was found not to be racial hate crime)

25. Chinese victims of hate crime urged to report to UK police (eliminated because not British newspaper)
26. CHINESE PEOPLE 'TOO SCARED TO VENTURE OUT ALONE' AMID RISING CORONAVIRUS ABUSE
27. Asian woman accused of 'bringing in coronavirus' in sickening hate attack in Iceland queue
28. Paedophile, 31, is jailed for four years after raping 13-year-old girl as he becomes 35th member of Asian grooming gang to be sentenced to total of 380 years over child sex abuse (eliminated because not on racial hate crimes against Asians/Chinese)
29. 'Anti-Asian racism has come roaring back with Covid-19': Cathy Park Hong on being Asian American (eliminated because it discusses anti-Asian racism conceptually in the US, not specific criminal offences in the UK.)
30. Coronavirus: Teenage girls arrested after 'abusing Chinese people wearing face masks in racially-motivated attack'
31. COVID 19 scare: Chinese students escaping UK amid racist attacks (eliminated because not British newspaper)
32. Teenage girls arrested after Chinese students targeted in coronavirus-related race attack in Southampton
33. Chinese student racially abused in Coventry due to coronavirus
34. Chinese student 'racially abused' in city
35. Chinese student suffers virus hate attack
36. Chinese student victim of hate crime over virus
37. CLOTHES RIPPED Chinese student in Glasgow has clothes ripped and branded 'coronavirus' as cops probe hate crime
38. Cops probe coronavirus-related race hate attack on Chinese student in Glasgow
39. Chinese students flee UK after 'maskaphobia' triggered racist attacks
40. Coronavirus: Teenager 'spat in face' of Chinese takeaway owner in racist attack
41. Chinese takeaway staff suffer racist abuse due to coronavirus
42. RACIST ATTACK Boy, 15, arrested after Asian student battered in London by thugs shouting 'I don't want your coronavirus in my country'
43. London police seek four men after 'racist' coronavirus attack on East Asian student

(eliminated because not British newspaper)

44. East Asian student assaulted in 'racist' coronavirus attack in London (eliminated because not British newspaper)
45. Coronavirus: British-Chinese woman told to 'f*** off back to China' in shock bus attack (couldn't be found on Factiva again, here's the article:
<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/coronavirus-british-chinese-woman-told-21594519>)
46. Chinese in UK face racial discrimination over virus outbreak
47. Indian-origin woman in U.K. beaten up for saving her Chinese friend from racist attack (eliminated because not British newspaper)
48. Woman punched unconscious in 'coronavirus rage' attack for defending her Chinese friend
49. Indian-origin woman in UK beaten for trying to save Chinese from racist attack over coronavirus (eliminated because not British newspaper)
50. VIRUS RAGE Woman KO'd in Birmingham 'coronavirus rage' attack while shielding Chinese pal (couldn't be found on Factiva again, here's the article:
<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/11023822/woman-koed-coronavirus-rage-attack-protected-chinese-pal-racist/>)
51. Woman is savagely beaten in Birmingham 'coronavirus rage' attack after stepping in to defend her Chinese friend from racist abuse
52. Uni chiefs "extremely concerned" after reports of racist abuse towards Asian students over coronavirus
53. VIRUS HATE Cops investigate five racist attacks linked to coronavirus as Asian student told 'go back to your f***** country'
54. Police launch probe into five racists attacks linked to the coronavirus in Portsmouth and Southampton after Asian students and school pupils were verbally abused and told to 'go back to your f***** country'
55. Chinese people in UK targeted with abuse over coronavirus
56. KILLER BUG ATTACK Thugs yelling 'coronavirus' attack Asian man and rob him in south London
57. 'They yelled Coronavirus' – East Asian attack victim speaks of fear
58. 'They yelled Coronavirus' – East Asian attack victim speaks of fear (Observer version)

59. Chinese suffer abuse over virus
60. Chinese people in Birmingham 'told to go home' and abused in wake of coronavirus outbreak
61. Chinese student 'target of racist abuse over virus'
62. Police probe 'Chinese' race abuse outrages
63. Chinese students abused in street over coronavirus
64. British city, university leaders voice support for Chinese community against verbal attacks (eliminated because not British newspaper)
65. Chinese student at Newcastle University allegedly 'spat at' in coronavirus racist attack
66. Coronavirus: outbreak has stoked a rise in xenophobia, Chinese living abroad say (eliminated because it discusses xenophobia, racism, and microaggressions against Chinese/Asian people in multiple countries (US, Europe, Australia), not specifically hate *crimes* in the UK)
67. Police investigate coronavirus racist incidents against Chinese community
68. People of Chinese descent racially abused' in NI over coronavirus
69. ANTI-CHINESE RACISM 'EVEN REPORTED AT PRIMARY SCHOOLS' AMID VIRUS OUTBREAK
70. The Wuhan coronavirus is causing increased reports of racism and xenophobia against Asian people at college, work, and supermarkets (eliminated because it discusses xenophobia, racism, and microaggressions against Chinese/Asian people in multiple countries (US, Europe, Australia), not specifically hate *crimes* in the UK)
71. Boarding schools with Chinese pupils urged to be alert for xenophobia (eliminated because it discusses the warning boarding schools are giving but doesn't talk about specific racial hate crime incidents)
72. Boarding schools urged to stay alert to xenophobia towards Chinese students (eliminated because it talks about concern over possible xenophobia and guidance to "stay alert," but it does not describe any specific criminal offence, incident, or police-recorded hate crime.)
73. Boarding schools warned to be alert of xenophobia against Chinese students following coronavirus outbreak (eliminated because it talks about concern over possible xenophobia and guidance to "stay alert," but it does not describe any specific criminal offence, incident, or police-recorded hate crime.)
74. Watch - Thug Dominic Chaplin attacks Chinese takeaway worker for just £40

(eliminated It frames the incident as a standard crime—unprovoked but with no mention of hostility or prejudice based on the victim's Chinese or Asian identity.

These pre-screened articles were then manually reviewed to assess their relevance to the present study.