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**Thwarted Terror Attacks and  
Attacks on the United Kingdom**

**2017**

21 10 2017



The Security Service MI5 and counter-terrorism police have spoiled seven alleged terror plots since the Westminster attack which took place on 22 03 2017. These are :

29 03 2017

A man and woman were arrested in Birmingham. Ummariyat Mirza was charged with planning to carry out a knife attack and possessing a bomb-making guide. Zainub Mirza was charged with sending Islamic State propaganda videos to others.



The terror plotters boasted about who was the more radical, as the wife taunted her husband as being 'Mr Moderate'.

Madihah Taheer and her husband Ummariyat Mirza, both 21 from Birmingham, are accused of plotting to commit a terror act.

The pair were monitored on social media bragging over who was the more radicalized.

Ms. Taheer later bought a hunting knife and a life size training dummy for her husband to help prepare him for an attack.

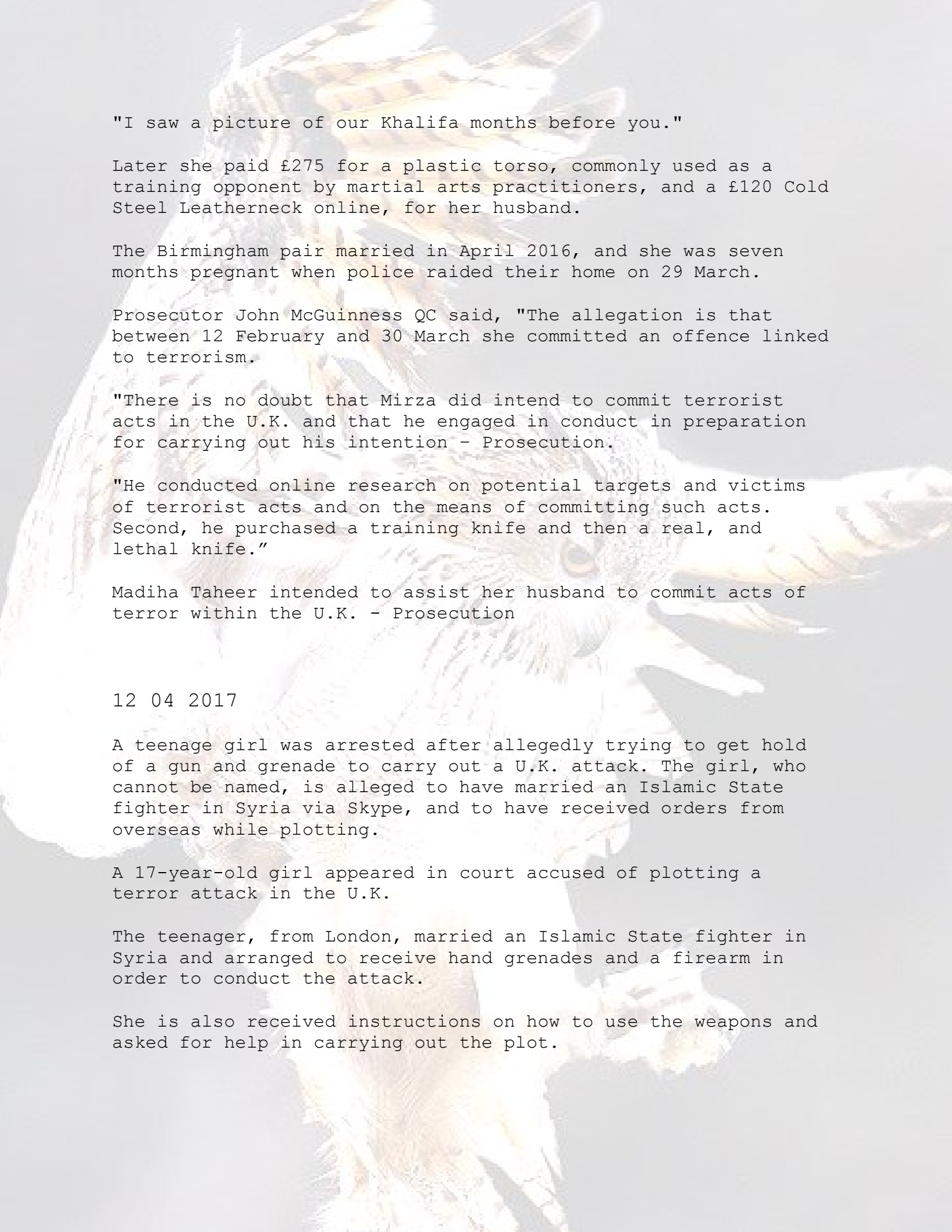
Mirza admitted to preparing to commit terrorist acts while his wife denied the offence.

The pair shared Islamic State propaganda as their romance grew.

In one text Mirza told his partner, "I am more radical than you."

In a series of texts he said, "I introduced you to ISIS, and twitter and Jihad. You are my student. Remember who brought you into this organisation. Do not forget the one who helped you to your position."

She replied, "Sit down Mr. Moderate."



"I saw a picture of our Khalifa months before you."

Later she paid £275 for a plastic torso, commonly used as a training opponent by martial arts practitioners, and a £120 Cold Steel Leatherneck online, for her husband.

The Birmingham pair married in April 2016, and she was seven months pregnant when police raided their home on 29 March.

Prosecutor John McGuinness QC said, "The allegation is that between 12 February and 30 March she committed an offence linked to terrorism.

"There is no doubt that Mirza did intend to commit terrorist acts in the U.K. and that he engaged in conduct in preparation for carrying out his intention - Prosecution.

"He conducted online research on potential targets and victims of terrorist acts and on the means of committing such acts. Second, he purchased a training knife and then a real, and lethal knife."

Madiha Taheer intended to assist her husband to commit acts of terror within the U.K. - Prosecution

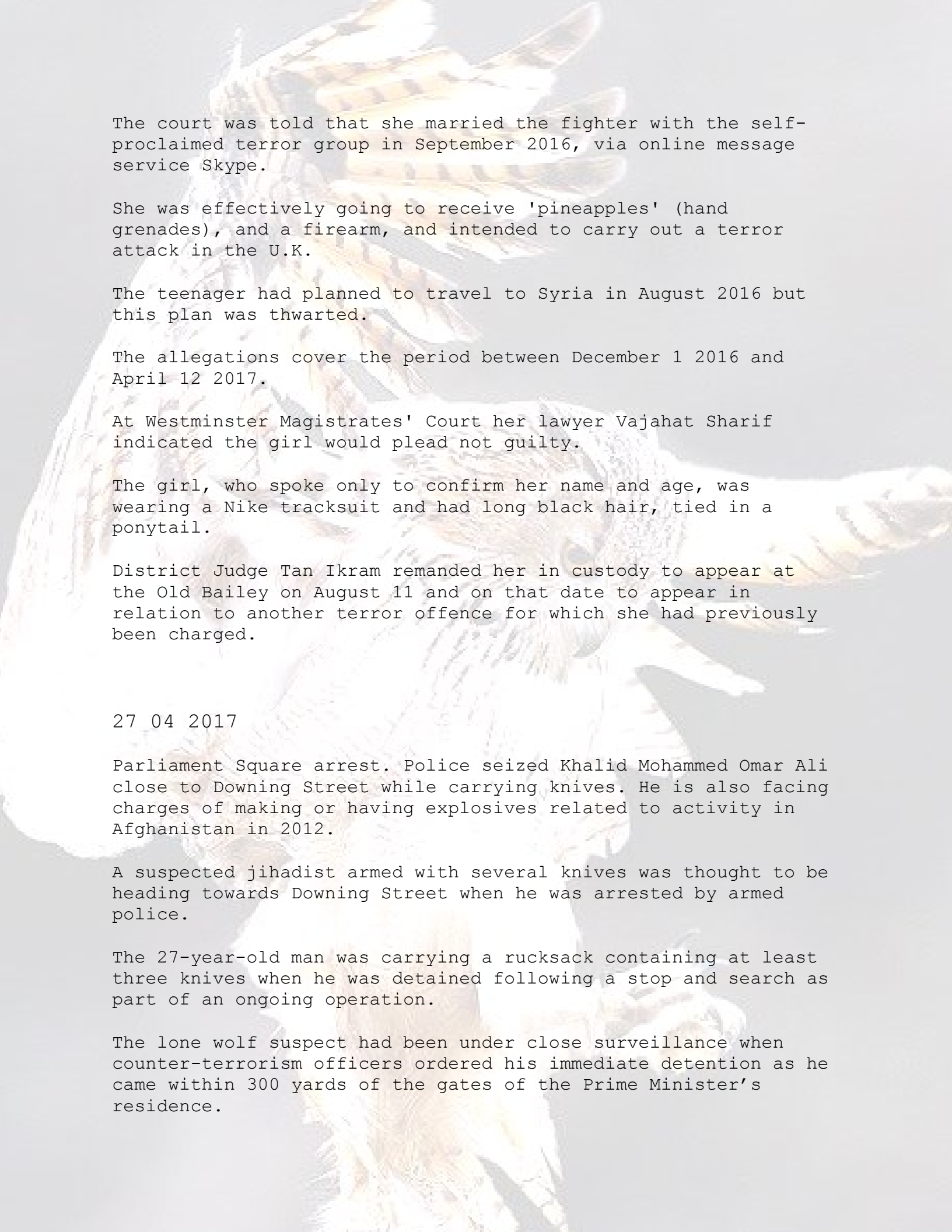
12 04 2017

A teenage girl was arrested after allegedly trying to get hold of a gun and grenade to carry out a U.K. attack. The girl, who cannot be named, is alleged to have married an Islamic State fighter in Syria via Skype, and to have received orders from overseas while plotting.

A 17-year-old girl appeared in court accused of plotting a terror attack in the U.K.

The teenager, from London, married an Islamic State fighter in Syria and arranged to receive hand grenades and a firearm in order to conduct the attack.

She is also received instructions on how to use the weapons and asked for help in carrying out the plot.



The court was told that she married the fighter with the self-proclaimed terror group in September 2016, via online message service Skype.

She was effectively going to receive 'pineapples' (hand grenades), and a firearm, and intended to carry out a terror attack in the U.K.

The teenager had planned to travel to Syria in August 2016 but this plan was thwarted.

The allegations cover the period between December 1 2016 and April 12 2017.

At Westminster Magistrates' Court her lawyer Vajahat Sharif indicated the girl would plead not guilty.

The girl, who spoke only to confirm her name and age, was wearing a Nike tracksuit and had long black hair, tied in a ponytail.

District Judge Tan Ikram remanded her in custody to appear at the Old Bailey on August 11 and on that date to appear in relation to another terror offence for which she had previously been charged.

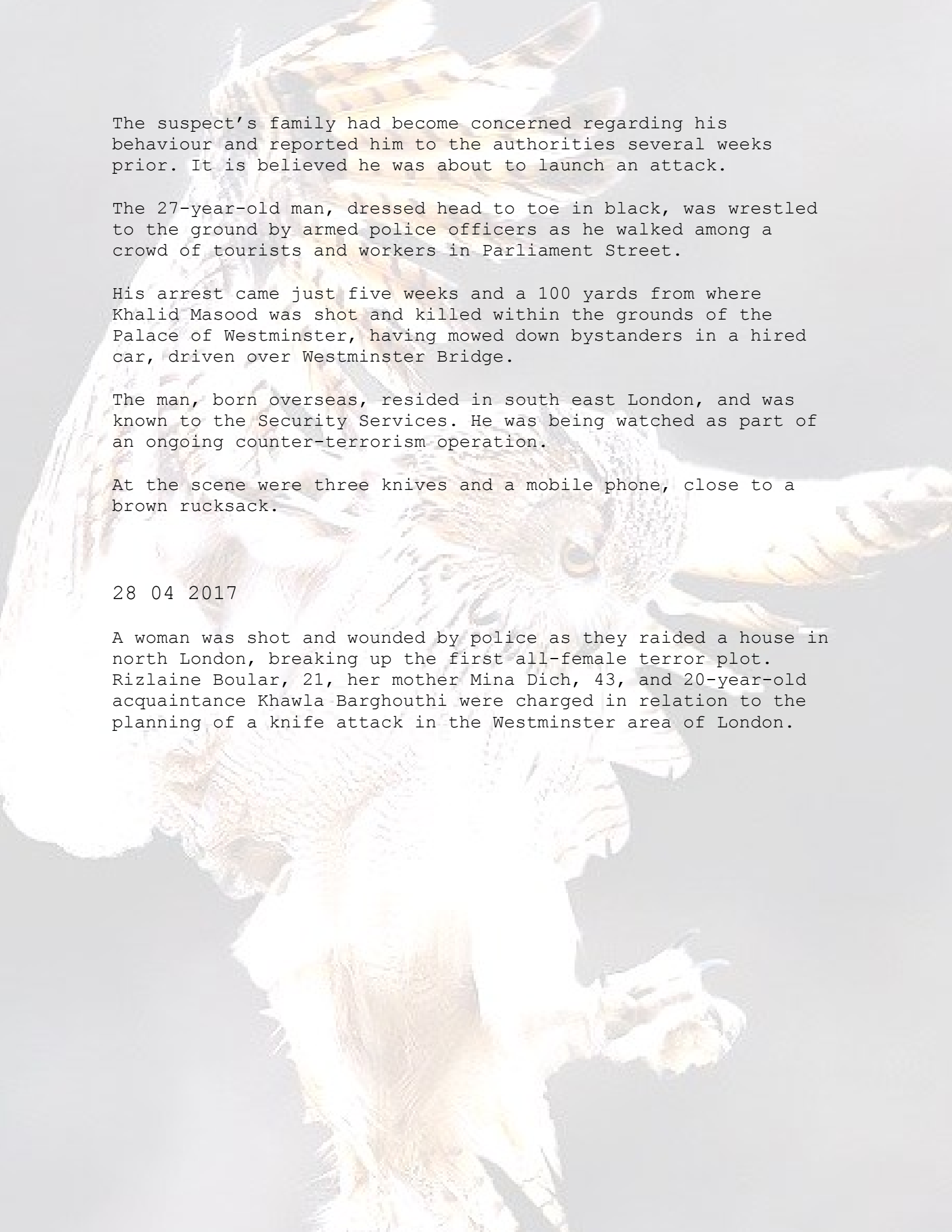
27 04 2017

Parliament Square arrest. Police seized Khalid Mohammed Omar Ali close to Downing Street while carrying knives. He is also facing charges of making or having explosives related to activity in Afghanistan in 2012.

A suspected jihadist armed with several knives was thought to be heading towards Downing Street when he was arrested by armed police.

The 27-year-old man was carrying a rucksack containing at least three knives when he was detained following a stop and search as part of an ongoing operation.

The lone wolf suspect had been under close surveillance when counter-terrorism officers ordered his immediate detention as he came within 300 yards of the gates of the Prime Minister's residence.



The suspect's family had become concerned regarding his behaviour and reported him to the authorities several weeks prior. It is believed he was about to launch an attack.

The 27-year-old man, dressed head to toe in black, was wrestled to the ground by armed police officers as he walked among a crowd of tourists and workers in Parliament Street.

His arrest came just five weeks and a 100 yards from where Khalid Masood was shot and killed within the grounds of the Palace of Westminster, having mowed down bystanders in a hired car, driven over Westminster Bridge.

The man, born overseas, resided in south east London, and was known to the Security Services. He was being watched as part of an ongoing counter-terrorism operation.

At the scene were three knives and a mobile phone, close to a brown rucksack.

28 04 2017

A woman was shot and wounded by police as they raided a house in north London, breaking up the first all-female terror plot. Rizlaine Boular, 21, her mother Mina Dich, 43, and 20-year-old acquaintance Khawla Barghouthi were charged in relation to the planning of a knife attack in the Westminster area of London.



Three women (from left) Mina Dich, Rizlaine Boular and Khawla Barghouthi appearing at Westminster Magistrates' Court charged with preparing a terrorist act and conspiracy to murder

A mother and daughter fashioned the U.K.'s first all-female murder squad intent on carrying out a knife attack in Westminster.

Mina Dich, 43, her daughter Rizlaine Boular, 21, and Khawla Barghouthi, 20, plotted to murder a person or persons unknown.

Boular was shot and wounded by armed police while the trio were being arrested during a series of raids on 27 04 2017.

Officers arrested Boular and Barghouthi after firing CS gas into a house in Harlesden, northwest London. Dich was detained in a separate raid in Kent.

All three women appeared at the Old Bailey, via video link from HMP Bronzefield.

They are both charged with one count of engaging in the preparation of a terrorist act, and one count of conspiracy to murder between 11 and 28 04 2017.

Both Boular, who was charged after being treated for her injuries, and Dich, were wearing traditional Muslim face veils covering their entire faces and raised their hands to identify themselves.

Barghouthi wore a hijab that did not cover her face.

Mr Justice Holroyde set a plea and trial preparation hearing for October 23 10 2017.

The three defendants are set to stand trial at the Old Bailey on 27 11 2017.

17 05 2017

Police disrupted a significant Islamist terror plot to cause a deadly attack in London. Umar Ahmed Haque, Abuthaher Mamun and Muhammad Abid face terrorism charges.

The three men were charged with terrorism offences in connection with a U.K. terror plot.

Umar Ahmed Haque, Muhammad Abid and Abuthaher Mamun, from east London, were arrested as part of an investigation by MI5 and the Metropolitan Police's Counter Terrorism Command on 17 05 2017.

Haque, from Newham, is accused of preparing in months 03 and 05 2017 to commit acts of terrorism.

The 24-year-old is also charged with four counts of possessing documents useful for committing or preparing an act of terrorism.

Abid, 27, also from Newham, is charged under terror laws with failing to disclose information about Haque, while Mamun, 18, from Barking, is accused of preparing to assist another to commit acts of terrorism.

A fourth man, Nadeem Ilyas Patel, 25, from Newham, is accused of conspiring with Haque to possess a firearm or imitation firearm on 30 0o3 2017 with intent to cause fear or violence.

All four are to appear at Westminster Magistrates' Court.

30 06 2017

A teenage boy was arrested in South Wales after trying to obtain a knife and hammer and preparing a suicide note for an attack.

25 08 2017

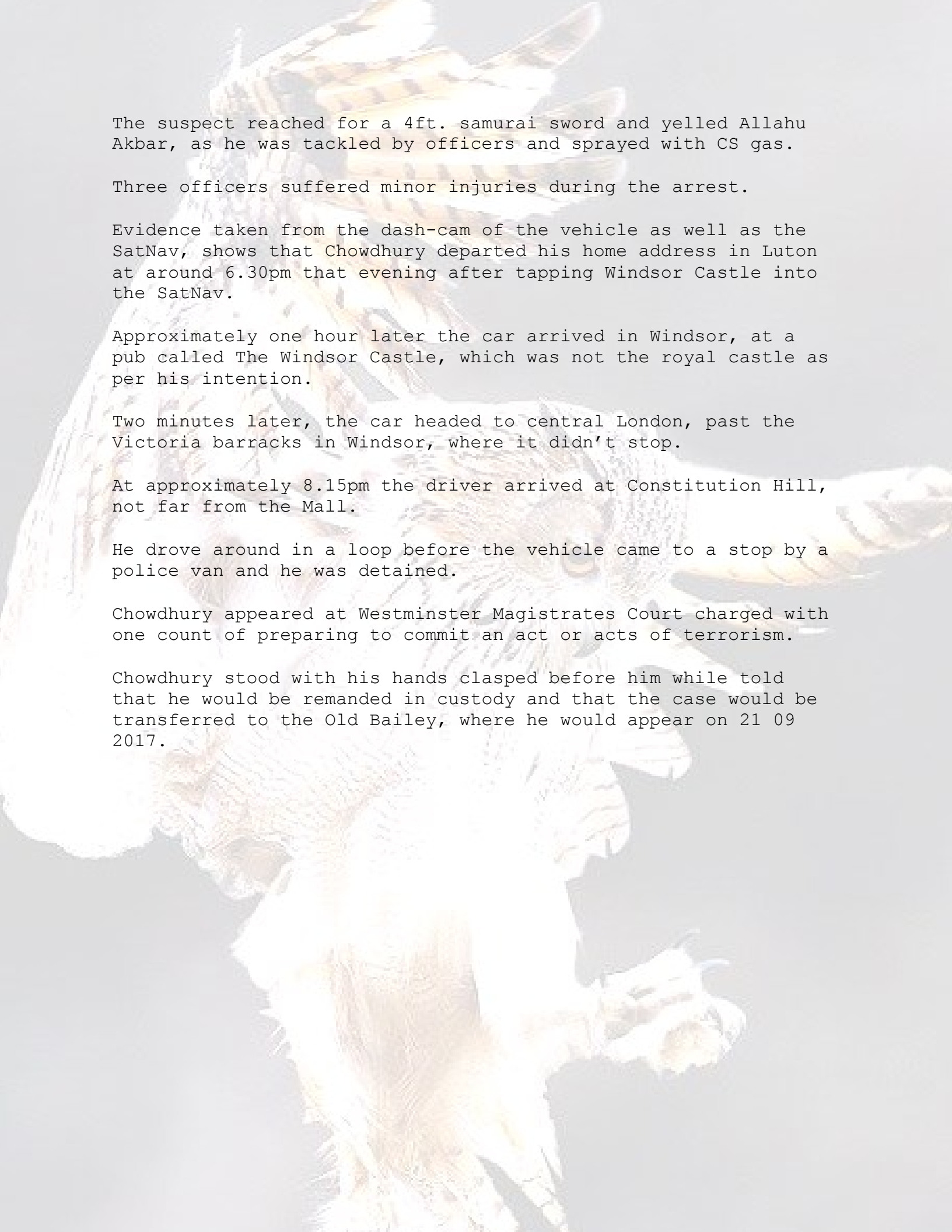
A man was arrested outside Buckingham Palace after driving at police and then reaching for a samurai sword. Mohiussunnath Chowdhury was charged with preparing to commit terrorism.



Court drawing of Mohiussunnath Chowdhury, Westminster Magistrates' court, Central London Drawing © 2017 Julia Quenzler

A Uber driver terror suspect arrested outside Buckingham Palace had originally headed for Windsor Castle, but his SatNav sent him to a pub of the same name.

Mohiussunnath Chowdhury, 26, was taken into custody after driving a Toyota Prius at a marked police car outside Buckingham Palace.



The suspect reached for a 4ft. samurai sword and yelled Allahu Akbar, as he was tackled by officers and sprayed with CS gas.

Three officers suffered minor injuries during the arrest.

Evidence taken from the dash-cam of the vehicle as well as the SatNav, shows that Chowdhury departed his home address in Luton at around 6.30pm that evening after tapping Windsor Castle into the SatNav.

Approximately one hour later the car arrived in Windsor, at a pub called The Windsor Castle, which was not the royal castle as per his intention.

Two minutes later, the car headed to central London, past the Victoria barracks in Windsor, where it didn't stop.

At approximately 8.15pm the driver arrived at Constitution Hill, not far from the Mall.

He drove around in a loop before the vehicle came to a stop by a police van and he was detained.

Chowdhury appeared at Westminster Magistrates Court charged with one count of preparing to commit an act or acts of terrorism.

Chowdhury stood with his hands clasped before him while told that he would be remanded in custody and that the case would be transferred to the Old Bailey, where he would appear on 21 09 2017.



Police cordon around Buckingham Palace (incident 25 08 2017)

15 09 2017

***The Parsons Green bombing marked the fourth time the Islamic State claimed responsibility for terrorist acts on the United Kingdom. Fortunately this particular instance there were no lives lost***

The three occasions prior do present a different story.

Until 2017, the U.K. had been spared the kind of atrocities which have occurred across the rest of Europe, as well as the US and the Middle East. Even with the Lee Rigby murder and several killings committed by far-right extremists, since the 7/7 bombings in 2005, which killed 56 people, the U.K. had been relatively peaceful. This year, however, was suffered five major terrorist attacks, four of which have been claimed by the Islamic State.

### Westminster attack: 22 03 2017

Six people were killed, including the attacker - radicalized U.K. citizen Khalid Masood - after he ploughed a rented car into a crowd of pedestrians on London's busy Westminster Bridge, a popular spot for tourists. He then crashed into the railings at the perimeter of Westminster Palace, got out of the car, and proceeded to stab police officer Keith Palmer to death before being shot dead by armed officers outside Parliament, prompting the evacuation of Prime Minister Theresa May, with MPs under lockdown. Victims of the Westminster Bridge attack included British, American, and Romanian citizens. Around 50 people were injured. Later, security services uncovered the final message he sent in WhatsApp, saying he was waging jihad in revenge for Western military action in the Middle East. The slaughter came on the anniversary of a jihadist attack on the Belgian capital in 2016.

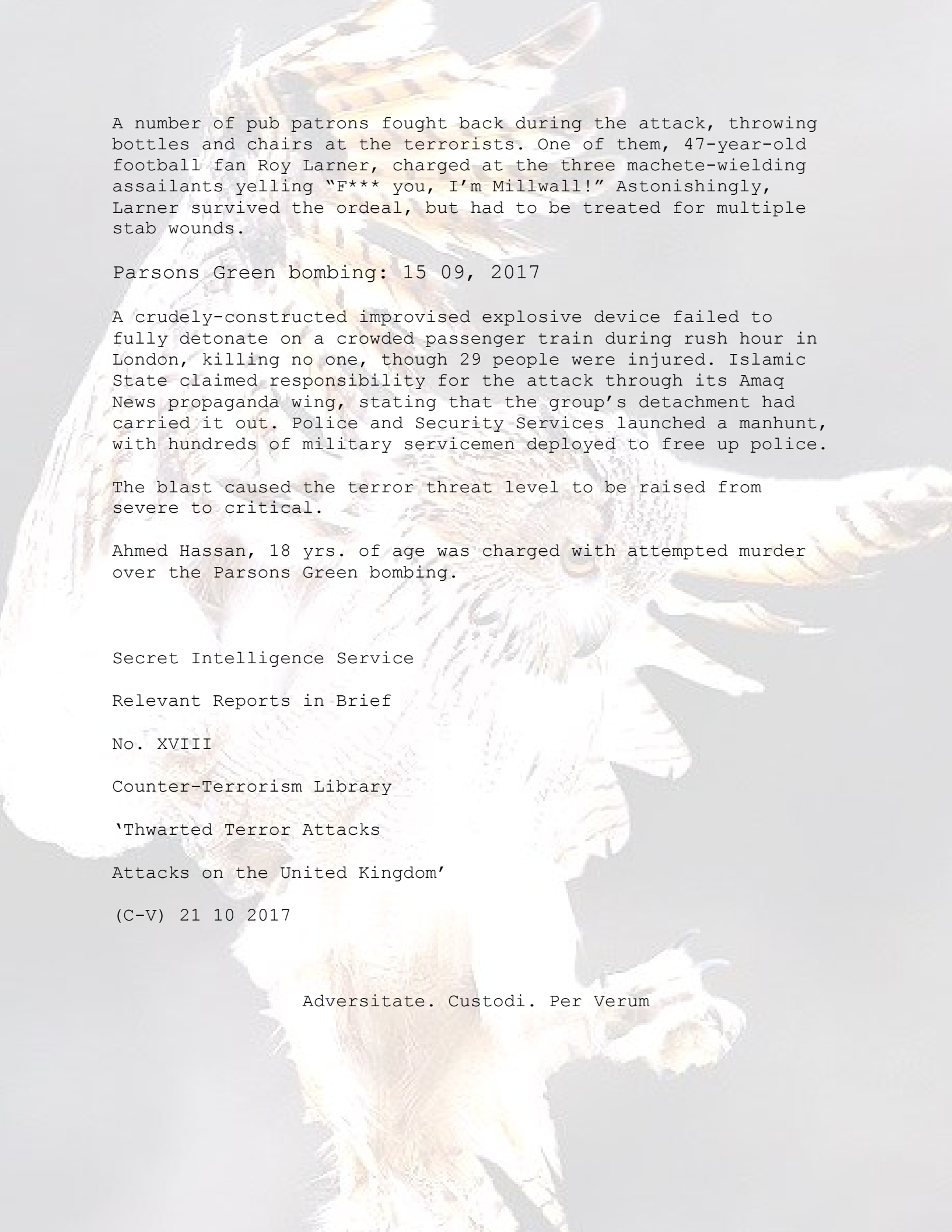
### Manchester Arena bombing: 22 05 2017

Twenty-two people were killed and 116 were injured in a suicide bombing carried out by Salman Abedi, a 22-year-old U.K. national of Libyan origin. A shrapnel-laden homemade device detonated as people were leaving a concert by American pop star Ariana Grande. The vast majority of those killed or injured were children and their parents who were attending the concert, the youngest of which was Saffie Roussos, 8, from Lancashire.

The number of fatalities made the bombing in Manchester Arena the deadliest attack of its kind in the U.K. since 2005, when a series of blasts rocked the London public transport network, which left 52 people and four perpetrators dead. One of the survivors of the 2005 attack, Tony Walter, took his life shortly after the atrocity in Manchester, reportedly growing distressed by the string of deadly attacks.

### London Bridge attack: 03 06 2017

A third attack in three months shook the U.K. capital in June, when eight people were killed and 48 others were injured. Three assailants veered a rented van off the road at London Bridge, mowing down pedestrians at high speed. The group, wearing fake suicide belts, then turned to nearby Borough Market, abandoned the vehicle, and went on to stab people at random in pubs and restaurants before being shot dead by armed officers eight minutes after receiving an emergency call.



A number of pub patrons fought back during the attack, throwing bottles and chairs at the terrorists. One of them, 47-year-old football fan Roy Lerner, charged at the three machete-wielding assailants yelling "F\*\*\* you, I'm Millwall!" Astonishingly, Lerner survived the ordeal, but had to be treated for multiple stab wounds.

Parsons Green bombing: 15 09, 2017

A crudely-constructed improvised explosive device failed to fully detonate on a crowded passenger train during rush hour in London, killing no one, though 29 people were injured. Islamic State claimed responsibility for the attack through its Amaq News propaganda wing, stating that the group's detachment had carried it out. Police and Security Services launched a manhunt, with hundreds of military servicemen deployed to free up police.

The blast caused the terror threat level to be raised from severe to critical.

Ahmed Hassan, 18 yrs. of age was charged with attempted murder over the Parsons Green bombing.

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