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Munir Farooqi

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Background

53-year-old Munir Ahmed Farooqi is a well-respected man in his community. He had been holding a da'wah stall (where he

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Before Munir's arrest, 2 police officers posing as new Muslims for two years befriended him questioning him in a leading manner about going abroad to train abroad.

Arrest and Charges

Along with 3 others, in what has now been referred to as the 'Manchester Four', Munir Farooqi was arrested in one of a series of counter-terrorism raids which took place at around 4.00am on 16 November 2009.

The other 3 were Matthew Ronald Newton and Israr Hussain Malik who were also active on da'wah stalls, and his son Haris Farooqi who was not linked to the da'wah stalls in any manner.

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Ishaq Malik was charged with the intention to commit acts of terrorism, namely violent jihad, engaged in conduct in preparation of giving effect to that intention, contrary to Section 5 of the Terrorism Act 2006 between 1 June 2008 and 17 November 2009.

Munir Farooqi has also been charged with a further 3 counts of soliciting of encouraging another to murder another person or person in July and October 2009.

Munir allegedly solicited undercover counter terrorism officers, known as Ray and Simon, to become killers. This seems to be a classic case of entrapment where Munir had been deceptively encouraged to say words which constitute the committing of an act which has been criminalised – something he would not have done if he hadn't been urged. This is a clear example of counter-terrorism officers targeting respected Muslim individuals who are steadfast in their religion, appealing to their

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to Islam, and begs the question as to the real reason why these men were targeted.

There has been an abuse of power on the part of counter-terrorism officials and an abuse of process. A man cannot be convicted for an act which he would not have committed were it not for inducement from police officials.

Trial and sentences

In September 2011, Munir Farooqi was convicted of preparing terror acts, soliciting to murder and disseminating terrorist literature. It was said at the trial that he was the head of a plot aiming at encouraging young Muslims to “fight, kill and die” in Afghanistan.

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and his co-accused were not condemned because of factual evidences but because of their ideas:

"This was an extremely challenging case, both to investigate and successfully prosecute at court, because we did not recover any blueprint, attack plan or endgame for these men. However, what we were able to prove was their ideology. These men were involved in an organised attempt in Manchester to recruit men to fight, kill and die in either Afghanistan or Pakistan by persuading them it was their religious duty."






Matthew Newton was sentenced to six years and Israr Malik received an indeterminate sentence with a minimum of five years without parole. Munir Farooqi was given four life sentences.

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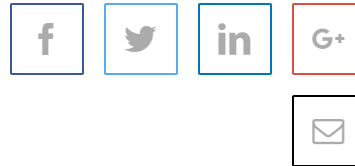
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