

**INQUESTS INTO THE DEATHS ARISING FROM  
THE FISHMONGERS' HALL AND LONDON BRIDGE TERROR ATTACK**

**DIRECTIONS – 5 JUNE 2020**

**Interested Persons**

1. In relation to the three inquests under consideration, the following are designated as Interested Persons (“IPs”), within the meaning of section 47(2) of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 (“CJA”):
  - (a) Members of the family of each deceased person (Saskia Jones, Jack Merritt and Usman Khan) who are within the scope of section 47(2)(a) are designated IPs in relation to that deceased person’s inquest.
  - (b) The Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis is designated an IP in relation to all three inquests.
  - (c) The Commissioner of the City of London Police (“CoLP”) is designated an IP in relation to all three inquests.
  - (d) The Chief Constable of the British Transport Police is designated an IP in relation to all three inquests.
  - (e) The Chief Constable of Staffordshire Police is designated an IP in relation to all three inquests.
  - (f) Four officers of Staffordshire Police (PS Callum Forsyth, PC Ian Oakley, PC Craig Hemmings and PC Victoria Barker) are designated IPs in relation to all three inquests.
  - (g) The Chief Constable of West Midlands Police is designated an IP in relation to all three inquests.
  - (h) The London Ambulance Service is designated an IP in relation to all three inquests.

- (i) The City of London Corporation is designated an IP in relation to all three inquests.
- (j) The Fishmongers' Company is designated an IP in relation to all three inquests.
- (k) The University of Cambridge is designated an IP in relation to all three inquests.
- (l) The Secretary of State for the Home Department is designated an IP in relation to all three inquests.
- (m) The Secretary of State for Justice is designated an IP in relation to all three inquests.
- (n) Barts Health NHS Trust is designated an IP in relation to the inquest of Jack Merritt.
- (o) The Director General of the Independent Office of Police Conduct is designated an IP in relation to the inquest of Usman Khan.

### **Disclosure**

2. The Solicitor to the Inquests will arrange for each IP's legal representatives to provide appropriate confidentiality undertakings.
3. Disclosure of documents will be provided to IPs whose representatives have given such undertakings. Disclosure will be arranged in tranches and will be provided by means of an electronic document management system.

### **Anonymity Applications**

4. Applications for anonymity and special measures have been made by 18 police officers; seven CoLP officers and 11 officers of the Metropolitan Police Service.
5. For the reasons set out in a written Ruling of the same date as these Directions, the following orders are made, subject to any further order of the Court:

- a. The name and identifying details of each of WS5, YX16, YX99, YX97, AZ99, AZ14, A87, G108, DB55, TC52, R139, Q134, R158, TC92, KH16, TC82, WA30 and S157 shall be withheld in disclosure and evidence within the Inquests.
- b. Pseudonyms shall be used for each of those officers for the purposes of the Inquests.
- c. When any of those officers is giving evidence, they shall be screened pursuant to rule 18 of the Coroners (Inquests) Rules 2013, so that they are seen only by the coroner, jury, court staff, IPs and legal representatives of IPs. The officers or their respective forces may apply for this screening order to be extended so that identified IPs may not see the officers when they are giving evidence.
- d. When any of those officers is giving evidence, no question may be asked which might lead to their identification.
- e. When any of the identified officers attends to give evidence, they shall be permitted to enter and exit the Court by an appropriate, non-public route.
- f. Pursuant to section 11 of the Contempt of Court Act 1981, there shall be no publication of the name of any of the officers known as WS5, YX16, YX99, YX97, AZ99, AZ14, A87, G108, DB55, TC52, R139, Q134, R158, TC92, KH16, TC82, WA30 and S157 or identifying information about those officers (including images of them) in connection with these inquests or their subject-matter. This order shall have effect for the duration of the inquests and thereafter, subject to any further order of the Court.

### **Time, Venue and Logistics**

6. The inquests into the deaths of Jack Merritt and Saskia Jones will be heard together in a single hearing.
7. Consideration will be deferred as to whether the inquest into the death of Usman Khan should be heard with, or immediately after, the inquests into the deaths of Saskia Jones and Jack Merritt. That issue will be considered at the first pre-inquest hearing.

8. The hearing of the inquests is provisionally listed to commence shortly after Easter 2021 (4 April 2021), with the precise date to be confirmed. The provisional time estimate for the hearing is six to seven weeks.
9. The hearing of the inquests will take place at the Central Criminal Court.

### **Scope**

10. The indicative scope of the inquests is set out in the Annex to these directions (which identifies topics for inquiry).

### **Article 2, ECHR**

11. The procedural obligation under Article 2, ECHR, is engaged in relation to the inquest of Usman Khan.
12. No determination is made at this stage as to whether or not the procedural obligation under Article 2, ECHR, is engaged in relation to the inquests of Jack Merritt and Saskia Jones. That issue will be kept under review. Any IP wishing to raise the issue for consideration at any pre-inquest hearing shall give notice to the Solicitor to the Inquests at least two weeks prior to any such hearing.

### **Jury**

13. Each of the three inquests under consideration will be heard with a jury.

### **Expert evidence**

14. Any interested person wishing to suggest that expert evidence should be obtained or adduced in the Inquests, beyond the expert evidence referred to in the written submissions of Counsel to the Inquests for this hearing, should make the proposal in writing to the Solicitors to the Inquests as soon as possible.

**5 JUNE 2020**

**HIS HONOUR JUDGE LUCRAFT QC**

**CHIEF CORONER OF ENGLAND & WALES**



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**INDICATIVE SCOPE**

A. For **all the inquests**, it will be appropriate to consider some evidence about the background to the attacks, in particular the following matters:

1. the life and background of Usman Khan, including some evidence of the activities which led to his conviction in 2012 and of his conduct while in prison, as well as evidence of his life following release from prison;
2. the management of Khan after his release from prison by probation officers and others (including relevant systems and procedures governing his management);
3. any monitoring of Khan after his release from prison by police and/or the Security Service (including relevant systems and procedures governing his monitoring);
4. arrangements for Khan to attend the Learning Together Event at Fishmongers' Hall (including systems and procedures relevant to arranging his attendance);
5. Khan's dealings with the Learning Together programme and its staff;
6. Khan's planning and preparation for the attack (to include whether he received any assistance from others);
7. Khan's behaviour and movements in the period before the attack, including on the day of the attack.

B. For **the inquests of Saskia Jones and Jack Merritt**, it will be appropriate to consider the following topics:

1. the preparations for the Learning Together event at Fishmongers' Hall and the security arrangements at the Hall (to include preparations by Cambridge University and the

Fishmongers' Company, and to include the adequacy of precautions and security having regard to the nature of the event and those attending);

2. the circumstances in which each of them was attacked and injured (using a combination of witness evidence and forensic scientific evidence);
3. the emergency response to the attack, and specifically the care and attention given to each of Saskia Jones and Jack Merritt;
4. the injuries suffered by each of them, and the medical cause of death for each.

C. For **the inquest of Usman Khan**, it will be appropriate to consider the following topics:

1. the sequence of events in the attack within Fishmongers' Hall, from the time he entered the male toilets and armed himself until the time he left the building;
2. the sequence of events on London Bridge, in which Khan was pursued and attacked by attendees of the Learning Together event and members of the public, before being confronted by armed officers;
3. the arrival of the armed officers and the events of their engagement with Khan, including the times at which and circumstances in which shots were fired;
4. the injuries sustained by Khan and his medical cause of death.