

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

**DIRECTIONS FOLLOWING PRE-INQUEST REVIEW HEARING
ON 16 OCTOBER 2020**

Timing and Organisation of the Inquests

1. The inquests into the deaths of Jack Merritt and Saskia Jones will be the subject of a single inquest hearing, which is scheduled to commence on 12 April 2021, at the Central Criminal Court before HH Judge Lucraft QC as coroner, sitting with a jury.
2. The inquest into the death of Usman Khan will be the subject of a separate inquest hearing, which is scheduled to commence directly after the conclusion of the hearing referred to in paragraph 1 above, also at the Central Criminal Court before HH Judge Lucraft QC as coroner, sitting with a second jury.

Application of Mrs Begum for Interested Person Status

3. The application of Mrs Parveen Begum for designation as an Interested Person in the inquests of Jack Merritt and Saskia Jones, pursuant to section 47(2)(m) of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009, is refused.
4. Legal representatives of the family of Usman Khan may ask appropriate questions of any members of the Khan family who give evidence in the inquests of Jack Merritt and Saskia Jones.
5. If the legal representatives of the family of Usman Khan wish to ask questions of any other witnesses in the inquests of Jack Merritt and Saskia Jones, they may seek permission to do so when those witnesses give evidence (or otherwise by permission of the Court).

Applications of Members of the Khan Family for Special Measures

6. Applications for anonymity and special measures were made on behalf of the parents of Usman Khan, his six siblings and the spouses and children of those siblings (“the

Relevant Khan Family Members”). Those applications were later revised as set out in the written Ruling of the same date as these Directions.

7. For the reasons set out in the written Ruling of the same date as these Directions, the following orders are made, subject to any further order of this Court:
 - a. If any of the Relevant Khan Family Members is called to give evidence in the Inquests hearings, 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, Interested Persons and legal representatives of Interested Persons.
 - b. If any of the Relevant Khan Family Members is called to give evidence in the Inquests hearings, they shall be permitted to enter and exit the court by an appropriate, non-public route.
 - c. In the hearings of the Inquests, no reference shall be made to the names of any of the children of the siblings of Usman Khan, except with permission of the Court after application on notice to Interested Persons and the representatives of the Khan family.
8. There is liberty for any of the sisters of Usman Khan and/or any of the spouses of Usman Khan’s siblings to apply at the next pre-inquest review hearing for a direction that no reference shall be made to their name(s) in the Inquests hearings except with permission of the Court after application on notice.

Article 2, ECHR

9. 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 Interested Person wishing to raise the issue for consideration at any further pre-inquest review hearing shall give notice to the solicitors to the Inquests at least two weeks prior to any such hearing.

Further Pre-Inquest Review Hearing

10. A further pre-inquest review hearing shall be held on a date to be fixed on notice to Interested Persons.

HH Judge Mark Lucraft QC
Recorder of London and Chief Coroner of England and Wales

22 October 2020