

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

**DIRECTIONS FOLLOWING PRE-INQUEST REVIEW HEARING  
ON 12 FEBRUARY 2021**

**Third Pre-Inquest Review / Public Interest Immunity Hearing**

1. Any applications for Public Interest Immunity (“PII”) shall be filed, in OPEN and CLOSED parts, by 11 March 2021. Any submissions in response shall be filed by 18 March 2021.
2. The intended application for anonymity of Witness A (Security Service corporate witness) shall be filed, in OPEN and CLOSED parts, by 11 March 2021. Any submissions in response shall be filed by 18 March 2021.
3. There shall be a third Pre-Inquest Review Hearing on 25 March 2021 with OPEN and CLOSED sessions which will consider all PII applications by then filed and remaining issues of case management.

**Listing of Inquests Hearings**

4. It will not be possible to hear the Inquests at the Central Criminal Court starting on 12 April 2021, on account of the availability of courtrooms and the space requirements having regard to the COVID-19 pandemic. If possible, the listing is to be retained by securing an alternative venue.
5. Following enquiries by and on behalf of the Inquests Team, a venue has been identified as a potential alternative option. By 26 February 2021, the Solicitor to the Inquests shall inform Interested Persons (“IPs”) whether or not the prospective venue now under consideration is likely to be a viable option and, if so, shall give details of that venue.

## **Anonymity and Special Measures**

6. There are four outstanding applications for anonymity and special measures for consideration, as follows:
  - a. an application dated 23 December 2020 by Witness Q, who was Usman Khan's partner between 2010 and 2013/14;
  - b. an application dated 26 January 2021 by the Secretary of State for the Home Department and Secretary of State for Justice on behalf of TM, who acted as theological mentor to Usman Khan under the Home Office Desistance and Disengagement Programme ("DDP"); and
  - c. an application dated 20 January 2021 by M1 and an application dated 29 January 2021 by M2, who acted successively as mentors to Usman Khan under the DDP and each of whom while in the role saw him regularly and wrote reports on him.
  
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. The four applications for anonymity are granted, in respect of Witness Q, TM, M1 and M2. The name and identifying details of each individual shall be withheld in disclosure and evidence within the Inquests.
  - b. Pseudonyms shall be used for each of these individuals for the purposes of the Inquests.
  - c. Pursuant to rule 18 of the Coroners (Inquests) Rules 2013, if and when any of these individuals is called to give evidence he/she shall be screened from the public gallery, but visible to the coroner, jury, court staff, IPs and legal representatives of IPs.
  - d. If and when any of these individuals is giving evidence, no question may be asked which might lead to their identification.
  - e. If and when any of these individuals attends to give evidence, he/she 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 individuals known as Witness Q, TM, M1 and M2 or identifying information about those individuals (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.

8. Any media organisation or journalist may by 4 March 2021 apply in writing to the Court for permission for named accredited journalists to see specific individuals for whom screening orders have been made under this directions order and/or under the directions orders of 5 June and 22 October 2020 in the event that the specified individuals are called to give evidence. Any such application will be circulated to IPs and representatives of the relevant individuals.
9. Any submissions in response to any applications by media organisations or journalists under paragraph 8 above shall be filed by 18 March 2021.
10. The Court will resolve any applications by media organisations or journalists under paragraph 8 above at the hearing listed for 25 March 2021.

#### **Naming of Members of the Family of Usman Khan**

11. Subject to any further order of the Court, the following individuals shall not be named in the Inquests hearings except upon application and order of the Court: the spouses of Usman Khan's siblings; and the children of Usman Khan's siblings.

#### **Special Disclosure Process for Sensitive Material**

12. A special procedure shall be adopted in respect of certain documents which the Government Legal Department identifies (by agreement with the Inquests Team) as containing information that is particularly sensitive, but in respect of which no application for PII is to be made:
  - a. For each such document, a public version and a confidential version are to be produced. The public version will be disclosed to all IPs and its contents may be deployed in the Inquests hearings without prior warning. The confidential version will be disclosed to IPs in the inquests of the victims of the attack, subject to their agreeing to an "In Camera Undertaking". Each confidential version of a document has some visible content, which should be shaded, that is redacted from the public version.

- b. Public and confidential versions of documents will be clearly marked as such when disclosed to IPs on the Opus system, and confidential versions will be placed in specific folders marked as containing confidential material.
- c. Under the terms of the In Camera Undertaking, any IP wishing to deploy in the Inquests hearings any content of a confidential version of a document which does not appear in the public version must give notice, so that counsel for the Secretary of State for Justice may decide whether or not to raise an objection or apply for the hearing to go into camera for a short period under rule 11(4) of the Rules.

### **Security Service Witness(es)**

- 13. Not less than three weeks before Witness A is listed to be called to give evidence in the Inquests, the Inquests Team shall prepare and circulate a list of topics for questioning of the witness.
- 14. Not less than two weeks before Witness A is listed to be called to give evidence in the Inquests, any IP who intends to ask questions of the witness shall file a list of topics for questioning of the witness. Such lists need not repeat topics included in the list prepared by the Inquests Team.
- 15. The lists referred to in paragraphs 13 and 14 above need not be exhaustive or set out specific questions which are to be asked of the witness. The purpose of the lists is to enable Witness A to consider in advance any national security considerations arising in relation to the topics, so that the witness may give answers which are as comprehensive as possible.
- 16. The question of whether the Court should call for the Security Service to produce statements from any witnesses other than Witness A shall be addressed at and resolved following the hearing listed for 25 March 2021.

**Witness Selection and Timetabling**

17. Any IP wishing to make further submissions in relation to witnesses who should be added to or removed from the Second Draft List should do so by 26 February 2021, after which the Inquests Team shall circulate a draft witness timetable.

HH Judge Lucraft QC

Recorder of London

18 February 2021