

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

**DIRECTIONS FOLLOWING PRE-INQUEST REVIEW HEARING
ON 25 MARCH 2021**

Public Interest Immunity Claims

1. Upon an application by the Secretary of State for the Home Department (“the Secretary of State”) advancing claims for public interest immunity (“PII”) supported by a certificate dated 12 March 2021, and taking account of modifications to those claims made up to 26 March 2021, the claims are upheld. The reasons for those claims being upheld are given in an OPEN Ruling dated 1 April 2021 supplemented by a CLOSED Ruling (“the Rulings”).
2. Upon an application by the Chief Constable of West Midlands Police advancing claims for PII supported by evidence and by submissions dated 9 March 2021, those claims are upheld. The reasons for those claims being upheld are given in the Rulings.

Anonymity and Special Measures Application in relation to Witness A

3. Upon an application for anonymity and special measures by the Secretary of State dated 11 March 2021 in relation to Witness A (Security Service Witness), the following orders shall apply in respect of that witness for reasons given in the Rulings:
 - a. The name and identifying details of Witness A shall be withheld in disclosure and evidence within the Inquests.
 - b. The pseudonym Witness A shall be used to identify the witness for the purpose of the Inquests.
 - c. When Witness A is giving evidence, no question may be asked which might lead to the witness’s identification.

- d. Pursuant to rule 18 of the Coroners (Inquests) Rules 2013, when Witness A is giving evidence the witness shall be screened from the Court (including from the Coroner, jury, Interested Persons, legal representatives, public and press).
- e. When Witness A attends to give evidence, the witness shall be permitted to enter and exit the Court by an appropriate, non-public route, and the hearing room shall be cleared whilst the witness enters and leaves.
- f. During the evidence of Witness A, all electronic devices in the courtroom and in any annexes capable of making recordings or notes shall be turned off, save for (i) devices required for official transcription of evidence; (ii) devices required for use of the Opus system for the hearing; and (iii) laptop computers and tablets of legal representatives (save that such devices shall not be used to make a recording or note of Witness A's evidence while it is being given and that any microphone or other recording capability of such a device must be turned off).
- g. There shall be no recording of any of Witness A's evidence, save for the official recording for the purposes of transcription for the Court.
- h. Witness A's evidence shall not be publicly disclosed until Counsel to the Inquests have confirmed that this may be done.
- i. Any live audio or television link to or from the courtroom shall be turned off when Witness A enters and leaves the courtroom.
- j. Pursuant to section 11 of the Contempt of Court Act 1981, there shall be no publication of the name of Witness A or identifying information about Witness A (including images of Witness A) in connection with these Inquests or their subject-matter. That order shall have effect for the duration of the Inquests and thereafter, subject to any further order of the Court.

Screened Witnesses and Accredited Journalists

- 4. By Directions dated 5 June 2020, 22 October 2020 and 18 February 2021, it has been ordered that any of the following individuals who may be called as witnesses should be screened when giving evidence: WS5, YX16, YX99, YX97, AZ99, AZ14, A87,

G108, DB55, TC52, R139, Q134, R158, TC92, KH16, TC82, WA30, S157, Relevant Khan Family Members (as defined in the October 2020 Directions), Witness Q, TM, M1 and M2.

5. In respect of each of those individuals, the order for screening is varied so that, subject to any objection and further order of the Court, the witnesses may be seen by accredited journalists who have made a request and presented such credentials as solicitors to the Inquests may require.
6. For the avoidance of doubt, the variation made by paragraph 5 above does not apply in respect of the screening order made in respect of Witness A.
7. For the avoidance of doubt, the order made in paragraph 5f of the June 2020 Directions shall continue to apply such that there shall be no publication of the names or identifying information about the relevant officers (including images of them) in connection with these Inquests or their subject-matter.
8. The order made concerning Relevant Khan Family Members by paragraphs 6 to 7 of the October 2020 Directions is varied and supplemented as follows. In addition to the orders made in those Directions, there shall be no publication of the name or identifying information (including images) of any of the Relevant Khan Family Members in connection with these Inquests or their subject-matter. That order shall have effect for the duration of the Inquests and thereafter, subject to any further order of the Court.

Witness Selection and Timetabling

9. The list of witnesses to be called in the Inquests is varied to the extent set out in the OPEN Ruling referred to above. The Inquests Team will update the witness timetable and circulate a revised version to Interested Persons.

HH Judge Lucraft QC

Recorder of London

1 April 2021