

# UK-Pakistan close working helps convict man for murder of Dr Imran Farooq in UK

The conviction came about after a ground-breaking piece of collaboration between the UK and Pakistan, which allowed evidence gathered by the Metropolitan Police to be shared with Pakistani prosecutors and be presented as part of their case.

It ends an investigation into the death of Dr Farooq, a senior figure within the Pakistani political party Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM). He was murdered on 16th September 2010 when, after returning home from work, he was approached and brutally and fatally attacked by two men armed with a brick and knives.

After a trial in Islamabad, Pakistani national Mohsin Ali Syed, 35 (15.05.1985), was found guilty of murder and conspiracy to murder Dr Imran.

Muhammad Kashif Khan Kamran, 40 (6.7.1979), a Pakistani national and the other individual who was identified by Met detectives as being involved in the murder, was convicted in absentia of murdering Dr Farooq.

Enquiries into the pair's background later revealed that both Syed and Kamran were connected to the MQM party, and confirmed the investigation team's suspicion that the murder had likely been related to politics.

Dr Christian Turner CMG, British High Commissioner to Pakistan, said:

Today's conviction marks a team effort between law agencies in the UK and Pakistan working together to get justice for the murder of Dr Imran Farooq.

This ground-breaking legal collaboration, assisted by the British High Commission, meant that evidence gathered by the British police could be shared with Pakistani prosecutors and used in the successful prosecution of Mohsin Ali Syed.

- A formal mutual legal assistance (MLA) request by Pakistan to the UK was made in February 2019. This was followed by a temporary change to Pakistani law which provided that the death penalty would not be used in cases where evidence had been transferred under MLA from a state where the death penalty is prohibited. This was further supported by assurances from the Pakistani authorities that the death penalty would not be imposed in this case.

- In August 2019, the MLA request was accepted by UK authorities and officers began the process of providing relevant evidence from their investigation to the Pakistani authorities to assist in their prosecution of Syed and Kamran. The temporary change to Pakistani law and the consequent provision of UK evidence in a Pakistani trial were ground-breaking steps forward in legal cooperation between the UK and Pakistan.
- The investigation into the murder of Dr Farooq, who was killed in Edgware, North London, is the culmination of painstaking work by detectives from the Met Police's Counter Terrorism Command, who sifted through thousands of hours of CCTV, spoke with over 4,000 witnesses and collected more than 4,500 exhibits as part of the investigation.
- Initially, there was very little evidence for detectives to use that would help identify the attackers. A small number of witnesses had seen the attack, and provided descriptions of the two men, but there was no CCTV near the house or close by that showed the suspects and no immediate forensic evidence available to help identify the attackers.
- Later investigations managed to trace the attackers via CCTV at an ATM, and then to an address in North London which linked both attackers. Further CCTV footage was then uncovered.
- Detectives discovered days after the murder Syed and Kamran had travelled on a flight from London to Colombo, Sri Lanka, and then onto Karachi on 19th September.

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## [Manchester man who distributed child pornography jailed for longer](#)

News story

Haitch Macklin has had his sentence increased at the Court of Appeal following intervention by the Solicitor General, the Rt Hon Michael Ellis QC MP.



A man from Manchester who owned and distributed a large number of horrific sexual images of children has had his sentence increased, following intervention by the Solicitor General, the Rt Hon Michael Ellis QC MP.

Haitch Macklin, 38, was found to be in possession of over 2,000 indecent images of children, after police searched his home in April 2018. After being released under investigation, the offender continued to engage in illegal activity.

He offered to others a streaming service to access child pornographic images, telling undercover police officers that the indecent content was of babies, girls, and boys, all under the age of 10. He was promptly re-arrested.

On 15 April 2020 Macklin was originally sentenced to 20 months' imprisonment for possessing and distributing child pornography at Manchester Crown Court. Following the Solicitor General's intervention under the Unduly Lenient Sentence Scheme, the Court of Appeal today increased his sentence to 4 years' imprisonment.

Speaking after the hearing, the Solicitor General, the Rt Hon Michael Ellis QC MP said:

"The extent of Haitch Macklin's involvement in this grossly abhorrent distribution of child pornography is sickening. I am pleased that the Court has found his sentence to be unduly lenient and decided to increase it."

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[\*\*Fund to support dairy farmers opens for applications\*\*](#)



The [dairy response fund](#) has opened today (18 June) for applications from eligible dairy farmers in England in need of support following the coronavirus outbreak.

To be eligible for support from the fund, farmers in England need to demonstrate that they have suffered a reduction in the average price paid for their milk of 25% or more in April 2020 when compared with February 2020.

Qualifying farmers are entitled to up to £10,000 each to cover 70% of their losses across April and May incurred as a result of a drop in price, following a reduced demand for milk with the closure of restaurants, bars, and cafes in recent months.

This financial support will help farmers maintain production capacity and sustain their business without impacts on animal welfare.

Farmers will be able to [apply for a single payment from the fund](#), which will be paid out from 6 July. Applications can be submitted directly to the [Rural Payments Agency \(RPA\)](#).

The deadline for applications is 11 September.

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1. 13 August 2020

The deadline for the fund has been extended and is now 11 September 2020.

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## [Open Letters between HM Treasury and Bank of England, June 2020](#)

The [remit](#) for the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) requires an exchange of open letters between the Governor of the Bank of England and the Chancellor of the Exchequer if inflation moves away from the target by more than 1 percentage point in either direction.

As set out in the remit, the open letters are published alongside the first routine publication after the meeting of the MPC that follows the release of the CPI data.

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