

7/7 Ten Years On

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Ten years ago today, **four bombs were exploded** more or less simultaneously in the heart of what is still the greatest city in the world. I was in Central London that day, but because I travel almost invariably off-peak, by the time the last bomb had exploded I was *en route* to London Bridge or thereabouts. When I got there, there was talk of there being some sort of power outage. By the time I arrived somewhat delayed at my destination, the British Library, there was chaos, but transport and logistics were the least of our worries.

The outrages perpetrated by Islamist fanatics wounded hundreds of people, some of them terribly. Fifty-two innocents also lost their lives in addition to the four perpetrators. The victims were a mixed bag from all walks of life, although they all seemed to have something unusual or even extraordinary about them, none more so than Arthur Frederick. Born in Grenada, he had spent his working life as a police officer on the island

of Montserrat relocation to London after the 1995 volcanic eruption. He had also been both a songwriter and a performer – not something one associates with police officers – and his biggest hit, *Signs Of Christmas*, was said still to be played on local radio there.



Arthur Frederick

Another victim was Shirley Mather, who came from even further afield; a tourist, she is said to be the only New Zealand national to die in the atrocities that day. Unlike Arthur Frederick, who had at least lived, she was only 26. Carrie Taylor was even younger, originally from Sidcup, Kent, that makes her a Londoner born and bred.

Whatever the pedigrees of the victims, it was those of the perpetrators that drew one's attention, and they were truly shocking. Apart from Germaine Lindsay, who was originally from Jamaica, all were British born and bred sporting Yorkshire accents. Lindsay too had grown up in the UK; his wife Samantha Lewthwaite would later become a terrorist in her own right, and is now one of the world's most wanted criminals; she is known as the White Widow. White indeed.

After September 11, 2001, it was easy for some people to believe these fanatics hated Americans, Westerners and whites in particular. The 7/7 attack helped reinforce that, but a decade on as the mass murders continue in Tunisia and elsewhere it is clear they hate everyone, or at least everyone who doesn't subscribe to their perverted brand of Islam. That includes most Moslems, who have and are continuing to bear the brunt of their horrific campaign of shootings, bombings, beheadings, torture and vandalism.



CCTV image at Luton train station on the morning of 7 July 2005, showing the four men having detonated bombs in the London underground and on a bus: Mohammad Sidique Khan, Shehzad Tanweer, Germaine Lindsay, and Hasib Hussain.

The world is now a more dangerous place than ever; although a number of Islamist plots have been foiled here since 7/7, there has been another terrible attack in the capital, this time two years ago when a serving soldier, Lee Rigby, was murdered on a Woolwich street by two brainwashed and braindead converts. These monsters still live among us, but whatever sick schemes are concocted by their diseased brains, we will not let them win.

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