

Al Noor Mosque Christchurch



As [Ebba Akerlund](#) an 11 year old girl killed in a jihadist attack in Stockholm in April 2017. The deaths of 22 girls and their mothers, killed at the Manchester Arena the following month, hit me hard; harder even than the London bombings of 2007. But you don't avenge the deaths of innocent children by killing other, even smaller innocent children. Brenton Tarrant must have noticed that 3 year old Mucad Ibrahim, killed as he ran for his

daddy was a baby. That 4 year old Abdullahi Dirie was not a jihadist; neither is the 4 year old girl currently in hospital fighting for her little life.

In one of the SAS memoirs published after the Gulf war Andy McNab described the moment his troop were noticed by a small boy herding goats. They had to leave very quickly. The mission could have been compromised. But they couldn't shoot him. "We are the SAS, not the SS" They were able to get away before the alarm was raised. That's how a proper soldier treats children.

The Al Noor mosque should receive some official scrutiny but indiscriminate carnage of innocents isn't the way. Maybe the New Zealand authorities have, or will now that his friend Mark Taylor is soon to be returned 'home' from a Kurdish prison, investigate the circumstances around the radicalisation at Al Noor, of jihadi Christopher Harvard, and

any part played in the radicalisation of Daryl Jones.

This is an [Why is it archived](#), by the way?

When the Jones boys converted to Islam, it caused quite a stir in Christchurch. Suddenly Daryl and his younger brother Nathan, who grew up in a strong Christian house, were sporting beards, learning Arabic and wearing flowing robes. Carloads of Muslims ... would turn up at the family's home in a smart east Christchurch suburb,

Daryl moved to Sydney around 2008 and converted to Islam soon after arriving. a source said. "Daryl was looking for a belief system that worked for him. Muslim friends offered brotherhood if he converted to Islam." Nathan, still in Christchurch, converted soon after with the help of Saudi Arabian students he was friendly with.

In Sydney, Daryl began attending the Lakemba Mosque, known as a hotbed of radicalism, and drew the attention of counter-terrorism authorities because of the company he kept. He changed his name to Muslim bin John, married a Somali woman and around 2009 headed to Saudi Arabia and then Yemen.

Jones was killed alongside Australian Christopher Havard, ["the bumbling jihadist" for his blunder when:](#)

in October 2015, when he sent a series of IS propaganda tweets without switching off Twitter's geotagging function, inadvertently revealing the militants' precise location. He said he spent 50 days in an IS prison for the blunder.

Also for his regret that he never earned enough as an ISIS border guard (not a fighter) to afford