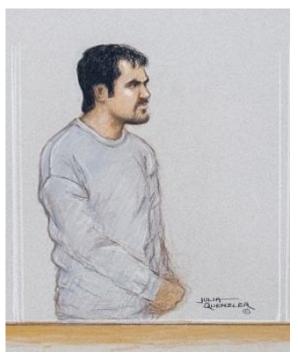
Buckingham Palace: Terror suspect headed for Windsor Castle but found himself at pub of the same name

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A suspected terrorist accused of attacking police with a sword outside Buckingham Palace ranted that the 'Queen and her soldiers will all be in hellfire', a court heard.



Mohiussunnath Chowdhury, 26, sparked a major terror alert when he was arrested outside the royal residence last Friday.

The Uber driver was found with a samurai sword in the passenger footwell of the blue Toyota Prius he was driving.

Westminster magistrates' court in London heard a note to Chowdhury's 23-year-old sister Sneha was found which said:

'To my dearest sister, By the time you read this Insha'Allah [God willing] I will be with Allah. Do not cry and be strong. The Shaheed [witness or martyr] will take 70 members of his family with him to paradise. I will take you there Insha'Allah. Tell everyone I love them and that they should struggle against the enemies of Allah ...The Queen and her soldiers will all be in the hellfire, they go to war with

Muslims around the world and kill them without any mercy.'

Chowdhury, flanked by two plainclothes officers in the reinforced glass dock, nodded as the note was read out.

Police seized mobile phones and a laptop from the £230,000 home Chowdhury shares with his parents and sister in a Luton suburb. They arrested a second man, aged 30, in west London, who was released without charge.

Evidence taken from the dash-cam of the vehicle as well as the SatNav, appears to show that Chowdhury left his home address in Luton at around 6.30pm that evening after tapping Windsor Castle into the SatNav. Almost an hour later, the car arrived in Windsor but, rather than the royal castle, it stopped outside a pub called The Windsor Castle.

Two minutes later, it was driven past the Victoria barracks in Windsor, home of the Coldstream Guards, but did not stop, heading instead to central London. At around 8.15pm the driver arrived at Constitution Hill in London, not far from the Mall.

He then drove around the Mall - the road between Buckingham Palace and Trafalgar Square - in a loop until he stopped next to a police van and was soon arrested.

Yesterday, Chowdhury appeared before a district judge at Westminster magistrates' court. Chowdhury was remanded in custody and ordered to appear at the Old Bailey on September 21.