

Christian preacher assaulted by Islamic mob chanting 'Allahu Akbar' wins £10,000 pay-out after false arrest at Speakers' Corner

Press release from [Christian Concern](#)

A Christian preacher has won £10,000 in damages and costs from the Metropolitan Police after being arrested, strip searched and unlawfully imprisoned for wearing a Charlie Hebdo t-shirt and having her property stolen at Speakers' Corner in London.

Supported by the Christian Legal Centre, Miss Hatun Tash had launched legal action after she was arrested in June 2022 in front of a baying crowd of Islamic extremists at the most famous place in the world for free speech.

Miss Tash, who has [700,000 subscribers on YouTube](#), is a well-known Christian evangelist who regularly critiques and debates the Qur'an and Islam at Speakers' Corner. She is the director of the ministry Defend Christ Critique Islam (DCCI).

She has been stabbed at Speakers' Corner, faced a terrorist plot to take her life, and yet repeatedly the police side with Muslim mobs persecuting her rather than protecting her.

In this incident, which has not been reported in the media before, [video footage](#) reveals Miss Tash being frog-marched by the police through Hyde Park, pursued by a crowd of men who revel in her arrest, chanting 'Allahu Akbar'.

On Sunday 26 June 2022, Miss Tash was setting up a camera at a crowded Speakers' Corner preparing to preach.

As part of her critique of the Qur'an she would hold a copy of it with holes in it. She used this visual aid to present the growing thinking, even among Islamic scholars such as Sheikh Yasir Qadhi, that the "[standard \[Islamic\] narrative has holes in it](#)"

As she was setting up a man snuck up on her belongings, grabbed her copy of the Qur'an and ran off through the crowd.

The Christian friends accompanying Miss Tash called the police to report the theft.

However, as the police arrived, instead of establishing what had happened, without any discussion, an officer tried to draw her away from the growing crowd.

Refusing to move from where she planned to preach, the officers then put her in a half-nelson and [began to frog-march her through the crowds](#) to waiting police vans.

Crowds of Muslims, laughed, crowed, filmed, pursued, mocked and assaulted Miss Tash as she was led away.

The police did nothing to control the crowd or deal with any of the violent intimidation.

Arriving at Charing Cross Police station, with the intent of maximum humiliation, Miss Tash was strip searched, which her lawyers later said breached her [Article 3 ECHR rights](#).

Officers also deliberately removed her glasses so that she could not see, and she was then deprived of sleep and interrogated at 4am.

Released at 9am, after 15 hours in custody, she was told that there would be no further action and she was not given any assistance to retrieve her belongings from Speakers' Corner.

Taking legal action, Miss Tash's lawyers argued that her rights had been breached under Articles 9 & 10 European

Convention on Human Rights (ECHR).

Under law the police can only interfere with an individual's free speech rights for "*convincing and compelling reasons*" and in a proportionate way.

The [police pay-out](#) is the latest in a line of incidents involving the police arresting Miss Tash instead of taking action against Islamic extremists who have repeatedly assaulted her and even tried to take her life.

The police have previously had to pay out [£10,000 in compensation](#) to the Christian preacher after falsely arresting her in May 2021. Minutes earlier, pro-Palestinian protestors who incited Miss Tash's arrest were recorded calling for '[Jewish blood.](#)' In July 2021, Miss Tash was [repeatedly stabbed](#) by a [man in an Islamic robe](#) in front of the police. Disturbingly, the attacker has never been caught and is believed to have escaped abroad. Receiving numerous death threats and Osman warnings, in December 2023, an Islamic terrorist, [Edward Little](#), was jailed after police foiled his plot to murder Miss Tash with a gun. In January 2024 Mr Little was jailed for a minimum of 24 years.

Miss Tash ... has given the settlement money to an organisation supporting individuals who decide to leave the Islamic faith and face persecution for doing so...