

Luton man and woman charged with terrorism offences after alleged plot on London Pride

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Uber driver caught with samurai sword at Buckingham Palace cleared of terrorism

Mohiussunnath Chowdhury, 27, of Luton, Bedfordshire, was unanimously acquitted by jurors at the Old Bailey of one allegation of preparing acts of terrorism after a retrial.

Chowdhury had driven his blue Toyota Prius at a marked police van before officers sprayed him with CS gas when they saw him sat in his car with the deadly weapon. He had set off from his home in Kirkwood Road, Luton, with the sword and a knife sharpener before he swerved in front of the police van at about 8.30pm on 25 August last year.

Chowdhury repeatedly shouted 'Allahu Akbar' during the incident outside the Royal residence at Constitution Hill.

Chowdhury said he had been feeling lonely and depressed and only wanted to get himself killed by brandishing the blade to police officers. Prosecutor Timothy Cray said Chowdhury planned to die as a martyr, fighting in the name of Allah, in the wake of the terror attacks at Westminster and London Bridge last year.

In a "suicide note" left on his sister's laptop Chowdhury urged his family to 'struggle against the enemies of Allah' which included the Queen and British soldiers. Chowdhury had conducted internet searches for beheadings and 'Prophet Mohammed crimes' and 'Mohammed sex slaves'.

His sister Sneha Chowdhury, 24, said her brother was 'not a trouble-maker, just a practical joker'

Chowdhury smiled and waved at the Old Bailey jury after they cleared him of preparing to commit an act of terrorism after a retrial.