

# Minicab driver Muhiddin Mire guilty of Islamist attack on Leytonstone Tube passenger

*Despite the evident mental illness caused or aggravated by drug abuse Muhiddin Mire was fit to stand trial and the [Waltham Forest Guardian](#)*

An Islamist fanatic with a history of mental illness has been convicted of trying to kill a musician after slitting his throat in a busy Tube station.

Muhiddin Mire, 30, launched a crazed knife attack on Lyle Zimmerman in a random assault at Leytonstone Underground station in east London last year.

He tried to emulate Isil-style beheadings by repeatedly slashing at the 56-year-old's neck but his victim survived because he was using a blunt bread knife. During the attack he claimed he was doing it in revenge for the bombing of hospitals in Syria.

Mr Rees also described Mire's use of the knife on Mr Zimmerman's throat as: "the act of an executioner". He added: "It is no coincidence that his actions mirrored those of ISIS fighters who can be seen dispatching their prisoners by cutting their throats as they lay face down on the ground."

Mire was found guilty of attempted murder at the Old Bailey after a week-long trial. He had admitted four separate counts of attempted wounding after he lashed out at other members of the public in the station. Mire, who is being held at Broadmoor Hospital, will be sentenced next month.