

# Revealed: Student days of Sri Lanka bomb plotter at UK university

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One of the masterminds behind the Sri Lanka suicide bombings lived in London and spent a year at Kingston University on an aerospace engineering course, The Telegraph can disclose.

The Islamic State terrorist, named today as Abdul Lathief Jameel Mohamed, spent a year at the university in south west London in the academic year 2006 to 2007, according to well-placed sources, before travelling to Melbourne in Australia for a postgraduate course.

Sri Lanka's defence minister, Ruwan Wijewardene, told a media briefing earlier on Wednesday that...there were nine suicide bombers in total – mostly well educated and from well-to-do families. Eight had been identified and one of them was a woman, he said.

"This group of suicide bombers, most of them are well educated and come from middle or upper-middle class, so they are financially quite independent and their families are quite stable financially," Wijewardene said "That is a worrying factor in this. Some of them have I think studied in various other countries, they hold degrees, LLMs [law degrees], they're quite well educated people."

Intelligence agents are now combing through connections made in the UK to examine whether he could have been radicalised in this country – and whether he could have been in contact with jihadists at that time.

In 2015, David Cameron, when prime minister, 'named and

shamed' Kingston among four universities which he alleged had hosted the most events with extremist speakers. The naming of Kingston followed a study by the Government's newly established Extremism Analysis Unit.

The claim was vehemently contested by Kingston, which insisted that it was 'highly unlikely' students were being radicalised. Last night Kingston declined to comment on Jameel Mohamed's time at the university.

It is not clear when Jameel Mohamed took up the cause of violent extremism, pledging allegiance to Islamic State in a martyr video