## Sadiq Khan aide Shueb Salar quits after posting homophobic tweets and posing with guns online

Just in case you thought that London Evening Standard.

An aide to Labour mayoral candidate Sadiq Khan resigned today after the Evening Standard found pictures of him brandishing a gun and claiming he could be a hired "hitman". Shueb Salar posted a video online of himself with a rifle and bragged about spending a weekend "shooting stuff with real guns, knives, crossbows and bow and arrows".

He added the joke comments #I'mASecretHitman and #ShoutMeIfYouWantMeToTakeCareOfSomeone and #I'llMakeItLookLikeAnAccident. Mr Salar also added emoticons showing a knife, a pistol and a thumb's up.

The new revelation comes days after the House of Commons staged a special debate over concerns about a surge of teenage gang shootings and stabbings in London. So far he is showing that he is immature (if he haduated from university in 2014 then he must be at least 23 – he writes like a child of 13, and a dim one at that) and has poor taste. Next are the ones that really worry me.

Among his tweets, Mr Salar revealed he had thought the savage murder of soldier Lee Rigby was "faked". He posted on May 23, 2013 — a day after the killing of the off-duty soldier by two Islamic extremists — a link to a YouTube video and the comment: "I had a feeling the Woolwich killing was probably fake."

Commons Leader Chris Grayling said that Mr Salar's

"trivialising [of] violence" raised questions about Mr Khan for employing him. "The real issue here is about Sadiq Khan's lack of judgement," said Conservative minister Mr Grayling. "If he really is surrounding himself with someone so unfit to be playing a role in public life then you have to ask whether he himself is fit to be Mayor of London." Or how much his Papa Salar paid campaign funds? or how much Papa knows about Khan?

But there was astonishment in political circles that Mr Salar's earlier tasteless postings were not spotted during ordinary vetting when he began working for Mr Khan 18 months ago, and that he continued to post controversial material while working at the Commons.