

Sickening moment vile racist thug attacks Birmingham mosques with sledgehammer

That's the headline from [BBC Midlands](#) says – Birmingham mosque attacks: Man admits religiously aggravated damage. The [I said when he was first](#) arrested that it sounded to me like a Shia Muslim attacking a group of Sunni mosque. Nobody has brought up that connection yet. It's a racist, a thug, (and he may well be all those) attacking a mosque. Which sets up in the readers minds an indigenous local man, one of those nasty white gammon who vote Brexit. Horrible islamophobic xenophobes. Or xenophobic islamophobes; we are interchangeable. The police even raised the spectre of the New Zealand murders.

Ch Supt Kenny Bell said: “We fully understand the major impact that these attacks on sacred places of worship had on the Muslim community in Birmingham, especially as they happened just days after the appalling terrorist attack at mosques in Christchurch [New Zealand].

Anyway, Rezazden, Iranian born has pleaded guilty to damaging five mosques, all of which seem, according to the Salatomatic directory to be Sunni mosques.

A major hate crime investigation was launched, with support from the West Midlands Counter Terrorism Unit, and Rezazadeh handed himself in at Birmingham Central police station at around 1.30pm the following day.

In interview, Rezazadeh behaved erratically and initially denied responsibility. Rezazadeh, of Handsworth, Birmingham, was originally detained under the Mental Health Act but was later deemed fit to face legal proceedings.

Judge Andrew Nicol adjourned the case for four weeks for pre-sentencing reports to be prepared and Rezazadeh was released on bail.