

Tanzania: Gunman who killed four people last month was a terrorist

From [Hamza Mohammed shot police officers](#) with a pistol at a city intersection before taking their rifles and heading to the nearby French embassy where he shot the security guard. Hamza was eventually shot dead.

“Our investigation has found that Hamza was a terrorist,” Camilius Wambura, Director of Criminal Investigation (DCI), told reporters in the lake city of Mwanza.

The gunman had been accessing extremist content from social media pages depicting terror acts by Islamist groups al Shabaab and ISIS . . . The gunman was also in communication “with other people who live in countries with terrorism-related acts but mainly he was learning through radical social media pages” Wambura said. Wambura said Mohammed was one of “a type of terrorists who are ready to die for their religion,” although he did not name any religion.

Venance Kalunga, a neighbour of the gunman, was quoted in the media last week as describing Mohammed to be a peacefully in their residential area in the east of the city but described him as devoted to his Islamic faith. “He is a very ethical man who follows Islamic teachings...he loves going to the mosque in the morning, afternoon and evening.”