Teenage teacher shared children's book on jihad, court told

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A teenage teacher wanted to indoctrinate British children about jihad and spread her extremist views via a "cartoonstyle" book, a court has heard. Dzhamilya Timaeva, 19, from Windsor, Berkshire, is on trial at the Old Bailey accused of sharing extreme Islamic propaganda between 2022 and 2023.



Opening her trial on Tuesday, prosecutor Gareth Weetman said the defendant had sought extremist books and videos between 2022 and 2023.

He said: "The defendant saw it as her duty to teach these

extremist beliefs to young children. In order to do so, she obtained a place as a teacher at an Islamic Sunday school."

Jurors heard "pro-Isis propaganda" was uncovered by police after her phone was seized and the contents downloaded in October 2022. Timaeva was arrested at her home in March 2023 and an examination of her devices made it clear she had been "deliberately seeking out extremist material", Mr Weetman said.

Notes were found on her phone, including one dated July 2023 entitled "Permissibility of Suicidal Operations", jurors heard. Mr Weetman went on: "But an even greater concern was the discovery of information suggesting that the defendant wanted to teach children to hold these extremist views too."

Police uncovered a document entitled the Little Muwahideen, with a colourful cartoon-style front cover designed for children . . . the book made reference to "fitna", meaning strife, and included sections on waging war for Islam, it was alleged.

In September 2022, Timaeva had been making arrangements to teach a class of children at an Islamic faith school and made reference to the booklet in planned lessons, the court was told.

She sent an electronic copy of the book to a contact at the Tawheed Islamic Education Centre in Maidenhead and had 70 copies printed, it was claimed.

Mr Weetman said: "It follows that this clearly wasn't a distant dream of the defendant to teach young children the extremist and intolerant notions in this book. She had printed it and arranged to attend the classes to do so."

Copies of the Little Muwahideen booklet were found in a search of the defendant's home last March 2. But it was clear that more copies had already been distributed by the defendant ... In an email sent the day after her arrest, she said: "They took my little muwahideen booklets. All praise is to Allah that I gave out so many not long ago, they only found a few copies at my house."

... a video on her Telegram account entitled: 'Incite the believers'. The footage encourages viewers to carry out attacks by fire against buildings, forests and agricultural land in the West.

The court also heard documents on the 'permissibility of suicidal operations' were found on her gadgets, as well as a note on her phone entitled: 'The woman I want to be' under which was written: 'What motivates her? Promise of Allah that He will reward. Being the mother of the soldiers of Allah, the one who raised them and incited them to jihad.'

.Timaeva was arrested by police at Heathrow Airport at Terminal Two as she was about to board a flight to Turkey.

Timaeva, who is on bail, denies disseminating terrorist documents and possessing a document for terrorist purposes between October 2022 and February 2023.

The trial will continue on Thursday.

Her name is of Central Asian Islamic republic origin – Dzhamilya is the version of Jamila popular in Khazakstan, Turkmenistan and nearby. How do we end up with immigrants from Central Asia? Not part of the Commonwealth, outside the EU, no reason or connection with the UK.