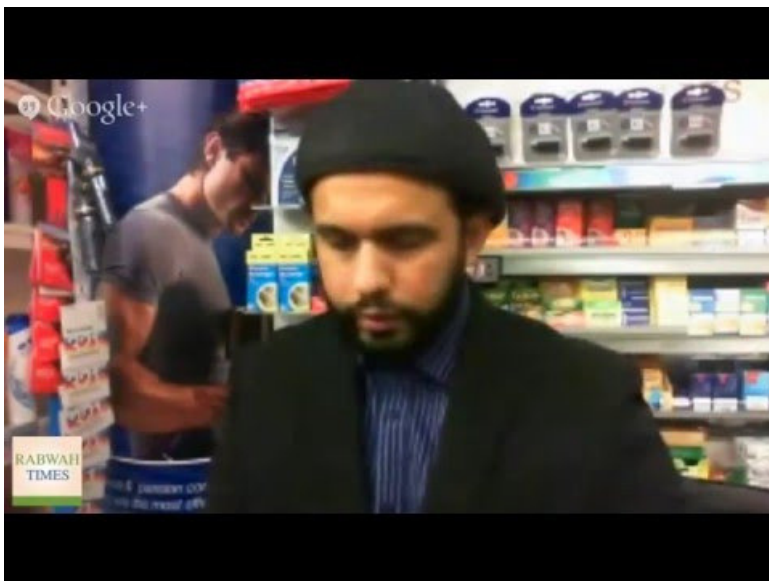


Ahmadiyya Muslim shopkeeper killed after  
“Happy Easter” greeting March 2016:

An Ahmadiyya Muslim shopkeeper in Glasgow was murdered in a religiously motivated attack. The 40-year-old was brutally stabbed and found collapsed on the road outside his shop, Shah’s Newsagents and Convenience Store, in Shawlands, Glasgow. A Muslim man was arrested in connection with his death, which police described as “religiously motivated”. Initial news reports connected the murder with a message on Facebook in which Mr Shah wished people a happy Easter. In his last post to the social networking site on 24th March, Asad Shah wrote:

**“Good Friday and very happy Easter especially to my beloved Christian nation! Let’s Follow The Real Footstep Of Beloved Holy JESUS CHRIST (PBUH)\* And Get The Real Success In Both Worlds.”**

- Mr Ahmed, 32, linked his decision to kill the shopkeeper to social media posts and videos in which Mr Shah claimed to have received prophetic revelations from God. The statement concluded “If I had not done this, others would and there would have been more killing and violence in the world.” Mr Shah was originally from Pakistan. The constitution of Pakistan prohibits Ahmadiyya from referring to themselves as Muslims. A silent vigil was also held outside his shop and was attended by hundreds of people, including Nicola Sturgeon, the First Minister of Scotland.
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- Glasgow’s Ahmadiyya Muslim leaders issued a statement, which read: “This is deeply disturbing and sets an extremely dangerous precedent, as it justifies the killing of anyone – Muslim or non-Muslim – whom an extremist considers to have shown disrespect to Islam...It is the firm belief of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community that all people should be able to peacefully practise their faith without fear of persecution or violence.”
- \*Peace Be Upon Him



- Sources: National Post (Canada), 29th March 2016; Daily Telegraph, 6th April 2016; BBC News (online), 7th April 2016; Asad Shah’s
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