

WANDSWORTH COMMUNITY MOURN THE LOSS OF LOVED ONES KILLED IN TERRORIST ATTACKS IN PAKISTAN

Muhammad Bilal, 58, of Southfields, London, was one of those killed at Darul Zikr Mosque in Garhi Shuar area of Lahore, Pakistan on Friday 28th May 2010.

Muhammad was on a business trip in Pakistan and was visiting the mosque for Friday prayers with colleagues. Eye witness reports state Muhammad was shot in the shoulder and foot as gunmen entered the mosque. His colleague Muhammad Nisar Ahmad was escorting the wounded Muhammad out of the mosque as they were once again confronted by gunmen. Nisar shielded Muhammad with his own body taking multiple shots as the gunmen continued firing. They then took cover behind pillars before eventually losing their lives in a grenade attack.

Muhammad was a family man, leaving behind three young children and a widow. During his visits to Pakistan, he had established a medical clinic, employing four doctors to provide free medical care for hundreds of people on a daily basis, irrespective of their religion or background. In addition, he provided direct financial support to many of the poor of Lahore.

Sardar Fareed, Muhammad's nephew, said "his loss will not only be felt by his direct family members but also by many more. He was a true servant of humanity". Muhammad was a living example of the Ahmadi Muslim motto "Love for All, Hatred for None".

His wife, children and brother-in-law have flown out of Heathrow this morning to attend his funeral.



Ashraf Bilal



Ashraf Bilal with his Nephew