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Islamic leader pleads with British Muslims to find the terrorists and hand them over

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Gun squads put near commuters on way to work

BY RICHARD EDWARDS

Crime Reporter

THREE THOUSAND armed police are hunting the London terror cell today in an unprecedented display of firepower on the streets of the capital.

Scotland Yard mounted its biggest ever security operation with high-visibility, machinegun-carrying teams at key

Undercover officers are mingling with commuters on the Tube, buses and railways.

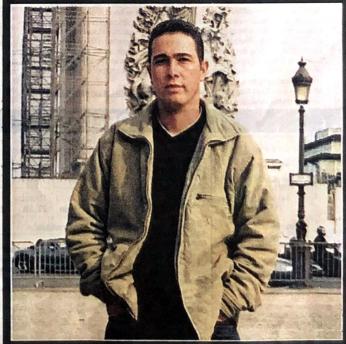
The show of force came as Aldgate Tube station re-opened for the first time since 7/7. Passengers told of their fears and increased vigilance as they returned to work. Met chief Sir Ian Blair warned it was a "race against time" to catch the four men who carried out last Thurs-

day's attacks.

He said there would be no going back on the "shoot-to-kill" policy even though plain-clothes officers killed an innocent man at Stockwell Tube on Friday.

Detectives do not know how much explosive material the bombers still have. Security sources said there are fears they may be an attempt to use a truck or car bomb. Senior

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Innocent victim: Jean Charles de Menezes on holiday in Paris - just weeks before death on Tube

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# The tough questions Scotland Yard must answer on shooting

SCOTLAND Yard is braced for tough

how its officers came to shoot an inno-cent man on the Tube.

The Independent Police Complaints Commission will appoint an outside force to conduct the probe into the killing of Jean Charles de Menezes.

The three marksmen at the centre of

the inquiry remain at work, but will

be landed with a compensation claim from the victim's family.

that failed to explode last Thursday led police to a block of flats in Tulse Hill. Officers kept the building under surveillance on Thursday night and t the address for four months, as he left for work on Friday morning. It is the same block. He appears to have aroused suspicion because he was potentially concealing explosives but Brazilians are used to tropical

temperatures and often feel cold in Why was he allowed to board a bus?

Plainclothes officers tailed de Menezes from his home onto a bus heading to Stockwell. If he had been a suicide homber, the decision passengers at risk. The victim's cousin, Alex Pereira, commented: "If he had a bomb he could have blown it off on the bus."

## Why did he bolt?

As the victim entered Stockwell station, police became concerned that he could be planning an attack but he fled, vaulting over a ticket barrier and heading towards the platforms. The inquiry will focus on what warning police gave - de Menezes may have thought he was running from pranksters or muggers

# How did he manage to board a

under surveillance at flat in Scotia Road on Thursday

> If police thought they were chasing a suicide bomber, the last thing they would have wanted was for him to get as far as an Underground train. At each stage in the operation, officers had to balance their goal of following the suspect towards a possible rendezvous with coconspirators, against the need to protect the public. At some point

Police follow de Menezes as he takes bus to

station but vaults

## Who authorised the decision to shoot to kill?

Met Commissioner Sir Ian Blair yesterday admitted that his force has adopted a "shoot to kill to protect" policy to stop potential suicide bombers. The guidelines, codenamed Operation Kratos, require marksmen to aim for the head in an attempt to But investigators will want to know whether the decision to kill this particular suspect was taken by a "gold commander" at Scotland Yard,

THE FORECAST

# If they kill someone like my cousin Jean then everyone should be afraid

THESE photographs show Brazilian electrician Jean Charles de Menezes on his last holiday, weeks before he was shot dead by an

undercover police marksman.

The pictures, taken in April, show Mr de Menezes in Paris on a trip with cousin Vivian Menezes redo shortly after returning Europe after a seven-month stay in Brazil "He loved travelling."

## BY MATHEUS SANCHEZ

27-year-old was shot dead at Stock-well Tube station on Friday after being mistaken for a suicide bomber.

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Today his devastated relative will view CCTV footage from the incident as they seek to answer a

Cousin Alex Alvez Pereira, 27, who

and what he was wearing.

He believes that Mr de Menezes,

card.
"But even if he had done, it does not explain or excuse what they did to him," he said. "Jean never ran away from anyone or anything because he had nothing to fear. The

As Mr de Menezes's family and friends angrily attacked Scotland Yard. Mr Pereira said the family were keen to take the police to court. He said: "Apologies are not enough.

of high-profile clients, including the

Afterwards he said: "I'm not sure what to do, I am a cousin. But I think the family will want to sue, yes. We peacefully but they are going to have

He said his cousin was "a victim of the government's mistakes". Mr Pereira said he had wanted to take the bus to the Tube station in the same way his cousin had to show people his final movements before he died. I want to show the people they (the police) could have stopped him before he took the hus " he said.

They killed him here because they had to show off. "If he had a bomb, why did they let him get on the bus when he could have killed everyone there? He was a very open, talkative guy, he had no

worries about the police. "It would have taken five minutes for them to talk to him before he got ing forward to starting a new job in

on the bus and they would see that he had nothing to do with terrorism.

everybody should be afraid."

Ms Figueiredo added: "It was an extermination. Jean was the nicest, most careful and correct guy I know, he would never have done what they say he did. He wouldn't even let me cross the street unless the pedes



says her cousin even took heed crossing the road



Last holiday: Jean Charles de Menezes on a trip to Paris with his cousin Vivian just a few weeks ago. He was due to start a new job today

whether to take legal action against the Met after meeting with the UK's most prominent human rights

retraced Jean's final movements from his home in Tulse Hill to Stockwell yesterday, said he was keen to watch the footage from the station to see for himself what happened —

who was on his way to repair an alarm would never have jumped over the ticket barrier as claimed, as he always carried a week-long travel

problem was that someone was fol-lowing him."

Another cousin, Patricia da Silva along with Ms Figueiredo, said he did not even own a large black jacket such as the one he was described as wearing. She claims she was told by police he actually had on a blue denim jacket, which he regularly

I believe my cousin's death was the result of police incompetence.

Last night he met lawyer Gareth Peirce, who has represented a series



Birmingham Six, the Guildford Four and the families of the victims of

the Marchioness river boat disaster.

If they shoot someone like him, then

Mr de Menezes, who was called

that I always carried inside my heart. And I am terribly sad about what happened."

According to relatives, his body

will be taken back to Brazil as soon Fausto Soares a friend said that

ily hit out at Scotland Yard. "I'm

totally outraged with the police," said Mr de Menezes's mother, Maria,

in the family's rural village of Gon-zaga, 500 miles from Sao Paulo.

"He lived for the future, and now we have a pain that nothing is going

Clutching a photo of his son, Mr

Menezes's father Matozinho, a brick-layer, said his son came to Britain

looking for work so he could eventu-

on a cattle ranch.

His grandmother, Zilda Ambrosia
de Figueiredo, said: "He was very

easy going and very communicative with everyone. He was the grandson

return to Brazil and and work

he thinks he ran away from the policemen because he had been attacked by a group of men a fortnight ago. "He was attacked two weeks ago and was afraid when he saw the policemen and so he ran.

Dozens of people gathered outside Stockwell station vesterday to pay their respects. Some voiced their protests to police in front of a placard that read "Stop killing".

Brazil's foreign minister Celso Amorim met officials at the Foreign the shooting.

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# Eight shots, evenly spaced intervals. The clinical way de Menezes was killed

# AND MATHEUS SANCHEZ

POLICE marksmen fired shots at three-second intervals in the shooting of innocent Brazilian Jean Charles de Menezes, it was claimed today.

A witness to the Stockwell Tube shooting has told how the eight shots fired by the two armed officers were "evenly spaced".

The statement, describing the calm and clinical manner of the shooting, emerged as the Independent Police Complaints Commission was due to hand over its file on the death to the Crown Prosecution Service.

The CPS is to consider whether to bring criminal charges against any of the 10 police officers involved. The IPCC report will not be made public, and lawyers are expected to take several months to reach a decision on whether to bring charges.

Mr de Menezes, 27, was shot in the head by marksmen on the morning of 22 July last year after being mistaken for a

suicide bomber. The decision to send the longawaited report on the shooting to the CPS means there is evidence to suggest criminal offences may have been com-

The statement, by a passenger on the Northern Line train in which Mr de Menezes was killed, reads: "The shots were



evenly spaced with about three

seconds between the shots, for

the first few shots. Then a gap

of a little longer, then the shots were evenly spaced again."

The innocent electrician was

the victim of a secret police

strategy to combat suicide bombers known as Operation

The report is expected to reveal a series of blunders and

false assumptions that led

police to believe that Mr de

Menezes was one of the four

suicide bombers who tried to

attack London's transport sys-

Senior officers believe police

marksmen acted by the book

in the shooting but one senior

source has told the Standard

there was "chaos" as surveil-

tem the day before.

Innocent: **Jean Charles** de Menezes for a suicide bomber. Right, his parents visit the scene of his death at Stockwell **Tube station** 

was mistaken

lance officers pursued Mr de Menezes. Surveillance and firearms teams were stretched to the limit hunting the four suspects from the failed 21 July bombings just a day ear-

On the day of the shooting police were running a number of separate operations in the hunt for the suspects. The mistakes began when an Army surveillance officer seconded to the Met was caught relieving himself behind a tree when Mr de Menezes emerged from his

block of flats. He was unable to confirm Mr de Menezes's identity but raised the alarm that he could

be one of the suspects. Suspicions were increased when during the journey Mr de Menezes got on and off a bus. The report is also believed to be critical of the surveillance teams for assuming he could be a suicide bomber when he was not carrying a rucksack or wearing bulky

clothing.
The electrician's family will not receive a copy of the report, though their legal representatives will be notified before there is any public confirmation of the IPCC's deci-

They are also likely to

receive a face-to-face briefing. One of the options under consideration is for the senior investigator John Cummins to fly out to Brazil to meet Mr de

Menezes's family personally. However, the family has criti-

cised such a move as a publicity stunt. Alex Pereira, a cousin who has been leading the family's fight for answers, said: "If they are just going there so they can have a nice picture of them meeting Jean's parents, to make it look to the world like we are happy with how things are going, then we are going to tell them not to bother."

Mr Pereira added: "We will be asking them if they will answer a few things, but we already know that they probably won't.

"Things such as the names of the police officers involved. They could also tell us exactly what happened that day, what were the mistakes. We want some answers."



# Menezes brother calls for Met chief Blair to be sacked

BY MATHEUS SANCHEZ

THE BROTHER of Tube shooting victim Jean Charles de Menezes today vowed to "get justice" as the family geared up to grill British authorities over the death.

Giovani da Silva, 30, has accompanied his parents Maria de Menezes, 60, and Matozinhos da Silva, 66, on a two-week trip to London as they seek to have those responsible punished — and have Metropolitan police chief Sir Ian Blair sacked.

Mr da Silva says he will not accept an apology from the police Commissioner.

"If he comes to apologise to me I'm going to ask him: 'If I had killed your innocent son, would you accept an apology from me?'

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"He must be punished along with the others. He should be fired. If you are the leader then you are responsible for what your teams do."

The family's arrival in London comes two months after Mr de Menezes, 27, was shot dead at Stockwell Tube station by plain-clothes police officers, who wrongly believed he was a terrorist.

Despite his parents' age and his mother's poor health, Mr da Silva said they decided to make the "sacrifice" of such a draining trip — including their first journey on a plane — to ensure they get justice

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He told the Evening Standard:
"This is going to be a very painful
and emotional trip. But we will
endure any sacrifice to ensure that
the guilty parties are punished and
pay for the execution of my
brother.

"My family wants justice because what happened to my brother cannot happen to anybody, in any country in the world.

"He was a completely innocent man. He didn't do anything and they didn't identify him properly before they shot. Even if they had, and he had been a terrorist, he would still have needed a trial and not an execution.

"You can't just kill somebody without knowing anything about them." He said all those responsible

"need to pay".

"They did something very wrong and they were trying to hide what happened. Why did they say he was wearing a big jacket and acting suspiciously?

"They thought we were just a poor Brazilian family who they could just brush away, but they were wrong." Among the issues the





Emotional journey: Giovani da Silva with his mother Maria as they arrive in England to "seek justice" for Jean Charles, left

'We will endure any sacrifice to ensure that the guilty are punished for the execution of my brother'

family is most concerned about are the claims that CCTV footage from the Tube station is blank

the Tube station is blank.

Mr da Silva said: "Now they seem to be trying to hide the tapes. We want them to show us the tape and show the world what they did."

Mr da Silva, who has also brought his wife and three children to Britain, has now left his job in Sao Paulo to move back into the family home 400 miles away to look after his parents.

He said of his brother: "It was very difficult just to have him away from us, but we all have to follow our destiny and he did it for us. He was such an honourable, kind person. He would battle to see us happy, he would do his best for anyone.

"What has happened has left an irreparable damage to us. My parents just cry every day. We are going to suffer for the rest of our lives, But justice would at least give us peace of mind."

Today the family is expected to visit the home of Mr de Menezes, in Tulse Hill, before retracing his steps to Stockwell Tube station where they hope to meet London Underground officials.

# Gun crime fear increases

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Aftermath: armed police at Stockwell station following the shooting. Report details a catalogue of errors by officers involved in operation

## POLICE marksmen who shot dead Jean Charles de Menezes could face murder charges.

Scotland Yard sources fear a prosecution will result from an official investigation into the killing of the Brazilian who had been wrongly identified as a

suicide bomber. Mr de Menezes, 27, was killed by officers on a Tube train at Stockwell the

day after the failed 21/7 attacks. Leaked documents from an Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) investigation show there were fundamental failures by Scotland Yard

It comes as the family of Mr de

## BY RICHARD EDWARDS **AND MATHEUS SANCHEZ**

Menezes called for justice. His cousin, Alex Alvez Pereira, told the Standard: "The officers who have done this have to be sent to jail for life because it's mur-

der and the people who gave them the order to shoot must be punished."

The Met is already under pressure over the 1999 case of Harry Stanley, shot dead the forms. dead by officers who were told a table leg he was carrying was a shotgun. Two Met men were arrested this year on sus-

picion of murder and gross negligence. Meanwhile, Home Secretary Charles Clarke has backed the actions of the police in the hunt for the 21/7 terror cell

before they could strike again. In an interview given hours before the new evidence emerged, he said the operation

to track down the suspects was carried out "highly professionally". The IPCC report says Mr de Menezes was shot eight times by officers who believed he was Shepherd's Bush suspect Hussein Osman.

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Witness statements reveal:
The officer watching the flats where Mr de Menezes lived was relieving himself as the electrician left and was unable to switch on his video camera. This would have allowed him to transmit pictures of Mr de Menezes for colleagues to compare to footage of Osman.
CCTV film shows he was not wearing

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Innocent: Jean Charles de Menezes was shot eight times