



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

3,000 ARMED POLICE HUNT THE BOMBERS

Gun squads put near commuters on way to work

BY RICHARD EDWARDS
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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 points.

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

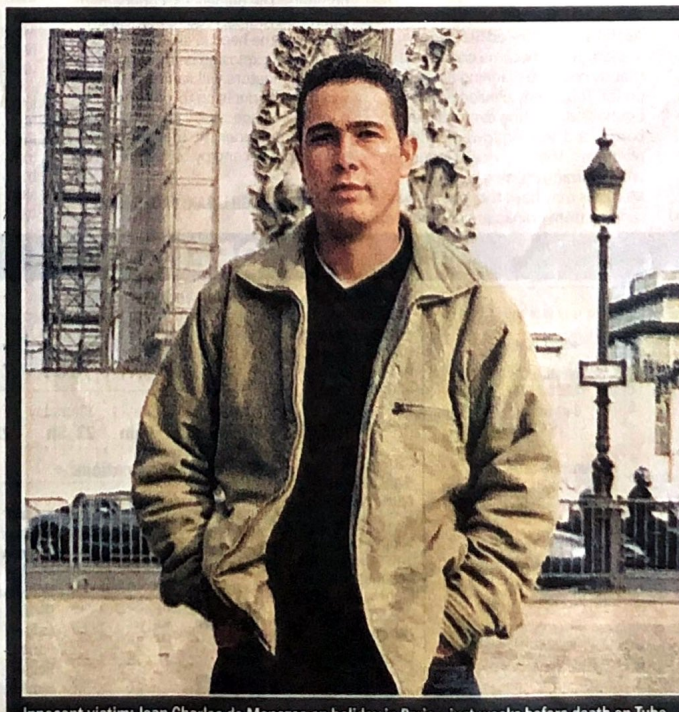
The show of force came as Aldgate Tube station reopened for the first time since 7/7. Passengers told of their fears and increased vigilance as they returned to work.

Met chief Sir Ian Blair warned it was a "race against time" to catch the four men who carried out last Thursday'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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Happy on his last holiday: the boy from Brazil shot on Tube

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

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

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



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 long-awaited report on the shooting to the CPS means there is evidence to suggest criminal offences may have been committed.

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 Kratos.

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 system the day before.

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-

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 earlier.

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 decision.

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?'"

"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.

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."

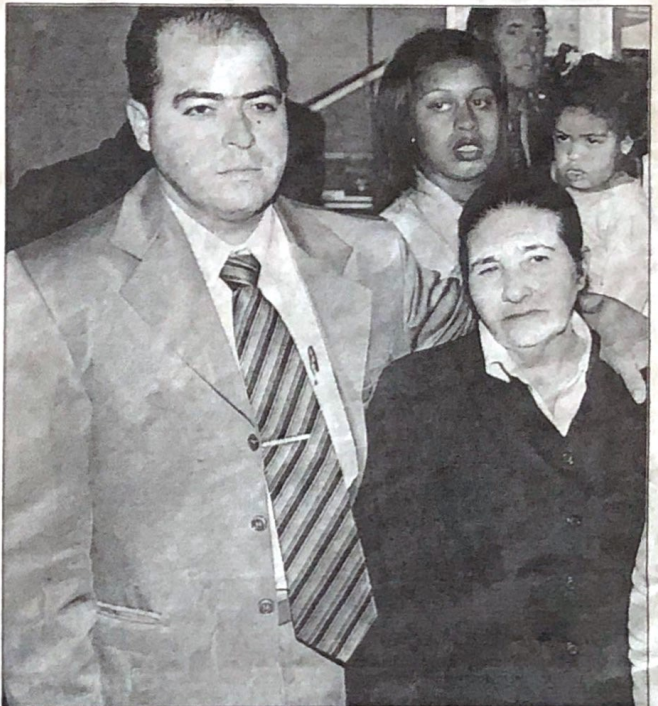
"He was a completely innocent man. He didn't do anything and they didn't identify him properly before they shot. Even if they had, and he had been a terrorist, he would still have needed a trial and not an execution."

"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: Giovanni 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.

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.

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Family's outburst at shooting fiasco

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TUBE BLUNDER POLICE 'FACE MURDER TRIAL'



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

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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 murder 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 by officers who were told a table leg he was carrying was a shotgun. Two Met men were arrested this year on suspicion 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.

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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