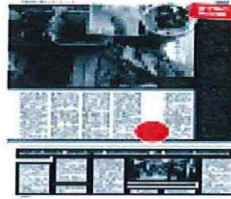


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Australian teenager confirmed as suicide bomber

SAMANTHA MAIDEN
NATIONAL POLITICAL EDITOR
AUSTRALIA'S second suicide bomber was a teenager raised in Melbourne, according to law enforcement authorities.

Known only as Abu Bakr-Australi, a standard name given to Australian converts, the suicide bomber was just 17 years old.

Law enforcement authorities are now working to bring home a second boy, who comes from western Sydney, but was not involved in the terrorist attack.

Authorities are reluctant to provide details of the former Victorian teenager believed to

have been involved in the suicide attack, fearing it could inflame communal tensions in Australia.

The death toll from the 17-year-old's suicide bombing mission in a busy marketplace in the heart of Baghdad this week, is believed to have killed five people and injured many others.

Australian jihadist Mohamed Elomar praised his action on social media on Friday.

Police and senior govern-

ment sources said yesterday that two western Sydney teenagers who fled Australia earlier this year were not involved in the attack.

They are working with the family of one of the boys to bring him home safely.

"The priority for the AFP is the safety of this young person and as such, the AFP has been in regular contact with the family to ensure his safe repatriation," a spokeswoman said.

"If families are concerned about family members they can contact a range of government agencies including the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade or the AFP."

Abdullah Elmir, 17, of Bankstown, is believed to have disappeared from the family home to travel with a second boy named Feiz, 16.

Authorities confirmed neither of the boys had been involved in the suicide bombing.

The ISIS militant group called the teenage suicide bomber a "knight" when it announced the bombing near the entrance of a mosque in Shorja on Thursday morning.

Meanwhile, there are fears

that Melbourne-born hate preacher and "fake sheik" Musa Cerantonio will be free to continue his sermons for the jihadist cause when he is deported from the Philippines.

The counter-terrorism police unit is examining whether he has breached Australian law.

Foreign Minister Julie Bishop cancelled Cerantonio's passport this month, allowing local authorities to arrest and deport him.

Despite boasting he was headed for the IS-controlled area of Syria and Iraq on social media, he was holed up in a Filipino one-room apartment with his local "wife".



DEADLY: Baghdad's Shoria Market after the bomb attack.



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THE HEART OF THE NATION

Security laws must be updated

While fighting terror, we should safeguard free speech

ASIO'S estimate that 150 Australians have fought in the current Syrian and Iraqi conflicts or funded jihadists underlines the importance of the Abbott government's move to update national security laws. ASIO director-general David Irvine revealed this week that most Australians fighting in the Middle East had gravitated towards al-Qaeda offshoots, making them likelier to try to mount an attack in Australia after returning.

Attorney-General George Brandis was not exaggerating when he told parliament that this was the most significant risk to Australia's security in many years. In the internet age, legislation governing Australia's intelligence agencies must keep pace with terrorists' capacity to use technology to organise atrocities, harness support and evade capture. Senator Brandis's admission that current legislation covering ASIO "predates the internet age" and is "in some respects obsolete" highlights the fact it should never have been allowed to fall so far out of date.

Allowing a single warrant to cover a network of computers and electronic devices and allowing intelligence officers to disrupt computer operations in some circumstances is common sense. So is providing limited immunity from prosecution for undercover intelligence agents who have to deal with people involved in terrorism. Not unreasonably, the government is also considering stepping up data retention laws for phone companies.

After the damage caused by material leaked by former US National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden, including the damage to Australia's relationship with Indonesia, it is no surprise that the federal government is

cracking down on whistleblowers working in security agencies. Officers who leak secret information relating to intelligence operations will face jail terms of up to 10 years compared with the current maximum of two years. Copying or removing secret data will also be a crime, punishable with up to three years in jail.

Broadly, the new legislation deserves bipartisan support and was based largely on the advice of the Joint Parliamentary Inquiry on Intelligence and Security. But opposition legal affairs spokesman Mark Dreyfus raised a legitimate concern when he said amendments would be needed if one of the legislation's consequences would be "criminalising journalism". Senator Brandis insisted on Thursday that the new offences were not aimed at journalists or at placing constraints on freedom of speech. The legislation makes no such exemptions, however, which could open the way for its misuse by a government or bureaucracy intent on secrecy to avoid embarrassment. Tony Abbott, a former journalist, says news that "endangers the security of our country frankly shouldn't be fit to print". No responsible media outlet would endanger national security.

Governments and security agencies must be accountable. Laws that would prevent exposure of bungling in cases such as the arrest and detention of former Gold Coast doctor Mohamed Haneef in 2007 would not serve the public interest. Safeguards are important, and the government has made the right call in retaining the independent national security legislation monitor. Striking the right balance between security and liberties — as we face new threats from extremist jihadists — is essential.



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Terror fight Abbott grants stronger powers to detain jihadists **Spy networks to receive \$630m funds boost**

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Australia's spy and counter-terror agencies will receive a \$630 million funding boost to fight the threat of home-grown terrorism, which Prime Minister Tony Abbott says "has not changed" and is still "as high as it has ever been".

Mr Abbott unveiled a suite of counter-terrorism measures on Tuesday that include stronger powers for authorities to detain and question jihadists who have fought alongside terrorists overseas in countries such as Syria and Iraq.

This includes lowering the threshold for police wanting to arrest suspected terrorists without a warrant and giving the Australian Federal Police greater powers to seek control orders on returning foreign fighters. It will also be an offence to travel to designated countries where terrorists are actively operating unless there is a "legitimate purpose".

But controversial plans to store the phone and internet records of Australians will be included in a later "third tranche" of legislation. The cost of storing and protecting the data is still subject to discussions between the government and telecommunications companies.

Mr Abbott said while the terror threat facing Australia "hasn't changed" since the setting of "medium" following the September 11, 2001, attacks there is "heightened concern" about the threat of a local terror attack.

"Everything that government can reasonably do is being done to ensure our community is safe," he said, vowing to leave no stone unturned in ensuring public safety.

Foreign Minister Julie Bishop said the measures were needed because "hardened home-grown ter-

rorists" who had been radicalised overseas may use their skills to carry out an attack in Australia.

The government is also proposing giving the Foreign Minister a new power to suspend the passports of people ASIO suspects of planning to fight alongside terrorists or returning home from combat.

Mr Abbott also revealed the election promise to repeal section 18C of the Racial Discrimination Act would be dumped because "when it comes to counter-terrorism, everyone needs to be part of Team Australia".

Ms Bishop said while the concept of Australians fighting abroad was not new, it is posing a greater threat than ever before.

"Preventing Australian citizens from becoming foreign fighters is now one of our highest national security priorities," she said.

"To put the threat in context, prior to the NATO-led experience in Afghanistan our intelligence and security agencies were aware of 30 people, Australian citizens, in Afghanistan fighting against the interest of the West; 25 of them came back to Australia.

"Five times that number are of interest to our security and intelligence agencies, so this is a far greater challenge for us in sheer numbers."

Labor legal affairs spokesman Mark Dreyfus said the opposition had not yet received a briefing on the announcement and would examine it closely.

"There are always concerns when additional powers are given to police and intelligence agencies. We have to make sure that changes to national security laws are informed by Australian values,

which are the values of a free and democratic society," Mr Dreyfus said.

The call for women in Turkey to stop laughing in public has historic biblical resonances.

**Andee Jones
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The Canberra Times

TO SERVE THE NATIONAL CITY AND THROUGH IT THE NATION

Are too many spies barely enough?

Mohamed Elomar stunned many Australians recently when gruesome photos emerged of him posing with the severed heads of Syrian soldiers. The Sydney father of four left his home last year to take part in Syria's civil war on the side of Islamic extremists. He is one of about 150 Australians believed to be fighting in the region, and has used social media during his travels to promote violent holy war against the West.

The prospect of Elomar and people like him returning home, militarised and motivated to battle against this country's pluralist society, will unnerve many. But does it justify the decision to grant broad new powers, and a good deal of extra money, to our spies and police?

Prime Minister Tony Abbott cited the example of Elomar this week when he unveiled a raft of new counterterrorism laws. "We have all seen truly shocking imagery of Australians born and bred doing absolutely horrific things to surrendering Iraqi police and military personnel," he said. The new powers will allow authorities to detain Australians who fight alongside terrorists overseas, suspend the passports of those who visit suspect areas and make it easier for police to arrest suspected terrorists without a warrant. They will cost taxpayers about an extra \$160 million a year.

What was missing was an explanation of why existing laws were inadequate. It is true more Australians are now fighting alongside violent Islamic groups than in the past. Foreign Minister Julie Bishop says that before the US and its allies invaded Taliban-held Afghanistan in the wake of the 2001 terrorist attacks, our spy agencies were monitoring only about 30 Australians fighting abroad. Ms Bishop says 25 of those returned home and of those two-thirds became involved in terrorist activities.

Yet she and Mr Abbott failed to mention that our spy agencies are unrecognisable today compared with the pre-September 11 era. The workforce of the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation alone - which is just a fraction of the intelligence service - has more than tripled since those attacks, rising from 600 to more than 1900 last year. The amount of money we spend on these agencies is more difficult to track, as so few details are made public. But government reports suggest the intelligence budget has soared at roughly the same rate.

John Howard granted our police and intelligence authorities significant extra powers in 2002, as Western nations ramped up efforts to counter Islamic terrorist groups such as al-Qaeda. Yet ASIO and other agencies have rarely used

those extra powers in the intervening years. In the case of Elomar and others fighting with him, NSW police have issued warrants for their arrest, a sign they are confident of charging and convicting them under existing laws. And as Mr Abbott himself noted this week: "I stress that the terrorist threat here in this country has not changed." It remains "medium", as it has been since 2001.

The Prime Minister says: "When it comes to counterterrorism, everyone needs to be part of 'Team Australia.'" We will need far more than glib slogans to be confident our expanding and costly intelligence network is well managed. The public has access to almost no information about our spy agencies; they report little, and, unlike their US counterparts, are exempt from freedom of information laws. Most disconcertingly, their watchdog - the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security - is a tiny office of just 13 people.

In 2012, two American researchers, Micah Zenko and Michael Cohen, wrote an article for the *Foreign Affairs* journal saying spies and diplomats held a "pervasive belief that the post-Cold War world is a treacherous place, full of great uncertainty and grave risks. There is just one problem. It is simply wrong." The pair went on to demonstrate the world had become a remarkably safe and secure place compared with "any other point in human history". Nonetheless, some officials routinely hyped dangers to justify "massive budgets for military and intelligence agencies".

We should be demanding far more accountability in return for our cash.



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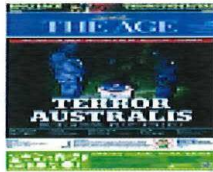
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‘There are people who wish to do us harm.’
Prime Minister Tony Abbott


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High alert

Top terror recruiter behind grisly murder plot

**David Wroe
Nick Ralston**

Top terrorist recruiter Mohammad Baryalei is behind an Islamic State plot to film and broadcast the

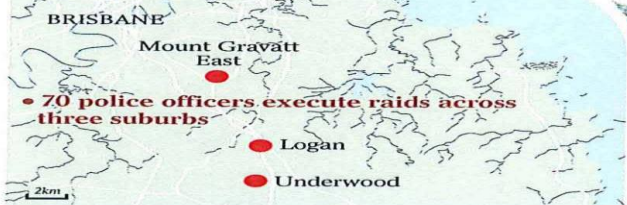
of murder Australians, police say, sparking the nation's biggest ever counterterrorism raids and

prompting warnings of a high alert for a further 18 months. NSW and federal police as well

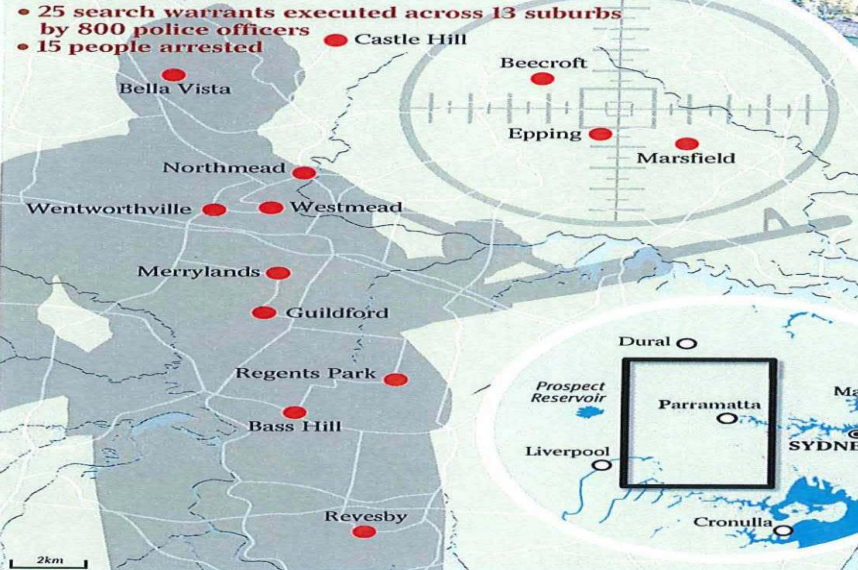


THWARTING TERROR ACROSS TWO CITIES

The Brisbane raids



The Sydney raids





EDITORIAL

The Courier Mail Timely raids prevent horror on our streets

THE deployment of 800 state and federal police in pre-dawn raids yesterday in suburban Brisbane and Sydney is a timely message of reassurance and confidence in the ability of the law enforcement and security agencies to keep on top of what is a fast moving, complex and unfolding set of circumstances.

The actions in Queensland and NSW have – according to those officers working on the cases and taking part in the raids – disrupted and thwarted acts of terrorist outrage on Australian soil. These raids were backed by intelligence gathered over many months and resulted from fresh evidence uncovered in recent days.

Courtesy of information from senior government ministers and former ASIO head David Irvine, we have known for some time that more than 100 Australian citizens and residents have links to terror groups operating in Syria and Iraq.

Scores of Australians have travelled to Syria and Iraq. More than 40 are said to have returned while another 100 are involved in supporting sympathisers here or the groups on the ground in the Middle East. As we saw after the rise of al-Qa'ida in Afghanistan more than a decade ago, it's estimated at least two-thirds of those who fight and train with terror groups overseas become involved in homegrown actions after they return.

The brutal reality to emerge out of these raids and arrests is the accused were allegedly in the advanced stages of planning actions on Australian soil to harm Australians.

Prime Minister Tony Abbott has confirmed one of the allegations to be made is that there was a plot for a lone individual to seize a random person in an urban place and carry out a beheading – filming the atrocity and using it for grisly propaganda purposes.

This appears to be taking a leaf out of the bloodthirsty terror manual of the Islamic State militants who have been using the beheading of journalists and aid workers in the Syrian/Iraqi deserts as a tool for recruitment and intimidation.

This kind of apparent "lone wolf" act has been the fear of our intelligence chiefs for years – an anxiety expressed by Mr Irvine last week.

Authorities realise such acts are often planned with the knowledge of very few people, can be perpetrated with a minimum of planning or necessary equipment, and would strike maximum fear and terror throughout the Australian community. Such acts would also prompt a potential backlash from the general community towards Islamic communities, mosques and individuals.

While the intelligence and surveillance that preceded yesterday's raids has occurred over many months, the important thing about these developments is that what is happening has moved from suspicion to intent.

This shows why the Australian authorities were correct to lift the terror alert level a week ago from medium to high – even though these events were not directly related to that intelligence assessment.

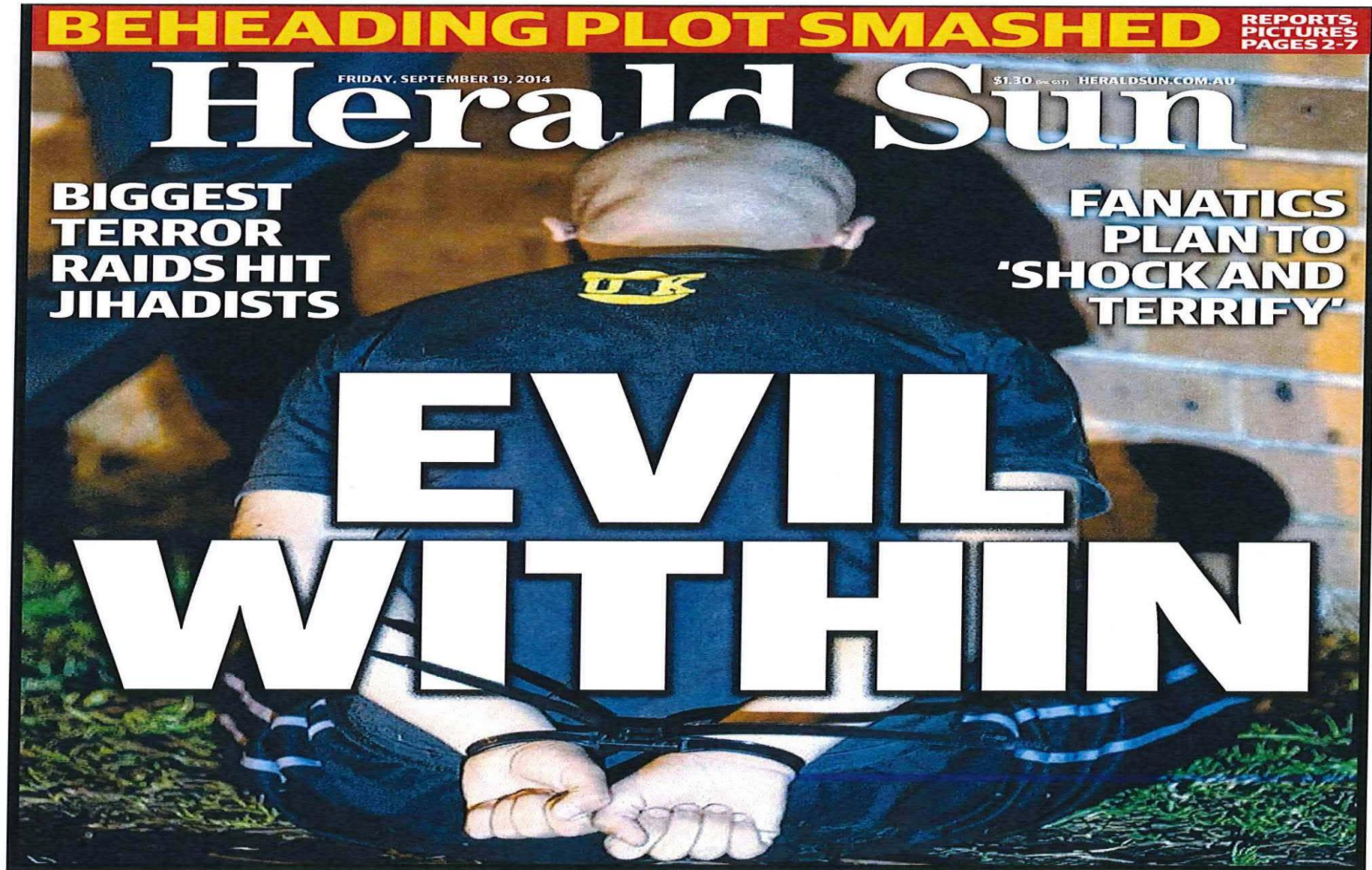
These revelations are truly alarming.

We can only imagine the reaction if someone was to carry out such an act of brutality in a street in one of our capitals. The revulsion seen in response to the videos of beheadings of Western victims in the Middle East would be magnified many fold. This is why our leaders are telling us that we are not going to Iraq to take the fight to the Islamic State – these medieval militants have already brought the battle to us, either through recruiting foreign fighters from our communities or plotting terror in our midst.

As Brisbane readies for the G20 leaders summit in November there will be widespread security measures taken – from simple precautions such as sealing up rubbish bins to closing streets – which will cause inconvenience of varying impact.

These are sensible and cautious measures essential to minimising the risks such a large event brings, especially in the current international circumstances.

Our security authorities are prepared, informed and quick to act. In these very uncertain times, we can all be thankful for that swift action.





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TERROR HITS HOME

JIHAD JOEY

A suburban teenager's descent from schoolboy to death cult disciple



ANDREW CARSWELL & GEOFF CHAMBERS

UNTIL a few months ago Numan Halder was not unlike many Aussie teenagers, with his second-hand car and part-time job. This week he perpetrated the first Islamic terror act on Australian soil carrying the flag of the ISIS death cult. We trace his path to deadly jihad.

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THE HEART OF THE NATION

Island nation cannot hide from Islamic terror threat

Melbourne attack confirms fears about domestic extremists

AN extremist with allegiances to the so-called Islamic State arranges to meet two policemen, who tentatively greet him before he pulls a knife and tries to kill them. The attacker conceals a second, larger knife, an Islamic State flag and probably an intention to sever the officers' heads from their bodies. Thankfully, one officer is able to draw a weapon to see off the attack, but the extremist is killed. Benghazi? Aleppo? Baghdad? No, suburban Melbourne.

On one level we are wise not to overreact; in previous tragic cases police have been forced to shoot violent and deranged assailants. Yet we cannot escape the threads in this case, or the implications. The brutal intent was inspired by a bloodthirsty movement that has killed thousands of innocent civilians in dozens of conflicts and assaults around the world. We have been alive to the threat, in dread of its capabilities and hopeful of keeping it from our shores. And, as we know from previous thwarted plots, what seems to have been a rogue act by a lone follower this time could transform into a deadly blow against many victims next time.

Ancient ideology, evil interpretation, modern communication and global grievance have combined to deliver the confronting challenge of Islamic terrorism to our front door. Our island nation can keep many threats at bay but not hatred. Which is why the horrific barbarity of the Islamic State in Syria and Iraq cannot be wished away. As if we ever needed the warning signs after 9/11, Bali and London's 7/7 attacks, they have been mounting in recent weeks with revelations about homegrown jihadists travelling to join the Middle Eastern battlefields, social media posts of unspeakable bloodlust, the elevation of our domestic security alert and the thwarting of imminent

attacks in Sydney and Brisbane. Yet still there have been extreme left politicians and commentators — especially prevalent on the ABC — accusing the government (presumably in cahoots with our security agencies) of cooking up the threat for a political distraction. The idiocy of such claims is one thing but, as we now have seen, the complacency they engender has the potential to be fatally dangerous. Vigilance is required by security agencies, politicians, community groups and the public. No effort should be spared to ensure innocent civilians are not sacrificed to this nihilistic cult.

Governments should never be granted a blank cheque on security matters, and won't be by this newspaper. But so far the extended powers proposed by the Abbott government seem to strike a reasonable balance between its obligations to keep the community safe and preserve its freedoms. Paranoid hysteria on the green-left fringe about potential torture by ASIO or misuse of metadata should be disregarded as the narrowcast politicking that it is. If the case of Abdul Numan Haider tells us anything in this context, it is that we would want our security agencies to be able to trace online users who regularly engage with jihadist propaganda. It is this sort of intelligence gathering that can intercept evil intent before it leads to violent confrontation.

Tony Abbott and Bill Shorten are right to argue military action by the US, Australia and other nations is linked to the desire for security at home. We must defeat the terrorists wherever we have the chance, lest their tentacles reach out to us. The stronghold Islamic State has carved out in Iraq and Syria provides an unwelcome base from

which to mount global assaults.

Airstrikes in Syria, backed by Arab nations, are a welcome development.

At home we must be unapologetic about the strengths and values of our society. Our institutions and traditions have created a country that is welcoming and accommodating to all people and cultures; and it is precisely those strengths and values that make us an attractive destination for migrants. ABC hosts Barrie Cassidy and Fran Kelly, among others, are bending over backwards to suggest the practice of sharia law should be tolerated in Australia when most Australians understand instinctively that any proposal to overlay our legal system with Islamic (or any other religious) edicts would be retrograde and wrong. Muslim Australians, of course, can practice any religious observances they desire, within our laws. But there is no place for the imposition of any strand of sharia law on to our legal system.

When Australian citizens travel overseas they must abide by the customs and laws of the lands they visit. Hence they routinely bow to strictures on alcohol and clothing, for instance, in places such as Saudi Arabia or the United Arab Emirates. We expect people who visit our nation, let alone those who migrate, to accept our laws at the very least, and ideally our unifying values. The US's Oath of Allegiance formalises the commitment of immigrants to their country. Australia should be no less blunt about expecting our citizens to pledge their loyalty to our institutions, laws and values. These expectations are what unite and protect us, giving us the freedom to exercise whatever other cultural or religious observances we so desire.



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TEEN'S AUSSIE BOMB PLOT

From schoolboy...

...to suicide bomber

AN Australian teenager believed to have died in a suicide attack had stored bomb-making chemicals in his family home.
And in a chilling blog post before his death, Jake Bilardi, left, revealed he had been planning terror attacks in Melbourne.
Bilardi, 18, was part of a coordinated suicide attack, left, in central Iraq that claimed 17 lives.

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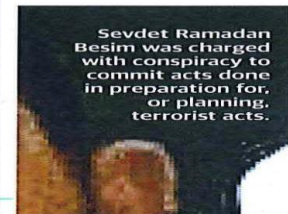
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BRITISH LINK TO AUSSIE TERROR

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BRITISH police have arrested a 14-year-old boy with links to the alleged ISIS-inspired Anzac Day terror plot planned for Australian soil.

Greater Manchester Police last night revealed the boy, from Blackburn in northwest England, had been arrested on Saturday "on suspicion of being concerned in the commission, preparation or instigation of acts of terrorism – and remains in police custody".

One officer on the case, Detective Chief Superintendent Tony Mole, said: "We have uncovered communication between an individual in the northwest and a man in Australia to what we believe is a credible terrorist threat."

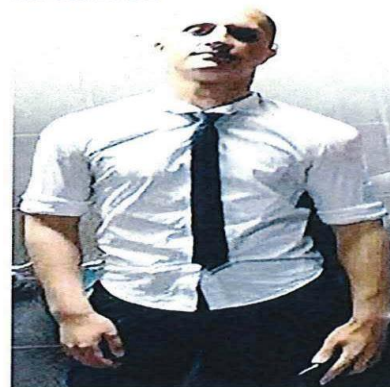
News of the arrest came as the devastated parents of a teenage terrorist shot dead in Melbourne when he attacked police last year appealed for other radicalised young Australians not to try to avenge their son.

The couple called for "only peace" as they spoke publicly for the first time since their son – 18-year-old Numan Haider (pic-

tured) – was shot dead during a stabbing attack on two police officers in Melbourne last September.

The distraught couple spoke out amid reports teens arrested over the Anzac Day terror plot had planned it in his name to take revenge against the police.

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