

Friday 3rd June 2011

BABAR AHMAD STATEMENT

Delivered on Babar's behalf by his father, Ashfaq Ahmad

"In 2009, the Metropolitan Police admitted at the High Court that I was brutally assaulted by its officers without resisting arrest. Today's verdict means that no police officer has been held to account for this abuse. Therefore I urge the Metropolitan Police to bring disciplinary proceedings against all officers who were personally involved in the assault - and those who turned a blind eye.

I would not have reached this point without the help of my family and years of hard work by Bhatt Murphy solicitors. I am also grateful for the support of many other people, some I know, many I've never met before. They all have given me the strength to fight for justice.

The material seized from my home that morning was sent to America, leading to the request for my extradition. No British court has ever considered the strength of this evidence. As a British man, I should be given a fair trial in Britain, just as these officers have received.

I deny any involvement in any terrorist activity and have done so under oath in this trial. I must be able to defend myself from such serious allegations in a British court, given the evidence was seized here, I was born and bred here, I have lived and worked here and I have no connection to America whatsoever.

Mr Cameron – I've been in prison almost 7 years, the equivalent to a 14 year sentence, yet have not been charged. My plea is simple - will you please back the British justice system and support British trials for British citizens?"

-ENDS-

Notes to Editors

Please visit www.freebabarahmad.com (Tel: 07585355581) for:

- high resolution photographs of the injuries sustained by Babar on 3 December 2003
- Babar's two witness statements from '08 and '11
- Mr Justice Rivlin's judgment on the officers' Abuse of Process Application (13/01/2011)
- Poem by Babar

For CCTV images of Babar's arrest (inside and outside Charing Cross police station), please contact the CPS Press Office Tel: 020 3357 0906 cps.pressoffice@cps.gsi.gov.uk

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