

**INQUESTS ARISING FROM THE DEATHS IN THE LONDON BRIDGE AND  
BOROUGH MARKET TERROR ATTACK OF 3 JUNE 2017**

**ORDER UPON APPLICATIONS FOR ANONYMITY AND SPECIAL MEASURES**

**Anonymity applications**

1. Two written applications fall to be determined, made by two people whom I shall call to give evidence in these Inquests. The first is an application made by Haleema Butt, the sister of Khuram Butt, for special measures including screening. The second is an application for anonymity and special measures made by SB, a friend of Youssef Zaghba.
2. I grant both witnesses' application for special measures. I do not grant SB's application for anonymity.
3. Notwithstanding that I have not granted SB's application for anonymity, I refer to him as SB throughout this Order and shall do so until he is called to give evidence.
4. In each case I received written applications supported by evidence. The applications have been circulated to Interested Persons and have been made available to the media.
5. At today's Hearing, Counsel to the Inquest made oral submissions in support of both applications for special measures, and against the application for anonymity. An indication had been given, upon circulation of the applications, of the position that Counsel to the Inquest would take. No other person has made any submissions, in writing or orally, either for or against the applications.
6. I have previously handed down a written ruling in these Inquests concerning other applications for anonymity and special measures, dated 19 November 2018. The law as set out in that ruling applies equally to the two instant applications.
7. The applications for special measures are properly made. I grant them for the reasons given orally by Counsel to the Inquest. I accept that both applicants have

real anxiety about giving evidence. I particularly take into account the beneficial effect which I believe the requested measures will have on the quality of the witnesses' evidence, allowing the Inquests to proceed more expediently. I also take into account the limited effect this will have on open justice, since the evidence will be given in public in any event and in the real names of the witnesses.

8. I do not grant **SB**'s application for anonymity for the reasons given by Counsel to the Inquest. In summary:
  - a. There is a legitimate and considerable public interest in the open administration of justice. It has been my general approach that friends and associates of the attackers should not be anonymised. This is an approach from which I would depart were there appropriate circumstances justifying a departure.
  - b. Although I accept that SB subjectively believes that he will attract "guilt by association" by giving evidence as the friend of an attacker, I do not consider any right-thinking person will regard him as in any way responsible for the attack. Given SB's limited involvement with Youssef Zaghba, it is very unlikely that he will be severely criticised either in Court or later in media publications.
  - c. I accept SB's description of his distress following the attack. However, I consider that granting the application for special measures is the appropriate and measured response, taking account of his concerns and the strong interest in open justice.
  
9. In respect of each of **Haleema Butt** and **SB**, I make an Order as follows:
  - a. Pursuant to rule 18 of the Coroners (Inquests) Rules 2013, when each of those witnesses is giving evidence he/she shall be screened from the public gallery, including the press (although not from the Coroner, Interested Persons, their lawyers or members of the jury).

- b. When each of the witnesses attends to give evidence, he/she shall be permitted to enter and exit the Court by an appropriate, non-public route.

**4 June 2019**

**HIS HONOUR JUDGE LUCRAFT QC**

**CHIEF CORONER**