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Cases and rulings

Country Code	Year	Reference details title	Reference details URL	Hate Bias motivation	Court / Body	Key facts of the case	Results (sanctions, outcome) and key consequences or implications of the case	Main reasoning / argumentation	Key issues (concepts, interpretations) clarified by the case	Key quotation in original language and translated into English with reference details
United Kingdom	2013	United Kingdom / Central Criminal Court (Crown Court)/ Judgement / The Queen v. Pavlo Lapshyn	https://www.judiciary.gov.uk/judgments/pavlo-lapshyn-sentencing-remarks-25102013/	Religion	The Central Criminal Court (Crown Court)	Pavlo Lapshyn, a 24 year old Ukrainian engineering student on a working visa, was sentenced to minimum 40 years in prison for a murder and racially aggravated crimes. Just days after he arrived in the United Kingdom he stabbed Mohammed Saleem, 81, to death. He had also been planning a series of explosions at mosques in the United Kingdom. Within a period of less than two months he planted and detonated three improvised explosive devices in the vicinity of three mosques in Walsall, Wolverhampton and Tipton.	Murder: Life imprisonment with a minimum period of 40 years before eligibility for parole. Causing an explosion with intent to endanger life: 12 years' imprisonment (concurrent); Engaging in conduct in preparation of terrorist acts: 12 years' imprisonment (concurrent). An order was made for the forfeiture and destruction of all the explosive ingredients and paraphernalia, and for the forfeiture of £2,000 of the cash to be used for the benefit of the West Midlands Police and for the community. There was also a Notification Order for 30 years.	The Court found that the accused was "acting alone and motivated by his own extreme and appalling prejudices." Therefore, the murder wasn't committed as part of a series of terrorist acts and it does not stand for a lifetime sentence.	The key issue was whether the murder was part of a series of terrorist acts alongside detonations close to several mosques or it was borne out of personal prejudices and extremist views.	"You clearly hold extreme right wing white supremacist views, and you were motivated to commit the offences by religious and racial hatred in the hope that you would ignite racial conflict and cause Muslims to leave the area where you were living. Such views, hatreds and motivation are abhorrent to all right thinking people, and have no place whatsoever in our multi-faith and multi-cultural society."

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