

Miriam's Vision: A Response to the 2005 London Bombings

History

Coroner's verdict on the London Bombings, 2011

Verdict and findings

- 52 innocent members of the travelling public were unlawfully killed in a dreadful act of terrorism
- Families of the victims praised for their "understanding, support and quiet dignity"
- On whether a public inquiry was needed, Lady Hallett said she was not aware of having left "any reasonable stone unturned" and these proceedings and her findings would be the end of investigations into 7/7
- The inquests unearthed material which had never previously seen the light of day and caused organisations to change their practices
- Concerns that inquests could not thoroughly investigate MI5 and security issues proved unfounded. Lady Hallett said the security service and police produced material for the coroner that was relevant but could not be published - but she was satisfied by the public scrutiny of MI5's actions
- On the victims' chances of survival, she found that "on the balance of probabilities" each of the victims would have died no matter what time emergency services reached them
- The evidence does not justify the conclusion that any failings of any organisation or individual caused or contributed to the deaths
- No inquest should be held into the deaths of the four bombers, Mohammad Sidique Khan, Shehzad Tanweer, Hasib Hussain and Germaine Lindsay