

Birmingham mosque attacks: Shia Muslim jailed

The [Birmingham Mail](#) continues to talk of a “vandal motivated by religious hatred” until the very end when directly quoting the Judge.

A Shia Muslim has been jailed for three years and nine months for vandalism attacks on five mosques in Birmingham.



Arman Rezazadeh, who is of Iranian descent, used a sledgehammer to smash windows and doors in Perry Barr, Aston and Erdington on 21 March. [struck at five places of worship, initially using a sledgehammer](#) and then a golf club.

Mr Walkling told the court the offences happened between 1.25am and 3.12am, adding: “For reasons that are obvious, the Muslim community in Birmingham and across the country was put in considerable fear.”

Passing sentence, Judge Chambers told Rezazadeh: “Birmingham has a long history of religious toleration and harmony, not

only between the faiths but within the faiths as well. You quite deliberately and seriously offended against that.”

The judge, who said the defendant’s mental health problems were self-induced by cannabis use, added: “You were motivated by your religious hatred, you being of the Shia faith and the mosques being Sunni Muslim mosques. The harm in this case has been extremely substantial – the impact on the local and wider Muslim community has been huge. . . . This is on any view a religious hate crime. It’s not suggested otherwise, nor could it realistically be so.”