Glasgow Airport suicide bomber's brother acquitted on terror charges

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The doctor brother of Glasgow Airport suicide bomber Kafeel Ahmed has been acquitted of terrorism charges in India. Ex-NHS doctor Sabeel Ahmed was arrested by police in New Delhi in February 2021 for allegedly

providing logistical and financial assistance to militant group al-Qaeda in the Indian subcontinent (AQIS).

Reports in India say that Ahmed was one of two men acquitted last week by a court in New Delhi in a high-profile case that saw four of his co-accused sentenced to seven-and-a-half years in prison for conspiracy to commit terrorist activities across India and recruiting members for AQIS.

Despite the acquittal, he remains accused in connection with an alleged terror recruitment plot involving Pakistan-based militant insurgent group Lashkar-e-Taiba, for which he was deported from Saudi Arabia in August 2020 and taken into custody by India's National Investigation Agency.

Ahmed is the younger brother of Kafeel Ahmed, who died after driving a Jeep laden with petrol and gas canisters into Glasgow Airport in June 2007.

The doctor, who worked at Warrington and Halton Hospitals NHS Trust, was jailed for 18 months in April 2008 at London's Old Bailey for withholding information about the failed suicide car bomb attack, after pleading guilty to failing to disclose

information that could have prevented an act of terrorism.

He was then deported to India after his release.

In a "confession" in 2021, Sabeel Ahmed revealed to Hindi News that while he was living and working in England, "he was in constant contact with his elder brother Kafeel Ahmed and during that time Kafeel used to constantly talk to him about Jihad, citing the bad condition of Muslims in the world."

Hindi News described Ahmed at the time as India's "richest terrorist" who was "probably the only highly educated terrorist" in the country "whose almost entire family was in the medical profession".