Isis-inspired Muslims 'plotted to behead British citizens after fatwa issued'

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Three Muslim extremists plotted to behead British citizens after being inspired by an Islamic State order "to kill civilians everywhere in the West", a court heard today.

Haseeb Hamayoon, 29, Yousaf Syed, 20, and his cousin Nadir Syed, 22, planned to carry out a terrorist atrocity after a fatwa was issued by IS spokesman Abu-Mohammad al-Adnani, it is said. Hamayoon had bought a "Rambo First Blood" knife online and had a picture of a PCSO patrolling the car park of a mosque in Hounslow on his phone, jurors were told.

Prosecutor Max Hill QC said the three men planned between September and November 2014 to carry out a terrorist attack. "This case involves a plan or a plot to commit attacks against persons in the UK using knives", he said.

He said the inspiration came from the Islamic State fatwa issued in mid-September 2014, warning Americans and Europeans: "You will not feel safe in your bedrooms." It ordered followers to "strike their police, security and intelligence members" and said civilians were not exempt from attack. "Kill disbelievers whether civilian or military for they have the same ruler, both disbeliever, both considered to be waging war."

Mr Hill said: "This message is saying anyone in a country such as ours is fair game — that's the central message of this fatwa..."

He said the three Muslims saw the fatwa on the day it was

released, on September 21, 2014, and started discussing it in messages on their phones.