

# Leytonstone Tube knife attack 'was to avenge Syria bombing'

[ury must decide](#) whether at the time of the attack, Mire intended to kill Mr Zimmerman.

Somali-born Mire had suffered from mental illness for years and arrived in the UK as a young boy, the court heard. *He's obviously fit to stand trial.*

Mobile phone video of the attack also captured Mire saying 'If you're Muslim you get bombed' and 'I'm going to attack your civilians.'

Mr Rees said: 'It provides an indication as to what motivated the defendant to attack random strangers with a knife. It appears he was motivated by revenge for what was occurring in Syria.'

His phone contained a graph showing numbers of US and coalition force air strikes on Islamic State and pictures of hostages apparently taken just before they had their throats cut.

The trial continues.