

London terrorist linked to remote-controlled car bomb plot to blow up Army base

An exclusive from the [Khalid Masood](#), the name (or one of them) he took in Islam. Why I don't know. It may be to do with his many aliases used during his criminal career. Or maybe they are trying to distance him from Islam, while emphasising his criminal credentials. But this seems to be a consensus among journalists.



The Islamist behind the [Westminster terror outrage](#) was investigated by MI5 as part of a plot to blow up an Army base using a remote-controlled car, The Telegraph can reveal.

Adrian Ajao, 52, who killed four people, including a police officer in last Wednesday's attack, is understood to have been probed six years ago over alleged connections to four al-

Qaeda-inspired terrorists.

Zahid Iqbal, Mohammed Sharfaraz Ahmed, Syed Hussain and Umar Arshad, were jailed for a total of 44 years in 2013 after admitting plotting to launch an audacious bomb attack on a Territorial Army base in their hometown of Luton.

Ajao had moved to the town in 2009 following two stints in Saudi Arabia, and lived just a few hundreds yards from one of the ringleaders. It is thought the fitness fanatic and body builder may have also come into contact with members of the gang when they started preparing for jihad by attending a local gym.

However after carrying out a risk assessment and looking into his background, it was decided he did not pose a terror threat.

During his time in Birmingham, the former English tutor had been receiving benefits and neighbours said he did not work.

Last night police confirmed they had made a further arrest in connection with the Westminster attack after raiding a property close to Ajao's Birmingham home. A 30-year-old man was being held on suspicion of preparation for terrorist acts. A 58-year-old man who was arrested in Birmingham on Thursday remained in custody, while a 32-year-old woman has been bailed.