## Manchester Arena: Security guard 'did not approach Abedi for fear of being branded a racist'

It paralyses us all, and again it is little girls who have been the victims. This time blown apart to die although others there that night will spend the rest of their lives maimed. Maimed in a different way to the raped girls of Rotherham, Rochdale, Oxford and Telford, but a lifetime of challenges nonetheless.

when the older guard, a Muslim himself, is pooh-poohing the parent's concerns.

Mr Lawler agreed that on five separate occasions after the bombing, he made statements, verbally or in writing, where he "deliberately shortened" the time between him leaving the City Room to the bomb going off, "so no one would say, why didn't you do something?" the inquiry was told.

He said: "I had no recollection of minutes or seconds. I had a guilty feeling, I had a lot of blame on myself."

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