

# Secretary of State for Justice and Lord Chancellor Shabana Mahmood visits Southport Mosque after riot.

The first newspaper I saw this in the a Scottish local paper, the [John O'Groat Journal](#), but it is syndicated from [PA News](#). I searched further expecting to find that she also visited maybe the parents of the little girls murdered that day at the dance session, or the hospital that treated the wounded children and adults that were hurt protecting them. Or the emergency services that dealt with the emergency. You know, the sort of people who were hands on affected when a man with a knife slaughtered [three little girls aged 6, 7 and 9](#).

*The Justice Secretary has praised the response to disorder over the summer as "the best of British" during a visit to the Southport mosque that was besieged by rioters. Shabana Mahmood met imam Ibrahim Hussein and other worshippers at the mosque, where she prayed before discussing their experience of the summer's disorder.*

*Mr Hussein described being one of seven people trapped in the mosque while it was attacked by rioters throwing missiles, telling the Justice Secretary he had feared the building would be burned down.*



Imam Ibrahim Hussein described to Shabana Mahmood his experience being trapped inside the Southport mosque during the riots (Peter Byrne/PA)

*Speaking to the PA news agency, Ms Mahmood said she had wanted to visit the mosque soon after the attack, which came at the start of a week of rioting that targeted Muslims and people from ethnic minorities.*

*She said: "This was my first opportunity to come and show solidarity with the worshippers here after everything they went through. . . And similarly, here talking to members of the mosque committee who were here the night that they were all being attacked from the outside, and there was a fire lit outside designed to set fire to this building, who were then encouraged and given moral support by everybody else who turned up to help them out."*

*Ms Mahmood's visit came after the conclusion of the Labour Party conference in neighbouring Liverpool, at which the Prime Minister also praised the response to the riots, while condemning the rioters as "racist thugs".*

Not even a brief mention of the murders of children, anger and grief at which being the [spark to the riot?](#) I cannot condone violence and arson but the authorities have completely failed to listen to the reasons for the anger.

But the more I looked the visit was only to the mosque. Her own X post only mentions the mosque.

*Over the summer Southport Mosque became the target of violent disorder, as a racist hate mob torched cars and fought police.*

*Today I heard first-hand the real fear of worshippers on that evening.*

*But when far-right thugs tried to pull them apart, this community came together. [pic.twitter.com/0CsGbtNiqT](https://pic.twitter.com/0CsGbtNiqT)*

*– Shabana Mahmood MP (@ShabanaMahmood) [September 25, 2024](#)*

The comments tell her the truth;

- Anything on the murdered children in Southport?
- Did you speak with any women?
- I wonder how much fear the 500,000+ white English girls raped by mostly muslim rape gangs felt. Maybe you could meet some of them and get first hand info on that topic.
- Any news on your mates that's bashed a female police office at Manchester Airport.
- 3 little Southport girls were murdered in a dance class.
- Did you visit the family of the slain girls or you left that for the prime minister to do? You are a barrister and I am sure you understand the equality act so did you show equality while in Southport and paid a visit to the families of the slain children as well?
- Little girls murdered and somehow your sympathy is focussed on a Mosque.
- I'm sure the Batley teacher would have liked some

support. But no, he's still in hiding.

[ITVX](#) does at least mention that the riot was sparked by the murder of three schoolgirls.

But why would we expect anything different?