

The young faces of Islamic extremism in Australia: Somali man, 20, accused of plotting ISIS-inspired New Year's massacre 'boasted about his friendship with Curtis Cheng's 15-year-old killer'

As my good friend and colleague [Daily Telegraph](#), Ali is also believed to be friends with the son of convicted Islamic State terrorist Abdul Nacer Benbrika, as well as having links to the friends of teen terrorist Numan Haider.

Haider was killed with a single shot to the head after pulling a knife from his jacket and started stabbing two counter-terrorist police officers in a Melbourne station.

On Tuesday, Ali was dramatically arrested by counter-terrorism police in tactical gear in front of shocked onlookers outside a restaurant on a busy Melbourne street.

Police allege Ali tried to obtain an automatic rifle to carry out the horrific act, inspired by radical Islamist propaganda produced by terrorist group al-Qaeda. The 'ISIS sympathiser' did not enter a bail when he appeared briefly in Melbourne Magistrates Court on Tuesday.

Ali, who reportedly no longer has a formal name, was described by his boss at a local computer business as 'a very quiet guy'.

'It's very sad, it's a shock,' Warsame Hassan told the