

DETERMINATION SHEET

This is to set out the conclusions of the Jury as to by what means and in what circumstances Khalid Masood came by his death.

Short-form Conclusion: Lawful Killing

On March 22nd 2017, having driven at speed over Westminster Bridge, killing four people and injuring many others (29 seriously), Khalid Masood crashed into the wall of New Palace Yard. He got out of the car and proceeded to run around the corner to Carriage Gates. Entering New Palace Yard, Khalid Masood attacked PC Keith Palmer, stabbing and fatally wounding him, he pursued unarmed officers through the vehicle exit channel, with knives in his hands. Multiple witnesses noted Khalid Masood's intention to inflict serious harm and/or take life as he continued his attack. He continued to move towards Westminster Hall without stopping or changing direction.

Reacting to the initial crash and commotion, two close protection officers (CPOs) walked towards the vehicle exit channel from the direction of Members' Entrance. At this point, the unarmed officers ran towards the CPOs, pursued by Khalid Masood. In accordance with their training, the CPOs shouted verbal warnings at Khalid Masood, by which time both CPOs had their pistols drawn and aimed at Khalid Masood- whilst attempting to create distance between themselves and him. The warnings had no effect on Khalid Masood and he continued to move towards the CPOs at speed with knives still in hand. With Khalid Masood approaching striking distance of the CPOs, SA74 shot Khalid Masood three times until he no longer posed a threat. Khalid Masood received immediate first aid and CPR which continued until he was declared dead at St Mary's Hospital.