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# Haringey let kid live with bomber

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**A FOSTER child was rescued from the maniac behind the liquid bomb jet plot - as cops found a book by Osama Bin Laden's mentor in a cot.**

The helpless youngster had been placed with evil Abdulla Ahmed Ali's family as the beast drew up plans to take kids on airliners targeted by suicide bombers.

Last night the astonishing blunder - by the **SAME** council slammed over the death of Baby P - left MPs horrified. Anti-terror cops had kept Ali under surveillance and seen the foster child.

The hidden book - written by Abdullah Azzam - was discovered after they swooped to arrest the monster days before his plan to stage seven Lockerbies.



Bunglers ... same council slammed over death of Baby Peter

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*Ali's family in Walthamstow, with whom the youngster had been placed, were on a list of carers approved by bungling Haringey council in North London.*

Sharon Shoemsmith - belatedly given the boot after 17-month baby Peter Connelly was horrifically tortured to death by his mother, lover and lodger - was in charge of children's services at the time.



Chilling ... Ali in video rant

Outraged local Lib Dem MP Lynne Featherstone declared yesterday: "Just when you think Haringey cannot get any worse, it does. This beggars belief."

Tory shadow Children's Secretary Michael Gove said: "It's truly frightening to think the social services department of this council placed a child with a terrorist - and even more so to think the child could have been used as part of the foil for the bomb plot.

"Haringey council needs to make public exactly what vetting procedures it has in place to ensure this can never happen again. As with the Baby Peter tragedy, there has been far too much secrecy."

Yesterday Haringey insisted Ali did **NOT** live at the same property as the fostered child - then couched the statement to say only they had "no record" of him doing so. An official insisted the foster family was checked with the Criminal Records Bureau.

The placement was made "before anyone was made aware of any terrorist activity in the extended family network".

The council added: "The placement was ended immediately when the police were in touch and the arrests were made.

*The family no longer fosters for Haringey."*

It refused to reveal the age or sex of the child and declined to say if staff had been disciplined.

Shoosmith is demanding £1million compensation for being fired.



## Left to die ... Baby Peter

Ali, 28, and two cohorts are behind bars awaiting sentence after they were convicted last week over the bomb plot - which led to the ban on liquids being taken aboard planes. Police said the blitz, which would have sent seven airliners from Heathrow crashing down on the US and Canada, would have caused carnage on an "unprecedented scale".

Jurors at the plotters' trial, who saw video of Ali ranting against the West, heard he and his gang discussed taking children on the flights to throw security off guard.

It was unclear whether the fostered child was among those Ali proposed to sacrifice.



## Chief ... Sharon Shoemith

The jobless sponger had a record of spouting fundamentalist Islamic views - in which he praised the Taliban and advocated the imposition of Sharia law in the UK.

One of his brothers worked for the Home Office while another was a Muslim activist. A source said of the foster child's placement: "A desperate shortage of Muslim foster families may have been a factor. Muslim children can only be placed with people of the same faith and the need to find foster parents could mean corners were cut in the vetting process."

Tory London Assembly member Brian Coleman said: "We seriously have to start considering whether we can trust Haringey with any form of children's services."

**DIRECTOR** of Public Prosecutions Keir Starmer yesterday applied for three other alleged jet bomb plotters to face a retrial after last week's jury failed to reach verdicts.

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