



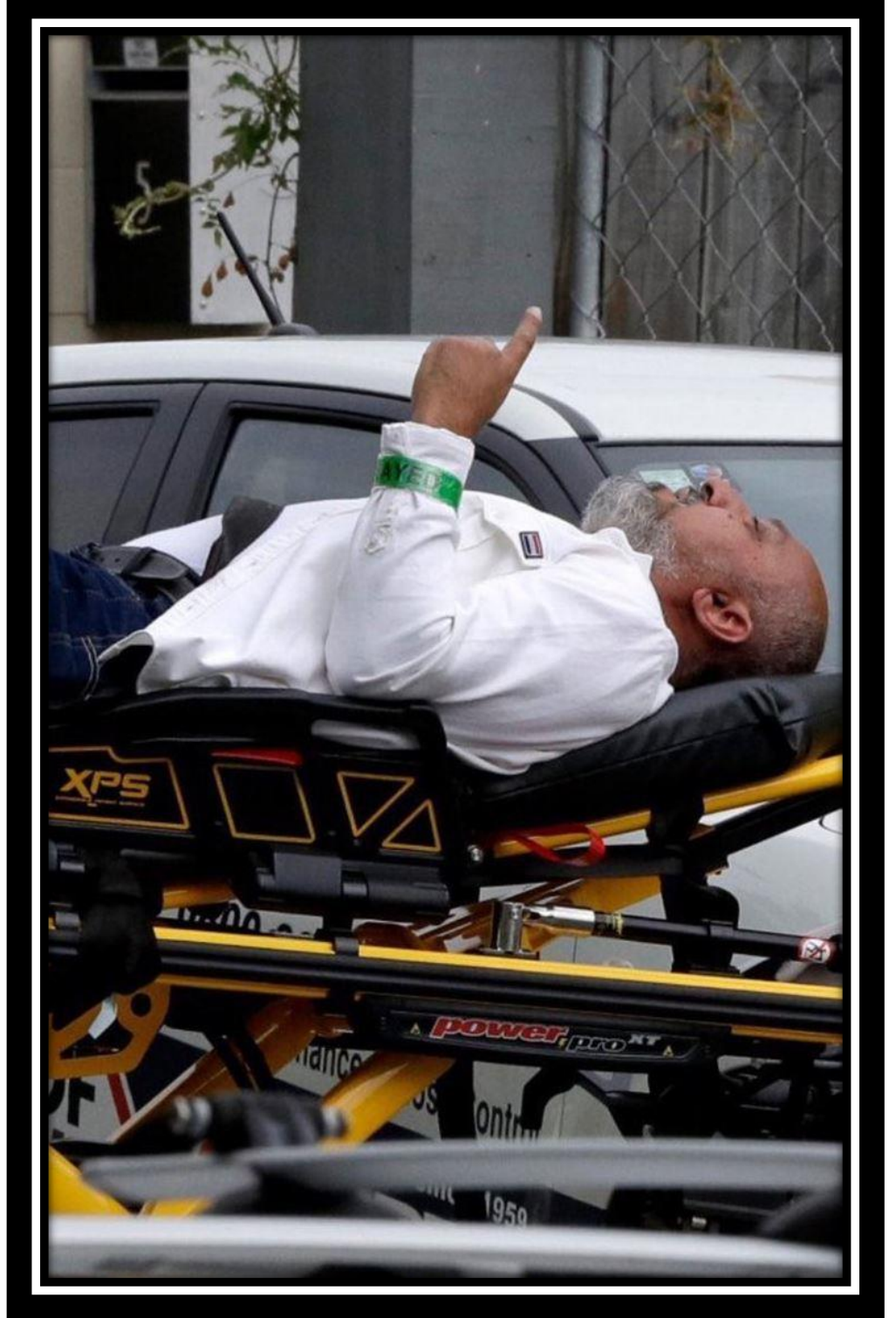
NEW ZEALAND ATTACK: VICTIMS OF THE MOSQUE MASSACRE

At least 50 died after gunman opened fire during Friday prayers at two mosques in Christchurch

Fifty people have been confirmed killed in Friday's terrorist attack on two mosques in the New Zealand city of Christchurch. Thirty-one injured victims remained at Christchurch Hospital on Monday, where officials said nine were in critical condition. A four-year-old girl at a children's hospital in Auckland also remains critical.

New Zealand police have not yet issued any public identification of any victims of attack.

Those listed here are those victims who have been confirmed as killed, missing or injured – either by statements from family members, official organizations or both.



KILLED

Mucad Ibrahim

Three-year-old Mucad Ibrahim is the youngest known victim of the attacks. He was at Al Noor mosque with his father and older brother Abdi when the attack happened. Everyone began to run, and Abdi thought his father had Mucad. In the rush and crush of people, the three became separated.

On Sunday, Abdi said police had confirmed his death. "My mum, she's been struggling," Abdi said. "Every time she sees other people crying, emotional, she just collapses."

Ahmed Osman, a close family friend, said of Mucad: "He's been loved by the community here. It's been tough days. It's been really tough days."



Husna Ahmed

Husna Ahmed, 44, escaped Al Noor mosque when the shooting began, leading the women out. She went back in to look for her husband, Farid, who uses a wheelchair. She was shot at the gate. Farid survived.

Her niece, Nusrat Alam, told Al-Jazeera: "She thinks of other people first." Farid said he did not hate the man who killed her. "Probably he wasn't loved ... I don't hate him at all," he told Newshub. "She's brave, and she gave her life saving others."



Junaid Ismail

36-year old Junaid Ismail ran a dairy – a corner store in Kiwi slang – in Christchurch, which his parents started 31 years ago. He and his twin brother, Zahid, came from India when they were five. Zahid said Junaid was killed at Al Noor mosque, and the flowers have come in a steady stream to the shop.

Lilik Abdul Hamid

Lilik Abdul Hamid, a father of two, was an engineer for Air New Zealand. He had worked in Christchurch for 16 years.

His death was confirmed on Sunday in an official statement from Air New Zealand's chief executive officer Christopher Luxon.

Sayyad Milne

Fourteen-year-old Sayyad Milne was a keen footballer who was shot at Al Noor mosque while attending Friday prayers, as he did every week.

The Year 10 student at Cashmere high school had dreamed of being an international footballer one day.

His father, John Milne, told New Zealand radio his son had died. "I've lost my little boy, he's just turned 14," he said. "It's so hard ... to see him just gunned down by someone who didn't care about anyone or anything."

His mother, Noraini, managed to escape.



Atta Elayyan

Atta Elayyan, 33, was the goalkeeper of New Zealand's national men's futsal team.

Elayyan, who had just become a father, was confirmed killed by New Zealand's football association on Sunday.

A Palestinian man who was born in Kuwait, Elayyan was also a popular member of the Christchurch tech industry. He leaves behind his wife Farah and young daughter Aya.

"There is huge hole in our hearts," said teammate Josh Margetts.



Amjad Hamid

Amjad Hamid was a heart doctor who lived in Christchurch and travelled to the small town of Hāwera, 10 hours away by car, every three weeks, to work.

The 57-year old had lived in Christchurch for 23 years after leaving Palestine. His death was confirmed by a relative, and by Rosemary Clements, the chief executive of the Taranaki District Health Board.

“When he returned to Hāwera hospital he often brought fresh baklava from a bakery in Christchurch for everyone,” Clements said. “He was well liked for his kindness, compassion and sense of humour.”

Ansi Alibava

25-year old Ansi Alibava was studying her Masters. Her death was confirmed by the Indian High Commission in New Zealand, and her husband, Abdul Nazer Ponnath Hamsa.

He told Stuff: “The life Ansi and I had together, the plans we made, the family we hoped to build here, all vanished in a moment of senseless anti-immigrant rage.”



Hussein Moustafa

70-year old Hussein Moustafa moved to Christchurch 20 years ago from Egypt. His daughter Arwa said he prayed at the same corner of the mosque every week. “He considered New Zealand to be his home and he wanted to be buried there,” she told the NZ Herald. “I’m just glad he died at home. I take solace in knowing he died in his favourite place.”

Ali Elmadani

Retired engineer Ali Almadani came to New Zealand from the United Arab Emirates in 1998.

His daughter, Maha Elmadani, is a Christchurch-based graphic designer, and told news site Stuff.co.nz that her father had died on Friday.

Naeem Rashid & Taha Naeem

Father and son Naeem Rashid and 21-year-old Taha Naeem were both killed on Friday.

Pakistan’s foreign affairs minister tweeted that the pair were confirmed killed.



Khaled Mustafa

Syrian refugee Khaled Mustafa had survived civil war and atrocities in Syria before he was killed on Friday in the terrorist attack.

Ali Akil, a spokesman for the group Syrian Solidarity New Zealand said Mustafa’s wife confirmed he had been killed.

“[They] survived atrocities” and “arrived here in a safe haven only to be killed in the most atrocious way,” said Akil. “They were just looking for a safe place.”

Hamza Mustafa:

Khaled’s son Hamza also died. The 16-year old was in Year 10 and had only arrived in New Zealand months ago, with his family. His death was confirmed by his mother, and by the principal of Cashmere high school.

Linda Armstrong

Linda Armstrong, 65, worked with refugees and attended mosque every Friday. Her nephew Kyron Gosse told CNN she was from west Auckland originally, and had moved to Christchurch to be closer to her daughter and granddaughter.

Zeeshan Raza, Ghulam Hussain and Karam Bibi

Three family members – a mother, father and son – were all killed at the Linwood mosque. Zeeshan Raza was an engineer who moved to Christchurch from Pakistan in December. His father, Ghulam Hussain, and mother, Karam Bibi, had come to New Zealand in February to visit him. They are survived by Maryam Gul, who is Zeeshan’s sister and Ghulam and Karam’s daughter.

Farhaj Ahsan, 30

The Indian national had moved from Hyderabad 10 years ago and worked as an electrical engineer. “Nobody was imagining in New Zealand - which is a peace-loving country - such [a] situation arises,” his father Sayeeduddin told the BBC.

Syed Jahandad Ali

Software developer Syed Ali had been a senior figure at IT company Intergen in Christchurch for the past seven years. His colleagues and Pakistan's foreign ministry confirmed his death on Sunday. "Our much-loved colleague Syed Ali has lost his life," Intergen CEO Simon Bright said on Sunday.

Hafiz Musa Patel

Hafiz Musa Patel was the imam of the Lautoka Jame mosque in Fiji, visiting Christchurch. His death was confirmed by the president of the Fiji Muslim League on Sunday.

Tariq Omar

Tariq Omar, 24, was a graduate of Cashmere high school, where Hamza Mustafa and Sayyad Milne also attended. Cashmere principal Mark Wilson confirmed on Monday that Omar, along with the two boys, had died on Friday.



Hussein Al-Umari

35-year old Hussein Al-Umari came to Christchurch from the United Arab Emirates in 1997, with his sister Aya. He loved going on walks and made video blogs every time he went on holiday. Aya confirmed to Australian Associated Press on Monday that Hussein had been killed at Al Noor mosque.

Kamel Darwish

38-year old Kamel Darwish, a father of three, had come to New Zealand six months ago from Jordan. He was working on a dairy farm and waiting for his wife and children to come join him. His brother Zuhair and the Palestinian foreign ministry confirmed he had been killed.

Zuhair had lived in New Zealand since 2007, and had told Kamel to come. "It's very hard to live in Jordan and I told him, come here, it's the best place that you can raise your child in," he said.

Suhail Shahid

Suhail Shahid was an engineer who moved to Christchurch with his wife, Asma, and two daughters, aged two and five. Asma told Stuff "his daughters were his life".

Abdelfattah Qasem:

Abdelfattah Qasem moved to New Zealand in the 1990s after the first Gulf War, and had just moved to Christchurch. He was due to be a grandfather next month. His relatives and the Palestinian foreign ministry confirmed his death.

Arifbhai and Ramiz Vora

Arif Vora, 58, and his son Ramiz, 28, were both killed at Al Noor mosque. Ramiz had just had a daughter a week before the shooting, relatives told Stuff.

Haroon Mahmood

Dr Haroon Mahmood was an academic who tutored and lectured in economics at a range of universities in Christchurch. He is survived by his wife and two children.

Syed Areeb Ahmed

27-year old Syed Areeb Ahmed moved to New Zealand from Karachi in Pakistan 18 months ago to work as an accountant at PriceWaterhouseCoopers, and send money back home.

Haji-Daoud Nabi

Seventy-one-year-old Haji-Daoud Nabi died as he tried to save the lives of fellow worshippers at Al Noor mosque.

Nabi came to New Zealand from Afghanistan in 1977 and was a beloved community leader. His son, Yama al-Nabi, was running late for a meeting with his father at the mosque, and escaped the shooting by minutes.

He told assembled media on Saturday that his father "jumped in the firing line to save somebody else's life". "He has passed away," Nabi said.



THESE ARE JUST SOME OF THE MUSLIMS WHO DIED ON FRIDAY MARCH 15, 2019. MAY ALLAH HAVE MERCY ON ALL THE VICTIMS OF THE MASSACRE THAT TOOK PLACE IN NEW ZEALAND AND ACCEPT THEM INTO HIS HEAVEN.

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