

Finsbury Park Mosque in UK Struggles to Distance Itself from Previous Links to Terrorists

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UK: Darren Osborne, a 47-year-old father-of-four from Cardiff, was arrested after he drove a van into a group of people near the Finsbury Park mosque, killing one person. The fact that the attack took place near the Mosque triggered memories that, in the 1990s, the Mosque was accused of radicalism, and its preachers were linked to Al-Qaeda. The Mosque was closed and later re-opened under new leadership not connected to terrorism, but its reputation lingers. A reporter on the scene, Dilly Hussein, says that the public distrusts Muslims, not because of the terrorist attacks by Muslims, but because Muslims have been demonized by the media. —GEG