



# UK: Police Failed to Act As Girls Were Raped and Killed in Britain's Worst Grooming Scandal

Telford, England: Police and social workers, paralyzed by the threat of being called a racist, allowed the rape and sex abuse of an estimated 1,000 white British girls over the past 40 years by mostly Muslim men. One of the men, Azhar Ali Mehmood, burned down a house with three women inside, killing them, and two more died in connection with the scandal.

**An investigation by the *Sunday Mirror* has revealed Britain's worst ever grooming scandal, which saw authorities paralysed for 40 years by fears of "racism" accusations as grooming gangs victimised up to a thousand girls in Telford.**

The left-leaning newspaper claims its [18-month investigation](#) found "abuse on unprecedented levels", with three women being killed when abuser Azhar Ali Mehmood burned down their home with them inside and two others dying in connection with the scandal.

Social workers reportedly knew of the abuse, which saw girls as young as 11 targeted, from the 1990s, but police took ten years to launch an investigation and the authorities failed to

keep tabs on suspects and perpetrators from the South Asian community fearing “racism” accusations.

Victims told the *Sunday Mirror* that the abuse – which is said to have begun in the 1980s – carries on to this day, and notes that police failed to investigate one recent case five times before a Member of Parliament directly intervened.

The newspaper claims to have uncovered previously unseen files showing council staff chose to view girls being abused, trafficked, and even sold as “prostitutes” rather than victims.

Telford is a relatively small city, with a population of 170,000, making this scandal the most extensive and long-running in the country.

The number of victims in Rotherham was slightly higher at 1,500, but Rotherham is a significantly larger city with a population of around 260,000.

“I hated what was happening and my abusers made my skin crawl but I was told that if I said a word to anyone they’d come for my little sisters and tell my mum I was a prostitute,” said one 14-year-old victim, whose phone number had been sold to paedophiles.

“Night after night, I was forced to have sex with multiple men in disgusting takeaways and filthy houses.

“I must have been getting the morning after pill from a local clinic at least twice a week but no one asked any questions.

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