



Practice

Hossein specialises in criminal defence work. Formerly as a solicitor and now as a barrister he has represented defendants charged with murder, drug trafficking, fraud, money laundering and other serious crimes. He has a particular interest in terrorism and public order and protest cases, including the recent Gaza protest cases.

Background

In the early 1990s Hossein spent a number of years working for the Newham Monitoring Project, an anti-racist campaigning organisation that provides legal advice and practical support to victims of racial violence and police harassment in East London.

He qualified as a solicitor in 1998 having completed his training at Bindman and Partners solicitors. He then moved to Hickman and Rose solicitors where he qualified as a court and police station duty solicitor. In 2000 he moved to Birnberg Peirce and Partners solicitors where he qualified as a Higher Courts Advocate in 2003.

As a solicitor Hossein had a wide practice including representing defendants charged with murder, drugs trafficking and public order offences, including the majority of the defendants charged following the Burnley riots in 2001 and a number of those charged following the Oldham riots of 2001. He has acted for defendants charged with terrorism offences, including *R v Kalayci* and others, where he acted for all seven defendants accused of membership of a proscribed Turkish communist organisation - the DHKP-C. He has also acted for a number of anti-war and human rights activists and campaigners.

As a solicitor advocate Hossein acted as junior in the "Ricin" trial (an alleged terrorist conspiracy to murder) and junior alone for Joseph Magee on a plea to murder (an INLA suspect sentenced for murder in Nottingham).

In 2005 Hossein transferred to the Bar and has maintained a wide and varied criminal practice while developing a particular expertise in terrorism cases.

Reported and Notable Cases

R v Khyam & Others (2006-2007) (reported at [2008] EWCA Crim 1612): Operation Crevice "fertiliser bomb plot" trial; junior counsel for Anthony Garcia accused of participating in a conspiracy to cause explosions.

R v Barot & others (2007): The "Dirty bomb plot", junior counsel for Junade Feroze charged with conspiracy to murder.

R v Patel (2007): Junior counsel for Abdul Patel, a youth charged with possessing articles useful for terrorism.

R v Saleem (2008) (reported at [2009] EWCA Crim 920): Trial of former members of the Islamist group Al Muhajiroun; junior counsel for Abdul Saleem accused of inciting terrorism and fundraising, led by Henry Blaxland QC.

R v Ahmed Ali and others (2008): The Heathrow bomb plot or Operation Overt,

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junior counsel for Mohammed Gulzar (accused of being one of the ring leaders of the plot to detonate bombs on transatlantic airlines) who was the only defendant acquitted in the first trial, led by Henry Blaxland QC.

R v Baluch and Marri (2008): Junior counsel for Faiz Baluch who successfully raised the defence of self defence to allegations of inciting terrorist murder overseas and involvement with a terrorist group operating in Baluchistan, Pakistan.

R v Shanthan (2009): Trial of alleged members of the proscribed organisation LTTE (Tamil Tigers) and providing support for that organisation. Junior counsel for the first defendant; led by Mark Muller QC.

R v Chentouf (2009): Junior counsel for Houria Chentouf charged with possessing documents in breach of terrorism legislation.

Reported Cases as Instructing Solicitor

R v (1) Kingston Crown Court (2) Sutton Youth Court Ex Parte B 164 JP 633 QBD (2000): Judicial review of the application of youth courts time limits and the duty to provide reasons.

R v Saddiqui [2003] EWCA Crim 1191: Appeal against sentence in relation to the Burnley disorders. The court clarified the approach to violent disorder arising from the appellants lawful presence in the streets in defence of their community.

Percy v DPP [2001] EWHC Admin 1125: Appeal by way of case stated on protest, freedom of expression and Article 10 ECHR.

Ayliffe, Swain and Percy v DPP [2005] EWHC 684 (Admin): Appeal by way of case stated on the question of lawful activity in aggravated trespass the appellants claiming the activity they disrupted was unlawful as it was in pursuance of the Iraq war.

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