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# Sikh Council UK Urges Vigilance Following Hate Attack

**The Sikh Council UK is shocked to hear of a vicious attack on a 24 year old male in Mold, North Wales on 14th January 2015. Sarandev Bhambra is reported to have been attacked in a supermarket by a man armed with a machete and a hammer shouting "white power".**

25 year Zack Davies from the King Street area of Mold was arrested at the scene and has been charged with attempted murder. The attack left 24 year old Sarandev Bhambra from Yorkshire with serious but not life threatening injuries.

Davies subsequently appeared before Wrexham Magistrates Court where he was remanded to custody to appear before Crown Court at a future date. In a statement, North Wales Police has confirmed they are treating the incident as a hate related, racially and religiously motivated incident.

Sikh Council UK Community Safety Sub-committee Chair, Bal Kaur Sandhu said, "This was a horrifying and unprovoked attack on an innocent member of the public and our thoughts and prayers are with the victim and his family. Mr Zac Davis terrorised the local shoppers who were going about their normal activity and we would be urging the Police to investigate how this extremist was radicalised toward committing such a horrendous crime".

She added, "Following the recent terrorist attacks in Europe, we have seen a rise in hate attacks with victims coming from all communities. Often following such atrocities, Sikhs due to their visible identity have also faced attacks. We totally condemn hate attacks against any person of any background and urge all Sikhs to remain vigilant and report any such crimes to the police authorities."

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Notes for Editors

The Sikh Council UK is the largest representative body of Sikhs in the UK. We are recognised as the national advocate for British Sikhs in the United Kingdom and at the European Union.

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