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'I don't hate him. He is a human, a brother of mine': Disabled man FORGIVES the Christchurch gunman who shot his wife dead when she ran into mosque to save him

- Survivor Farid Ahmed has said he has 'forgiven' the alleged Christchurch killer
- Mr Ahmed wheeled himself out of the Al Noor mosque during the massacre
- His wife, Husna Ahmed, was shot in the back and killed as she returned to help
- Although he witnessed bloodshed, Mr Ahmed still wishes he 'could hug' shooter
- Australian Brenton Tarrant, 28 has since been charged with one count of murder

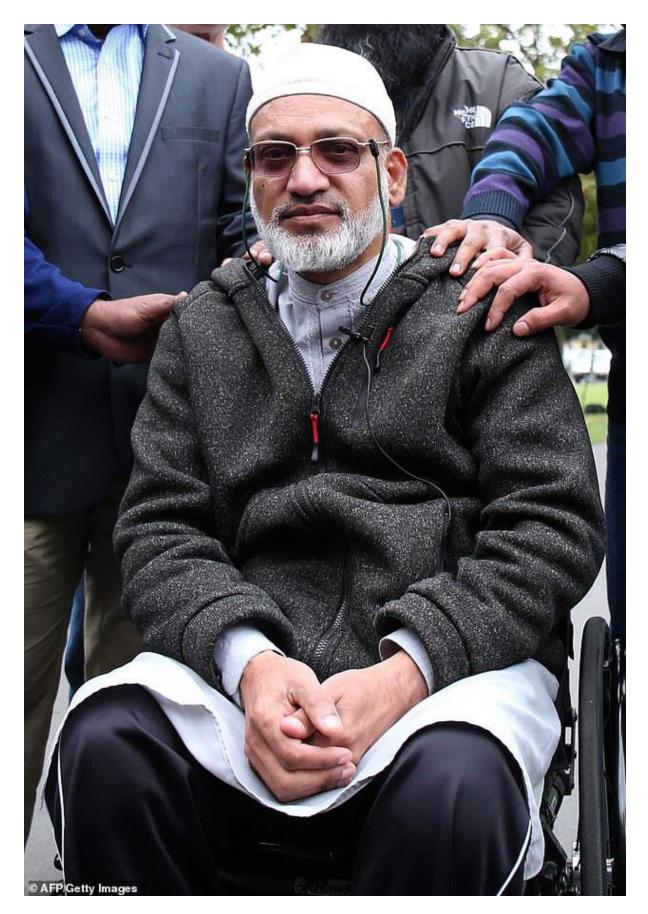
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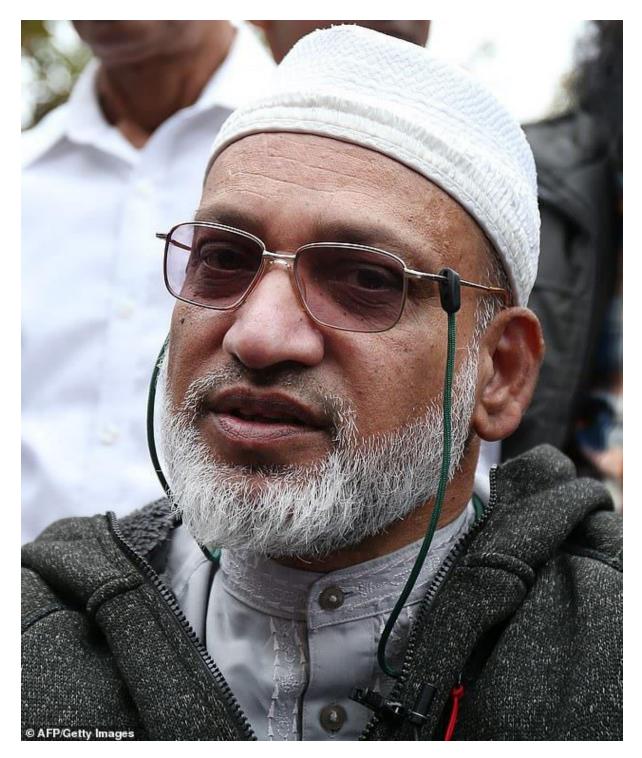
A disabled man whose wife was shot dead as she led women and children out of the mosque during the Christchurch massacre has forgiven the gunman.

Farid Ahmed, a quadriplegic who wheeled himself out the Al Noor mosque after Brenton Tarrant, 28, allegedly stormed the building on Friday and began shooting at anyone who came in his path, said he could simply not hate him.

'I was asked "how do you feel about the person who killed your wife?" and I said 'I love that person because he is a human, a brother of mine",' he told the <u>New Zealand Herald</u>.



Farid Ahmed, who wheeled himself out the Al Noor mosque after Brenton Tarrant, 28, allegedly stormed the building and began shooting, said he could only 'forgive him'



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While admitting he did not support what he did, he tried to rationlise the shooter's mental state.

'Maybe he was hurt, maybe something happened to him in his life ... but the bottom line is, he is a brother of mine.'

'I have forgiven him and I am sure if my wife was alive she would have done the same thing.'

His wife, Husna Ahmed, 44, had screamed at worshippers to follow her outside a side-door as Tarrant allegedly sprayed the lobby with bullets.

After successfully saving everyone she could, she returned for her husband.



Husna Ahmed (pictured) was attempting to help everyone by ushering worshippers out a side

door as the gunman sprayed the lobby with bullets - she was shot in the back as she returned to help her husband, Mr Ahmed

Once back inside she was hit from behind and killed instantly.

Mr Ahmed had already made it outside into the car park where he was hiding behind his vehicle.

He was forced to sit idle as he watched streams of worshippers fall out of smashed windows and frantically jump over a fence - searching anywhere for salvation.

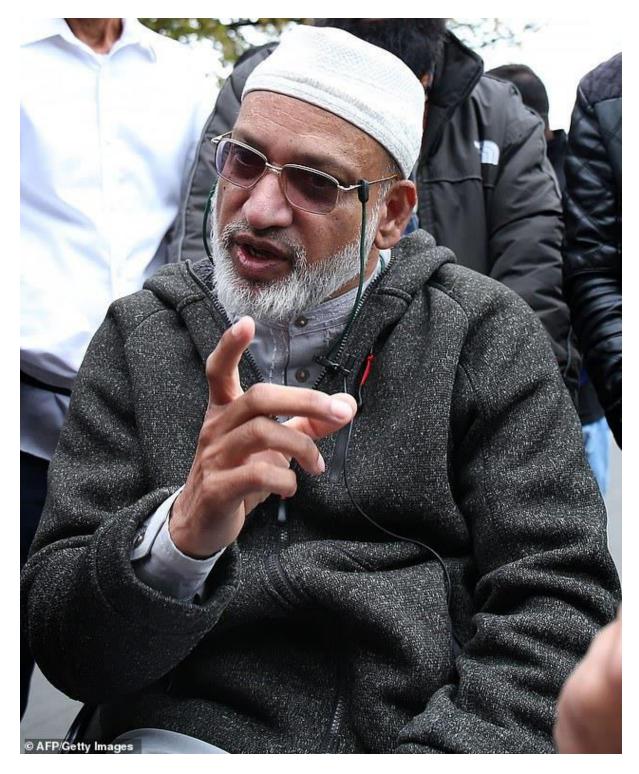
Mr Ahmed even recalled locking eyes with a friend who ran straight passed him.

He's since spoken with him and told him he understood his decision to save himself and that his wheelchair made him somewhat of a liability.

After the gunman left, Mr Ahmed wheeled himself back inside and tried to help anyone he could.



Mr Ahmed revealed in horrific detail how he returned the mosque after the gunman had left to try and help, but found his wheelchair wasn't able to get passed the piles of dead bodies that lined the floor



Despite the carnage he witnessed, Mr Ahmed still said given the opportunity, he would hug Tarrant

Piles of dead bodies made it almost impossible for him to reach anyone as he saw the carange Tarrant had left behind in mere seconds.

A dad holding his son, a man pinned down by two lifeless bodies and carpet that was almost completely covered in blood and bullet shells.

The police arrived swiftly and wheeled him back outside to deliver the bad news about his wife, telling him to go home to his daughter.

Despite the aftermath that he witnessed and losing his wife to such a senseless killing, Mr Ahmed said he still wished he could hug the killer.

'I was trying to grieve and it came to me then that I wish I could give him a hug. Some people might call me crazy but I speak from my heart, I am not pretending - if I got an opportunity I would hug him,' he said.



Australian-born Brenton Harrison Tarrant (pictured) allegedly opened fire at the Al Noor and

Linwood mosques, killing at least 50 people. The 28-year-old is so far charged with only one count of murder, but police are expected to lay more charges

The death toll in Christchurch currently stands at 50, and is second only to the Las Vegas carnage of October 2017 which saw 58 people shot dead in the United States, when it comes to firearm atrocities in a Western nation.

It is also New Zealand's first mass shooting since 1994.

Australian white supremacist Brenton Tarrant, has so far been charged with one count of murder and will appear in court again in April where he's expected to be face more charges.



The horrific terror attack in Christchurch claimed the lives of 50 worshippers - with new details emerging about the victims everyday