

# Murdered shopkeeper was branded a 'false prophet'

## Trolls post messages about store owner on Muslim sect's website

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A SHOPKEEPER who was allegedly murdered had been described as a "false prophet" by a Muslim group opposed to his strand of Islam.

Asad Shah, who died last Thursday after wishing friends and neighbours a "very happy Easter," regularly posted videos of his peace-loving messages of goodwill.

Two of his videos were used in November 2014 by a group opposed to his Ahmadi strand of Islam to label Mr Shah, 40, who was found near his shop in Shawlands, Glasgow, a false prophet. The group, Khatme Nubuwwat, put the two films separately on video hosting site Daily Motion, using his name and the words "Asad Shah False Prophet" parts one and two.

The revelation came as Tanveer Ahmed, 32, from Bradford, appeared at Glasgow Sheriff Court charged with Mr Shah's murder.

Mr Ahmed appeared in private from custody. His lawyer, John Rafferty, did not enter a plea. He was remanded and is expected to appear again in court next week.

Details of the videos emerged amid growing anger that vitriolic abuse has been posted on Khatme Nubuwwat's Facebook page.

Messages have been posted on it apparently gloating at the death of Mr Shah.

One of the messages, which contains a link to a news story about the alleged killing, said: "Congratulations to all Muslims."

The message has been "liked" 54

times with two likes coming from the UK – one from a web user in Leeds and one from Birmingham.

The Khatme Nubuwwat organisation has offices in London.

The organisation's website states it exists to "educate" Muslims about the "reality" of the Ahmadiyya community, which it does not agree with.

It says the Ahmadi belief that there were prophets after Mohammed is "false", describing their faith as "heretic". Mr Shah was an active member of the Ahmadiyya Islamic community, which promotes "love for all, hatred for none".

It is feared Mr Shah was allegedly targeted due to his religious views. Four hours before his death, he wrote: "Good Friday and a very Happy Easter, especially to my beloved Christian nation. "Let's follow the real footsteps of beloved holy Jesus Christ and get the real success in both worlds."

In previous posts, he spoke out against violence and hatred and called for "unconditional real love for all mankind".

Meanwhile, the fundraising campaign set up to help Mr Shah's family is close to raising £100,000.

Jen Bannerman and three friends set up the donations page on the website, GoFundMe, and the total pledged has soared in recent days.

Ms Bannerman, launching the campaign, described Mr Shah as "a

popular, well respected and much loved member of our community" whose death had left many people devastated.

Almost 5,000 individual donations have since been made, ranging from £5 to £500.

One contributor, Adeel Ahmed, wrote on the site: "Every time I saw Asad, it reminded me as to who I can be, a better man, a more humble man."

TV scriptwriter Rikki Brown added: "Asad was seriously one of the nicest people I have ever met. Always a handshake and a genuine smile from him."

"He had a gentle way and an aura of peace around him and I am both shocked and very saddened at what has happened to such a lovely kind man."



**VICTIM: Asad Shah died after an attack outside his Glasgow shop.**

