

## **Travellers shrug off terror threat**

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... Kashif Ahmed, communications director of Muslims for Peace and Justice, had mixed emotions when he heard the news.

"We're relieved again the security forces in England have been able to thwart a possible, alleged terror plot," he said. "At the same time, we're saddened that there are still extremists in the community who will take violence to achieve their political goals. We're frustrated that it's happening. There are still some people hell bent on trying to harm other innocent people." He's well aware this could lead to more backlash and a negative perception of the Islamic community.

"It's definitely difficult to convince many people that Islam is essentially a religion which preaches tolerance and is a message of mercy for billions of people on this planet," he said. "But a few bad apples can spoil the whole lot."

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