

# Investigators explore bomber's links to larger network

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LONDON — British investigators are hunting for potential conspirators linked to the bombing that killed 22 people in a search that is exploring the possibility that the same cell linked to the Paris and Brussels terror attacks was also to blame for the Manchester Arena attack, two officials familiar with the investigation said Wednesday.

Investigators were also assessing whether Salman Abedi, the suspected bomber in the attack Monday on a pop concert in Manchester, may have been connected to known militants in the northern English city. Abedi, a 22-year-old British citizen born to Libyan parents, died in the attack.



Metropolitan Police Commissioner Cressida Dick, 2nd right, and Major General Ben Bathurst, General Officer Commanding London District, right, meet soldiers and police officers on deployment in the Palace of Westminster, London on Wednesday.

Abedi's father, Ramadan Abedi, was allegedly a member of the al-Qaida-backed Libyan Islamic Fighting group in the 1990s,

according to a former Libyan security official, Abdel-Basit Haroun. The elder Abedi denied that he was part of the militant group and told The Associated Press that his son was not involved in the concert bombing and had no

connection to militants. "We don't believe in killing innocents. This is not us," the 51-year-old Abedi said in a telephone interview from Tripoli.

He said he spoke to his son five days ago and he was

getting ready for a religious pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia. He said his son visited Libya a month and a half ago and was planning to return to Libya to spend the holy month of Ramadan with the family. He also denied his son had spent time in Syria or fought with the Islamic State group, which claimed responsibility for the concert bombing.

"Last time I spoke to him, he sounded normal. There was nothing worrying at all until ... I heard the news that they are suspecting he was the bomber," the elder Abedi said.

He confirmed that another son, Ismail, 23, was arrested Tuesday in Manchester. A third son, 18-year-old Hashim, was arrested in Tripoli late last night, according to a Libyan government spokesman, Ahmed bin Salem. The elder Abedi was arrested shortly after speaking to the AP, Salem said.

The anti-terror force that

took Hashim Abedi into custody said that the teenager had confessed that both he and his brother were members of the Islamic State group and that he "knew all the details" of the Manchester attack plot.

Ramadan Abedi fled Tripoli in 1993 after Moammar Gadhafi's security authorities issued an arrest warrant. He spent 25 years in Britain before returning to Libya in 2011 after Gadhafi was ousted and killed in the country's civil war. He is now a manager of the Central Security force in Tripoli.

The Abedi family has close ties to the family of al-Qaida veteran Abu Anas al-Libi, who was snatched by U.S. special forces off a Tripoli street in 2013 for alleged involvement in the 1998 bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa, and died in U.S. custody in 2015. Al-Libi's wife told the AP that she went to college in Tripoli with the elder Abedi's wife

and that the two women also lived together in the U.K. before they returned to Libya.

British police said Wednesday they had not yet found the bomb maker in the Manchester Arena attack, indicating Salman Abedi was part of a larger cell.

"It's very clear this is a network we are investigating," Chief Constable Ian Hopkins said.

In Washington, the chairman of the U.S. House's Homeland Security Committee said the bomb used in the attack suggested a "level of sophistication" that might indicate its maker had foreign training. Rep. Mike McCaul told The Associated Press that the bomb used the explosive TATP, the same one used in the deadly November 2015 attacks in Paris and the March 2016 attack in Brussels carried out by Islamic State extremists.

## What's known and not known about marijuana

NEW YORK (AP) — A new marijuana study joins a limited record of scientific knowledge about the harms and benefits of pot.

The research published Wednesday is the first rigorous test of a marijuana compound in treating a certain form of severe epilepsy. It found that an ingredient of marijuana — one that doesn't give pot smokers a high — reduced the number of seizures in children.

In the U.S., more than two dozen states allow medical use of marijuana. Federal drug regulators have not approved marijuana itself, but they have allowed man-made, chemically related medicines to treat loss of appetite in people with AIDS, and nausea and vomiting caused by cancer therapy. A marijuana extract is sold in Britain for nerve pain and other problems from multiple sclerosis.

In January, a U.S. advisory committee concluded that the lack of scientific information about marijuana and its chemical cousins, called cannabinoids, poses a risk to public health. The experts called for a national effort to learn more.

In a report from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine, they also rounded up what is known. Here are some of its conclusions.

There's strong evidence that marijuana or cannabinoids:

- Can treat chronic pain in adults
- Can ease nausea and vomiting from chemotherapy

• Can treat muscle stiffness and spasms in multiple sclerosis as measured by what patients say, but less strong evidence if the changes are measured by doctors

On the other hand, it also found that pot smoking may be linked to:

- Risk of developing schizophrenia and other causes of psychosis, with the highest risk among the most frequent users
- Risk of a traffic accident
- More frequent chronic bronchitis episodes from long-term use
- Lower birthweight in offspring of female users

There's some evidence that pot or cannabinoids may:

- Improve short-term sleep in people with some medical conditions
- Boost appetite and ease weight loss in people with HIV or AIDS
- Ease symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder and improve outcomes after traumatic brain injury

Similarly, some evidence suggests pot use may be linked to:

- Triggering a heart attack
- An increased risk of developing a lung condition called chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
- Pregnancy complications when used by the mother
- Impaired school achievement and outcomes
- Increased suicidal thoughts and suicide attempts, especially among heavier users

- Risk of developing bipolar disorder, especially among regular users.

## Montana GOP candidate allegedly bodyslams reporter

BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP) — Fox News says a crew saw Montana's House candidate Greg Gianforte grab a Guardian reporter by the neck and slam him to the ground.

In a first-person account posted on its website, a Fox reporter says the three-person crew went to the Republican's campaign headquarters to interview him Wednesday, the day before the special election to fill the state's lone House seat.

Alicia Acuna writes that they watched Gianforte in disbelief as he punched Guardian reporter Ben Jacobs after slamming him to the ground.

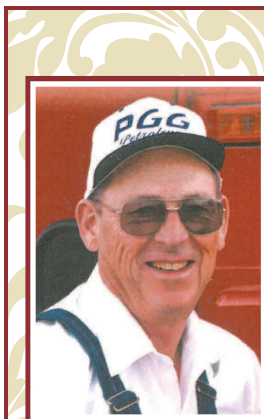
Jacobs walked into the office and asked the candidate about the GOP's health care bill and persisted when Gianforte referred him to his spokesman.

After Jacobs left, Gianforte apologized to the Fox crew.

Jacobs initially reported Gianforte body-slammed him as he was asking questions. Gianforte's campaign says the reporter entered a private office without permission and shoved a recorder in the candidate's face.

Robert Saldin, a political science professor at the University of Montana, called Wednesday's altercation with Jacobs "nuts" but notes that a lot of voters have already cast their ballots.

The professor also suggests it might appeal to some Republican voters who became accustomed to strong rhetoric against journalists during President Donald Trump's campaign.



Thank you for the support you have extended to all of us during our time of loss.

We appreciate the cards, food, flowers, telephone calls and donations made in Wayne's name. Your kindness will always be remembered.

The Family of Wayne Swearingen

### Thursday Morning

STATION	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
FOX	11 KFFX	11 AgDay	Hot/ Cleve.	Good Day			Paid	Dog Town	Steve Harvey		Crime Watch Daily	
FOX	3 KPTV	3 Good Day Oregon at 6	Good Day Oregon				Good Day		The Rachael Ray Show			
CBS	19 KEPR	2 News	News	CBS This Morning (N)			Harry (N)		The Price Is Right		Young & Restless	
CBS	19 KOIN	19 KOIN 6 News at 6 a.m.	CBS This Morning (N)				Let's Make a Deal		The Price Is Right		Young & Restless	
NBC	25 KNDU	6 Wake Up Northwest	Today Bear Grylls, Trish Cyrus, Brandi Cyrus (N)				Today Show II (N)		Today Show III (N)		Million? Million?	
NBC	8 KGW	8 KGW News at Sunrise	Today Bear Grylls, Trish Cyrus, Brandi Cyrus (N)				Today Show II (N)		Today Show III (N)		Portland Today	
ABC	42 KVEW	4 Northwest	Northwest	Good Morning America (N)			Live (N)		The View		Paid	Middle
ABC	5 KATU	5 KATU News Morning	Good Morning America (N)				AM Northwest		The View		Live (N)	
PBS	31 KTNW	Stretch	W.L. Yoga	SplashB.	Jet Gol	Nature Cat	Peg + Cat	D.Tiger	Thomas	Sesame St.	DinoTrain	SplashB.
PBS	59 OPB	13 Sit and Fit	Jet Gol	Nature Cat	C. George	D.Tiger	D.Tiger	SplashB.	Sesame St.	DinoTrain	Peg + Cat	SuperWI

### AFTERNOON

STATION	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
FOX	11 KFFX	11 Paid	Pat. Court	Divorce	Divorce	Judge Mathis	The People's Court		2 1/2 Men	Mike & M.	Last Man	Last Man
FOX	3 KPTV	3 12 O'Clock News	Wendy Williams			The Dr. Oz Show	TMZ Live!		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	5 O'Clock News	
CBS	19 KEPR	2 NameG.	Bold & B.	The Talk (N)		Let's Make a Deal	Dr. Phil		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News	News
CBS	19 KOIN	19 News	Bold & B.	The Talk (N)		The Doctors	Dr. Phil		KOIN 6 News at 4 p.m.		News	News
NBC	25 KNDU	6 TMZ	Paid	Days of Our Lives		Hot Bench	Hot Bench		Wendy Williams		News	NBC News
NBC	8 KGW	8 KGW New	Paid	Days of Our Lives		T.D. Jakes			Ellen DeGeneres (N)		KGW News	KGW News
ABC	42 KVEW	4 The Chew		General Hospital		The Doctors			The Rachael Ray Show		Minute	Minute
ABC	5 KATU	5 The Chew		General Hospital		Harry (N)			Afternoon Live		KATU News @ 4	News
PBS	31 KTNW	Charlie Rose		Lidia's Kit. Knitting		Stretch	C. George		Speaks	WordGirl	Arthur	Odd Squad
PBS	59 OPB	13 Painting	Ming	Charlie Rose (N)		Nature Cat	Thomas		Cat/ Hat	Jet Gol	Speaks	WordGirl

### EVENING

STATION	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
FOX	11 KFFX	11 Modern Family "My Funky Valentine"	Modern Family "Fears"	2 Broke Girls "And the Group Feud"	2 Broke Girls	Beat Shazam (P) (N)			Love Connection (P) (N)		FOX News First at Ten	:35 Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Ill-Bred"
FOX	3 KPTV	3 6 O'Clock News	Family Feud	Family Feud		Beat Shazam (P) (N)			Love Connection (P) (N)		10 O'Clock News	11 O'Clock News
CBS	19 KEPR	2 Action News at 6:00 p.m.	Inside Edition	The Big Bang Theory	The Simpsons "To Courier With Love"	The Big Bang Theory	The Great Indoors "No Bad Ideas"	Mom	Life in Pieces		The Amazing Race	Action News at 11:00 p.m.
CBS	19 KOIN	19 KOIN 6 News at 6	Evening News	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Indoor "No Bad Ideas"	Mom	Life in Pieces		The Amazing Race	KOIN 6 News/ 11
NBC	25 KNDU	6 Local News	Family Feud	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	American Ninja Warrior "Celebrity Ninja Warrior" (N)		Running Wild With Bear Grylls "Running Wild for Red Nose Day With Julia Roberts" (N)			Red Nose Day (N)	Local News
NBC	8 KGW	8 KGW News at 6:00 p.m.		Live at 7	Inside Edition	Amer.Ninja "Celebrity Ninja Warrior" (N)		Running Wild With Bear Grylls (N)			Red Nose Day (N)	KGW News: 11
ABC	42 KVEW	4 Extra	Local News at 6:30 a.m.	Entertainment Tonight	The Insider	The Goldbergs "Agassi"	American Housewife "The Club"	Modern Family "Do It Yourself"	Modern Family "Heavy Is the Head"		Black-ish "D-I-DING"	Speechless "D-I-DING"
ABC	5 KATU	5 KATU News at 6		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Goldberg "Agassi"	Am.Wife "The Club"	Modern Family	Modern Family		Black-ish	Speech "D-I-DING"
PBS	31 KTNW		PBS NewsHour	BBC World News	Well Read (N)	This Old House Hour		Precision: Measure "Mass and Moles" 2/3			Castle Builders "Siege and Storm"	Charlie Rose (N)
PBS	59 OPB	13 Born to Explore (Business) (N)		PBS NewsHour		Oregon Art Beat (N)	Oregon Guide		The Inspector Lynley Mysteries "Missing Joseph"		Hinterland 1/2 (N)	:15 Hinterland Pt. 2 of 2 (N)

STATION	PEN	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
A&E	52	The First 48 "Dead Wrong"		The First 48 "Blood Lust"		The First 48 "Chopper"		The First 48 "Bullets Have No Names" (N)		Cold Case Files "The Night Shift" (N)		:05 The First 48 "Kille Contact"	
AMC	60	*** Tombstone (1993, Western) Val Kilmer, Michael Biehn, Kurt Russell.				** Twister Helen Hunt. A team of storm chasers hurt tornadoes in hopes of creating an advanced warning system.				*** Ocean's Eleven ('01, Cri) Brad Pitt, George Clooney.			
ANPL	24	North Woods Law		North Woods Law		North Woods Law		North Woods Law (N)		North Woods Law (N)		Finding Bigfoot	
CMT	43	* O Brother, Where Art Thou?		* O Brother, Where Art Thou?		George Clooney.				Broken Skull Challen		Broken Skull Challen	
CNBC	72	Shark Tank		Madoff "Millions to Billions" 1/2 cont'd next		Madoff "Redemptions" Pt. 2 of 2				Paid		Paid	
CNN	68	Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight	
DISC	51	Naked "Trinidad"		Naked "Australia" (N)		Naked "Panama"		Naked and Afraid (N)		Naked and Afraid XL		Naked and Afraid	
DISN	26	Andi Mack Bizaard.		Uperc.	Good Luck	StuckMid	Good Luck	Uperc.	Uperc.	Calli Style	Bunk'd	Jessie	
ESPN	33	NCAA Softball Division I Tournament (L)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	E:60Pics	30 for 30	"Doc & Darryl"		NFL Live		30Shorts "Spy Ball"		J & J (N)	30 for 30		
FNC	66	The Five		Hannity		TuckerCarlsonTonight		The Five		Hannity		Tucker Carlson Tonight	
FOOD	61	Chopped		Chopped "Grilltastic!"		Chopped		Chopped		BeatFlay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	
FREE	32	* The Twilight Saga: Breaking D...	:50	* Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl		Johnny Depp.				The 700 Club			
FX	65	*** Jack Reacher ('12, Act) Tom Cruise.				*** X-Men: Days of Future Past ('14, Adv) Ian McKellen, Hugh Jackman.						Movie	
GOLF	88	Golf Cent.	PGA Golf	Dean and Deluca Invitational Site: Colonial Country Club		CHAMPS Golf Senior PGA Championship							
GSN	76	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Idiotest (N)	Idiotest (N)	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Idiotest	Idiotest	Baggage	
HALL	87	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	
HGTV	62	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	H.Hunt (N)	House (N)	VintFlip	
HIST	50	Forged in Fire "Nepalese Kukri"		Forged in Fire "Viking Battle Axe"		Forged in Fire: Cutting Deeper "Fan Favorites Night" A look at what the fans have chosen as their favorite moments of the show so far. (N)				:05 Forged in Fire "Deer Horn Knives"			
LIFE	29	Grey's Anatomy		Married at First Sight		Married	:45 Married	Married/ First Sight (N)	:15 Married Sight Second (N)			:45 Marrie	
NICK	27	H.Danger	H.Danger	Thunder		*** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles	William Fichtner.			Full House	Friends	Friends	
ROOT	37	The Dan Patrick Show (N)				MLBBaseball Seattle Mariners at Washington Nationals Site: Nationals Park -- Washington, D.C.				Mariners Post-game	NCAA Baseball ACC Tournament		
SPIKE	42	*** Bedtime Stories Adam Sandler.		** Happy Gilmore ('96, Com) Christopher McDonald, Julie Bowen, Adam Sandler.		Lip Sync Battle	Lip Sync Battle	Lip Sync Battle (N)		Lip Sync Battle		*** Happy Gilmore Adam Sandler.	
SYFY	67	*** Bridge to Terabithia Josh Hutcherson.		** Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest Johnny Depp.						:55 ** Hook			
TBS	59	Seinf. "The Seinf. Glasses"		Seinf. "The Seinf. Puffy Shirt"		Seinfeld "The Bris"	Seinf. "The Lip Reader"	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Tony Hale	
TCM	56	** Return of the Fly ('59, Hor)		Tarantula Brett Halsey, Vincent Price.		:15 ** Cosmic Monsters (aka The Strange World of Planet X)		:45 ** The Wasp Woman ('60, Hor) Frank Gerstle, Susan Cabot.		** Star Jump Thing Louis Swand.		** Star Jump Thing Louis Swand.	
TLC	49	Nate Jeremiah Design		600-lb "Joe's Story"		600 Life: Supersized "Joe W. and Pauline" (N)		Big & Little (N)		600 Life: Supersized		600 Life: Supersized	
TNT	57	NBA Basketball Playoffs Cleveland vs Boston (L)				Inside the NBA		Claws "Sneak Peak"		:05 Animal Kingdom		Super. "The Prisoner"	
UNI	21	Incluido Noticiero		La rosa de Guadalupe		La reina de la cancion		La doble vida		La piloto		Impacto	
USA	58	Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Inside the FBI: New (N)		Law & Order: S.V.U.	
WE	118	Braxton Values (N)		Growing Up Hip H (N)		Braxton Family Values		Growing Up Hip Hop		Braxton Family Values		Growing Up Hip Hop	
WGN		Cops		Cops		Cops		Cops		Cops		Rules	
STZ ENC	644	* Aloha		:20 ** Wild Hogs ('07, Com) John Travolta.		*** Fargo				:40 ** Fatal Attraction			
PBS	518	** Jason Bourne Matt Damon.		Vice News		** Forgetting Sarah Marshall		:50 Silicon		:20 Veep		:50 Chris Gethard: Career Suicide	
HBO2	520	* The Wizard of Lies ('17, Dra) Robert De Niro.		VICE		*** Deadpool		:20 Veep		:20 Criminal ('16, Dra) Kevin Costner.			
HBO3	521	:10 ** Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason		Leftovers "Certified"		*** Good Will Hunting Matt Damon.				:15 VICE		Movie	
MAX	549	:05 ** 28 Days Later Cillian Murphy.		** In the Heart of the Sea Chris Hemsworth.				:05 ** Deepwater Horizon Mark Wahlberg.					
SHOW	578	:10 ** I Am Number Four Alex Pettyfer.		Twin Peaks "The Return: Parts One and Two"				Dark Net		Penn Teller/Gigolos			