



Don't mix Islamophobia and Alcohol: Eleven drunks commit anti-Muslim incidents

1 He's a Taliban! A terrorist! You got a bomb in the box!

March 2015: A Bangladeshi man faced verbal abuse from another customer at the Post Office, who shouted 'He's a Taliban. A terrorist! You got a bomb in the box!' According to the victim, the abusive man was drunk.

Source: reported to Tell MAMA

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December 2014: As a Muslim woman and her husband were walking through Winter Wonderland in Hyde Park, an Australian woman in her mid-twenties drunkenly shouted 'I will slit your throats' and 'go bomb yourself', while waving pork at them.

Source: Reported to Tell MAMA

I WILL SLIT YOUR THROATS!

3 F^%K off to your own country!

September 2014: A drunk man got banned from Asda after shouting at a security guard, "F**king Muslim, f**k off to your own country". He previously had been banned from Asda for shoplifting and the security guard, recognising him, asked him to leave, which is when he became abusive. When reviewing his actions on CCTV in the cold light of sobriety, he told his counsel 'I'm genuinely surprised by what I said'. His counsel said 'His only explanation is that he was intoxicated and, looking back at his record, when he gets intoxicated, he gets himself into trouble.' The man was so drunk he had no recollection of abusing the security guard.

Source: Comeau, D. "Drunk who slapped Asda security guard and called him a "f***** Muslim" claims he isn't racist". *Crawley*

4 You Muslim, you're not British!

September 2014: A drunk man shouted obscenities and religious abuse at a pizza shop owner who attempted to help him. The shop owner saw that the man had a bloody nose, and went outside with tissues to help him. When the man saw the shop owner, instead of thanking him, he replied, 'why would I take that off you, you Muslim, you're not British', and followed with obscenities and 'derogatory terms about Allah'. The man pled guilty to religiously aggravated threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour and was fined. The man had no recollection of his behaviour after having been drinking all day.

Source: "Yob shouted vile religious abuse at Hartlepool pizza shop owner". *Hartlepool Mail*. 6 October 2014.

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F\$#K OFF, MUSLIM C^T!!

September 2014: A drunk man sexually assaulted a woman in Weybridge, kissing and touching her aggressively without her consent. Along with a few others, a Muslim woman intervened and was told by the man to 'f**k off' and called her a 'Muslim c**t'. The man pled guilty to racially aggravated harassment, sexual assault and a public order offence. He was fined over £1,250.

Source: Tobitt, C. "Community order and fines for man after sexual assault and racial abuse of women in Weybridge". *Get Surrey*. 9 February 2015.

6 'She realises alcohol is a problem'.

July 2014: A bus passenger stood up to a drunk woman loudly praising the English Defence League and making offensive comments in a racist rant on black people and Muslims. A woman on the bus bravely stood up to her and a scuffle broke out between two. The drunk woman pled guilty to racially aggravated harassment, a charge which she had previously pled guilty to. She admitted that alcohol was a 'problem' in her life.

Source: Garvey, J. "Courageous bus passenger praised for speaking out against 'racist rant'". *Newbury News*. 22 July 2014.

7 Why are you with a P@Si? You are not a Muslim!

July 2014: A man, just out of prison, had been drinking heavily during the summer day with others. He threatened a young woman, a white Muslim convert, walking down a street in Leeds with her son. He shouted, 'Why are you with a p**i? Why are you wearing those clothes? You are not a Muslim!' The drunk ex-con then followed the woman and her son down the street and threw a can of alcohol over her and her child after calling her a 'Muslim b**ch'. He then produced a butcher's knife and waved it at them. The man was returned to prison after the incident, pleading guilty to racially aggravated assault, affray, and possession of a bladed weapon in a public space.

Source: Garvey, J. "Courageous bus passenger praised for speaking out against 'racist rant'". *Newbury News*. 22 July 2014.

8 It was a 'joke'. I wanted to 'fit in'.

Perpetrator, after sobering up:

July 2014: An alcoholic drew swastikas and KKK symbols on children's bunting to 'decorate' a proposed mosque site and Islamic cultural centre. He even hung a plastic St. George's Cross with racist slogans on the proposed centre, threatening to burn it down while Muslims were inside it. The unemployed alcoholic said he did this because he wanted to 'fit in'. He did it as a 'joke' while he was drunk. Chester magistrates imposed a restraining order on the man and fined him, earning in addition a 12 month supervision order, mandatory drug rehabilitation and a three-month curfew.

Source: Flint, R. "Ellesmere Port 'mosque' subject to racist attack by alcoholic". *Chester Chronicle*. 8 August 2014.

9 I'M RACIST, AND I KILL MUSLIMS!

May 2014: On the first anniversary of Lee Rigby's murder, a man entered a shop and said to the owner, 'I'm a racist and I kill Muslims'. He then spat on the floor and challenged the owner to a fight outside. The man pled guilty to using threatening or abusive words or behaviour with intent to cause racially aggravated fear or provoke unlawful violence. The district judge said, 'It is clear you were very, very drunk but that does not justify using such offensive and appalling language. Taking that into account, it makes this a hate crime'.

Source: Grieve, J and Sheehan, R. "Wrexham man: 'I'm a racist and I kill muslims'". *The Leader*. 17 July 2014.

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You lot can't be trusted!

April 2014: Two young women, one in a niqab and the other in a hijab, were assaulted by a drunk British woman in Norwich. The drunk assailant shouted 'you lot can't be trusted'. She then pulled off the woman's niqab, pushed her to the ground, and began punching the woman in the face. The other woman managed to defend her friend by kicking the assailant, and the two were able to run away. This incident occurred on a busy street outside a pub and chip shop with many witnesses. After reporting the incident to the police, investigation found that the drunk woman was also carrying a knife at the time.

Source: reported to Tell MAMA

11 I was doing my nails this morning - I wondered how many Muslims I could kill.

March 2014: A German princess, Her Serene Majesty Theodora Sayn-Wittgenstein, after an Oktoberfest party, told a first aider of a Muslim background, 'I was doing my nails this morning - I wondered how many Muslims I could kill'. She drunkenly tried to climb a fence and stripped off her outfit before ending up at a first aid room, where she abused the first aider and a security guard. She received a degree in International Relations from the University of St. Andrews before working in Jordan for her father's alternative energy company.

Source: Webb, S. "Drunk German princess stripped, made racist comments about 'killing Muslims' and lashed out at police at Scottish college's Oktoberfest party". *Daily Mail*. 26 June 2014.

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