

# What we know about the Bondi gunmen

Australian police are investigating a trip taken to the Philippines by two alleged gunmen the month before 15 people were killed in a shooting attack on a Jewish festival at Sydney's Bondi Beach



*Alleged gunmen (above) identified as **Sajid Akram**, 50, and his son **Naveed Akram**, 24*

■ Father held permanent residency in Australia after arriving on student visa in 1998. Son is Australian-born citizen

■ Investigators from Australia's **Joint Counter Terrorism Team (JCTT)** believe both attackers pledged allegiance to so-called Islamic State (IS) group

■ **2019: Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO)** takes interest in Naveed Akram after police foil plans for IS attack, but he is assessed as posing no ongoing threat

■ Naveed Akram said to have close ties to **Isaac el-Matari** (right) – arrested in 2019 and later jailed in Australia for terrorist offences



■ **2023:** Sajid Akram receives gun licence for “recreational” usage

■ **Licence allows him to buy multiple rifles and shotguns – he legally owned six registered firearms**

■ **Nov 1-28, 2025:** Father and son travel to southern Philippines – where Islamist militants have been known to operate – to undergo military training, security sources say

■ **Dec 14, 2025:** Two gunmen open fire on hundreds of people marking Hanukkah event on Bondi Beach, killing 15 people and leaving 27 in hospital with injuries

■ **Sajid Akram is shot dead by police. Naveed Akram is in critical condition in hospital after also being shot**

■ Following attack, police find improvised explosive devices (IEDs) and two IS flags in gunmen's car, parked near scene of shooting