

Terrorist sentenced for conspiracy to murder

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Following the sentence of Dhiren Barot, Patrick Stevens, Crown Prosecutor, said:

"The extent and potential impact of Barot's plans were made graphically clear in court. Fortunately, as a result of his timely arrest and subsequent conviction his plans could not be carried out."

The charge of conspiracy to murder covered a four year period and included a wide range criminal activity, involving plans for attacks in the UK and attacks on buildings in the USA, including: the IMF and World Bank buildings, Washington; the New York Stock Exchange and Citigroup buildings, New York; and the Prudential Building, Newark, New Jersey.

Mr Stevens said: "Barot's plea of guilty is a result of the tireless dedication of the police Counter Terrorist Command, the Crown Prosecution Service Counter Terrorism Division, and counsel. For more than two years we have worked exhaustively in co-operation with the security and intelligence agencies, and international colleagues, to present a case that ultimately proved unanswerable. I would like to give thanks to all involved for that effort."

Notes to Editors

1. Barot pleaded guilty to conspiracy to murder on October 12 2006. At this hearing Barot formally entered a written basis of plea.
2. There is to be a trial of Barot's seven remaining co-defendants in April, therefore anything beyond fair and accurate reporting of what is said in court has the potential to affect that trial, and would be subject to the strict liability rules.
3. At the request of their representatives, the Prosecution has agreed not to mention the precise address of any co-defendants to avoid personal difficulties for them. The media is asked to respect that approach.
4. For further information please contact CPS Press Office on 020 7796 8079.