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## Zero tolerance for clerics

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*"The Australian"*

YOUR article on the four men convicted in Britain for conspiracy to murder ("Jury finds bomb plotters guilty", 10/7) omitted a very important detail.

All were refugees from war-torn nations who came to a welcoming new country which gave them education, housing and welfare benefits. One would think they would have been grateful. Instead they planned murder on a mass scale.

These young men were perhaps so damaged that they were malleable material. However, rather than finding a mentor who could inculcate positive values, they came under the influence of a cleric who preached hatred, intolerance and holy war. The lesson for Western nations is zero tolerance for extremism preached from pulpits or taught in schools.

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