

Bali bomber to face firing squad

Level 3 Advanced

Pre-reading

1 What do you know about the Bali bombing?

Choose the best answer:

1. How many people were killed in the Bali bombing?
a. about 500 b. about 200 c. about 100
2. How many night-clubs were bombed?
a. 3 b. 2 c. 1
3. When did the bombing take place?
a. October 2002 b. December 2002 c. March 2003
4. Amrozi, the man convicted of the bombing, came to be known as:
a. the laughing bomber b. the shouting bomber c. the smiling bomber

2 Legal Terms

Match these legal terms from the text with their meanings:

1. to acquit
 2. to convict
 3. to sentence
 4. public gallery
 5. summing-up
 6. defence
-
- a. to state what someone's punishment will be.
 - b. a statement made by a judge that gives a summary of the evidence in a case.
 - c. all the things that are said in a court case to prove that someone is not guilty.
 - d. to state officially that someone is not guilty of the crime they were accused of.
 - e. the place in the courtroom where members of the public sit.
 - f. to prove in a court of law that someone is guilty of a crime.

Bali bomber to face firing squad

Level 3 Advanced

Bali Bomber

Amrozi bin Nurhasyim raised his thumbs and grinned at the five judges in front of him. He then turned to face the hundreds of cheering, applauding and weeping people in the public gallery and gave them the same victory salute. "Allahu Akbar [God is most great]," he yelled in exultation.

It was as if the radical Islamist, a poorly educated village car mechanic from east Java, had just been acquitted of taking part in the bombing of two Bali nightclubs last October that killed 202 people, rather than becoming the first person to be sentenced to death by firing squad. As the 41-year-old "smiling bomber" was escorted out of the Balinese courtroom with his trademark grin fixed firmly in place and shouts of "Die Amrozi!" ringing in his ears,

survivors and victims' relatives said they were not surprised by such defiance. "He's been doing it since the very start, so I wouldn't expect anything different," said Natalie Juniardi, from Australia, who lost her Balinese husband, John, and two of her staff when Paddy's Bar and the Sari Club in Kuta were blown up on October 12. "We try not to let it bother us."

Some relatives of those who died in the blast said they feared the death penalty would only make him a martyr. "This adds further fuel to fundamentalism," said Susanna Miller, whose brother Dan died in the blast.

Amrozi, who has repeatedly said he was seeking to strike at America and its allies, especially Israel, and hoped "whites" would die, was convicted last week of buying and adapting the vehicle used in the main

explosion. He was also found guilty of buying most of the chemicals used to make the bombs, transporting them to Bali and helping with other preparations for the terrorist attack.

In their summing up the judges branded Amrozi's actions as "extraordinary" and "crimes against humanity". They rejected his defence that he was a mere foot soldier and that his actions were justified under Islam. "Islam never teaches violence, murder or any other crime," the judges said. "You never have the right to slaughter other people." They concluded that the attack had been coordinated by Jemaah Islamiyah (JI), the Southeast Asian Islamist terrorist group linked to al-Qaida.

The Guardian Weekly 20-08-03, page 2

Bali bomber to face firing squad

Level 3 Advanced

3 Comprehension Check

Decide whether these statements are true or false according to the text:

1. Amrozi was acquitted of all the charges against him.
2. The survivors and relatives were surprised by his behaviour in the courtroom.
3. Some people are afraid that his execution will make him a martyr.
4. Amrozi's actions were described as crimes against humanity by the judges.
5. Amrozi claimed that his actions were justified by his religion.
6. Amrozi seemed angry at the guilty verdict.
7. The judges made it clear that Islam does not teach murder.

4 Vocabulary

Find the words that mean:

1. to smile broadly
2. to cry
3. to shout
4. to accompany
5. an explosion
6. someone who dies for a political or religious cause
7. extreme pleasure and excitement
8. someone with a junior position in an organisation

5 Verbs

Fill the gaps using an appropriate verb

1. Amrozi was _____ guilty of murder.
2. He was _____ to death by firing squad.
3. Some people are afraid that this will _____ fuel to fundamentalism.
4. Amrozi was _____ of buying and adapting the vehicle used in the attack.
5. He also bought the chemicals and _____ them to Bali.
6. The judges _____ his actions as extraordinary.
7. They _____ his defence that his actions were justified under Islam.
8. They concluded that Jemaah Islamiyah had _____ the attack.

6 Discussion

Is violence and murder justified as a means to a political end?

Bali bomber to face firing squad

Level 3 Advanced

Key

1 What do you know about the Bali bombing?

1. b; 2. b; 3. a; 4. c

2 Legal Terms

1. d; 2. f; 3. a; 4. e; 5. b; 6. c

3 Comprehension Check

1. F; 2. F; 3. T; 4. T; 5. T; 6. F; 7. T

4 Vocabulary

1. to grin
2. to weep
3. to yell
4. to escort
5. a blast
6. a martyr
7. exultation
8. a foot-soldier

5 Verbs

1. found
2. sentenced
3. add
4. convicted
5. transported
6. branded (described)
7. rejected
8. coordinated