

Bali bomber to face firing squad

Level 2 Intermediate

Pre-reading

1 Key Vocabulary

Fill the gaps using these words:

martyr	radical	foot soldier
firing squad	guilty	

1. A _____ person is one who believes that important political and social changes are necessary.
2. A _____ is a group of soldiers who shoot and kill someone as a punishment.
3. A _____ is someone with a junior position in an organisation.
4. A person who suffers or dies for their political or religious beliefs is called a _____.
5. If someone is _____, it means they have committed a crime.

2 Find the Information - Scanning

Find this information as quickly as possible:

1. How many judges were in the courtroom?
2. How many people were killed in the explosion?
3. How many nightclubs were attacked?
4. When did the attack take place?
5. What was Amrozi's job?
6. Which organisation coordinated the attack?

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Bali Bomber

Amrozi bin Nurhasyim raised his thumbs in a sign of victory and smiled at the five judges in front of him. He then turned to face the hundreds of cheering, clapping and weeping people in the public seats and gave them the same victory sign. "Allahu Akbar [God is most great]," he shouted excitedly.

Amrozi, a radical Islamist, is a village car mechanic from east Java. The judges decided that he was guilty of taking part in the bombing of two Bali nightclubs last October. He acted as if he had been found innocent. They sentenced him to death by firing squad for the murder of 202 people. He was led out of the courtroom still smiling. People shouted, "Die, Amrozi!" as he left.

Survivors of the attack and relatives of the

victims said that they were not surprised by his behaviour in the courtroom. "He's been doing it since the very start," 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 the people who died in the explosion said they were worried that the death penalty would only make Amrozi a martyr. "This might simply encourage more fundamentalism," said Susanna Miller, whose brother Dan died in the attack.

Amrozi has often said he was trying to attack America and its allies, especially Israel, and that he hoped "whites" would die. He was found guilty 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 and helping with other preparations for the terrorist attack.

The judges described Amrozi's actions as "extraordinary" and "crimes against humanity". They did not accept his defence that he was only a foot soldier and that his actions were justified by his religion. "Islam never teaches violence, murder or any other crime," the judges said. "You never have the right to kill other people." They concluded that the attack had been coordinated by Jemaah Islamiyah (JI), the Southeast Asian Islamist terrorist group linked to al-Qaida.

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3 Comprehension Check

Match the beginnings and endings of the sentences:

1. Amrozi was found guilty of
 2. He was sentenced to
 3. He responded to the sentence by
 4. He said that he wanted
 5. The judges described Amrozi's actions as
 6. Some people were worried that
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- a. crimes against humanity.
 - b. smiling at the judges and giving the thumbs-up sign.
 - c. the death penalty might make Amrozi a martyr.
 - d. buying and adapting the vehicle used in the main explosion.
 - e. to attack America and its allies.
 - f. death by firing-squad.

4 Find the words that mean:

1. the opposite of guilty
2. to give a loud shout of happiness or approval
3. to make someone feel angry or upset
4. someone who is still alive after an accident or a disaster
5. another word for crying
6. the belief that religious laws should be followed very strictly
7. to decide that something is true after looking at all the evidence
8. to organise the different parts of a plan

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5 Word Building

Complete the grid

	Verb	Noun
1.	survive	_____
2.	behave	_____
3.	explode	_____
4.	prepare	_____
5.	defend	_____
6.	encourage	_____
7.	attack	_____
8.	conclude	_____

6 Discussion

What should happen to people who bomb civilians in the name of a political or religious cause?

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Key

1 Key Vocabulary

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| 1. radical | 2. firing squad |
| 3. foot soldier | 4. martyr |
| 5. guilty | |

2 Find the Information

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|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. 5 | 2. 202 |
| 3. 2 | 4. October 12 th last year |
| 5. car mechanic | 6. Jemaah Islamiyah (JI) |

3 Comprehension Check

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

4 Find the words that mean:

1. innocent
2. to cheer
3. to bother
4. a survivor
5. weeping
6. fundamentalism
7. to conclude
8. to coordinate

5 Word

1. survivor
2. behaviour
3. explosion
4. preparation
5. defence
6. encouragement
7. attack
8. conclusion