

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

St. James's Palace, London SW1

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THE QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards of The George Cross, The George Medal, and The Queen's Gallantry Medal and for publication in *The London Gazette* of the names of those shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for Bravery.

GEORGE CROSS

Dominic Charles TROULAN QGM, Civilian

For saving lives during the Westgate Shopping Mall terrorist attack in Kenya in 2013

On 21 September 2013, a group of heavily-armed terrorists entered the Westgate Shopping Mall in Nairobi, Kenya and started to murder men, women and children indiscriminately. Dominic Troulan, a security consultant working in Nairobi, was contacted by a friend who asked him to go to the incident to try and locate the friend's wife and daughter.

On arrival at the Mall, Troulan contacted the family by telephone and entered the Mall. He was armed with only a pistol while the area was dominated by terrorists armed with grenades and machine guns. Nevertheless, Troulan managed to bring the two women to safety.

Realising that large numbers of civilians remained trapped while the terrorists continued to kill indiscriminately, Troulan re-entered the Mall. Over the course of several hours, he went into the building at least a dozen times and on each occasion managed to bring many innocent civilians to safety. He was fired on twice by the terrorists but managed to force them back. By now, Troulan was exhausted, dehydrated and at the limit of his mental capacity. He was about to stop when a distress call was received from a woman who was trapped, injured and bleeding. Once again, Troulan entered the Mall and brought the woman to safety.

Despite the strain of his efforts, it should be noted that Troulan had the presence of mind to realise that the terrorists could be hiding among the survivors. Troulan enlisted help and searched the civilians once he had led them to safety, thus ensuring that no terrorists were hiding in their midst.

GEORGE MEDAL

Bernard Carter KENNY, Civilian

For his assistance to Jo Cox MP

On 16 June, 2016, Bernard Kenny was sitting in his car in the vicinity of Birstall Library. He noticed a car pull up and park outside the library. The driver got out and went towards the back door, which she opened for the passenger, Jo Cox MP. The two women stepped onto the pavement while another woman also got out of the car.

Shortly after, a loud bang rang out. Jo Cox was shot and fell to the ground. A man stood over her, brandishing a knife. Kenny got out of his car and ran across to where the MP was lying with the intention of intervening to prevent further attack: he could see that the assailant had a knife and was stabbing the MP. The attacker noticed Kenny approaching, turned around and stabbed him in the stomach, wounding him badly. Kenny, bleeding profusely, staggered back across the road.

Kenny sat down on the steps of a nearby shop. The shop staff dragged him inside to safety. Kenny received assistance for injuries, while the emergency services were notified. From where he was seated, he could see that the MP was still being attacked. The attacker was shouting in an agitated tone and appeared to be punching or stabbing the MP who was curled up on the ground. Kenny was taken to hospital and given treatment for a damaged liver.

PC Keith PALMER (deceased), Metropolitan Police

For confronting an armed terrorist to protect others and Parliament

Keith Palmer was an officer of 16 years of exemplary service who had previously been nominated for the Commissioner's Excellence Awards. He had served on the Parliamentary and Diplomatic Protection Group since 2016. His primary duty was to protect Parliament, the people who work there and the many thousands of members of the public who visit the parliamentary estate every week.

At approximately 2.40pm on Wednesday 22 March 2017, PC Palmer was confronted with a determined terrorist assailant who in the preceding minutes had been responsible for the deaths of several people and seriously injured many more. The assailant was armed with two long bladed knives and it is believed he was intent on causing serious harm to those at the heart of government. PC Palmer did not falter, but moved to confront the assailant. In doing so he became the victim of a ferocious attack. This attack took him to the ground and as a result the assailant moved past him. Despite having already received the injuries that were to cost him his life, he got back to his feet and attempted to pursue his assailant, still trying to protect the public. He managed only a few steps before he succumbed to his wounds. His actions provided time for other officers to react and the assailant was engaged and stopped by them.

PC Palmer's bravery and professionalism unquestionably saved lives. PC Palmer did his duty. He stood his ground and placed himself between Parliament and a terrorist determined to harm those within. In doing so he made the ultimate sacrifice.