

Jury clears three in London bombings

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LONDON -- A jury Tuesday cleared three men accused of helping plan the deadly 2005 London suicide attacks by conducting a reconnaissance mission.

The Kingston Crown Court jury found Waheed Ali, 25; Sadeer Saleem, 28; and Mohammed Shakil, 32, innocent of conspiring with the bombers by setting up a trip to scout possible targets, the BBC reported.

The three admitted knowing the bombers, but denied helping them. The men originally were tried in 2008, but the jury was unable to reach verdicts.

Even though they were cleared of involvement in the London attacks, Ali and Shakil were found guilty of plotting to attend a terrorism training camp in Pakistan at the time they were arrested in 2007, the BBC said. They will be sentenced Wednesday.

The three men are the only people to face any charges in the July 7, 2005, London bombings.

The July 7, 2005, bombings were a series of coordinated suicide attacks on London's public transit system during morning rush hour. The bombings killed 52 people and the four suicide bombers, injured 700 people and disrupted the city's transit and mobile telecommunications infrastructure.

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