



Traumatic...the scene

Appeal for witnesses to attack on synagogue

By **Chris Riches**

DETECTIVES want to speak to people who may have seen the deadly terrorist attack on a synagogue.

Jihad Al-Shamie, 35, drove his car into worshippers before attacking them with a knife on October 2.

A number were injured, while Melvin Cravitz, 66, and Adrian Daulby, 53, were killed as Al-Shamie was shot dead by armed police.

Detectives need to speak to witnesses to help shed light on what happened before officers arrived at Heaton Park Hebrew Congregation Synagogue in Crumpsall, Manchester.

An elderly man with a wide-brimmed brown hat walking with a child was seen on CCTV close to the scene.

Police are also keen to talk to pedestrians and drivers who stopped to help the injured.

Assistant Chief Constable Rob Potts said seeing an attack would be “traumatic”. He said that as well as helping the probe, “we can ensure they have access to the welfare support”.

‘End cruel hatch and dispatch!’

Dame Joanna calls for halt to practice that kills 45m males chicks a year



‘A nation that cares’...Dame Joanna

DAME Joanna Lumley has demanded an end to a “cruel practice” that sees 45 million chicks killed every year in the UK.

The actress joins naturalist Chris Packham and more than 50 politicians in signing an open letter calling for the Government to introduce a ban on male chick culling.

They want a switch to in-ovo sexing technology as part of the upcoming animal welfare strategy.

An estimated 45 million male chicks are killed each year shortly after they are born under a practice known as “hatch and dispatch” because they cannot lay eggs and are not suitable for meat production.

The in-ovo tech allows poultry farms to determine the sex of an embryo before an egg hatches, allowing them to incubate only female eggs.

Dame Joanna said: “Around 45 million male chicks per year are killed within just hours of being born, all because they are viewed as ‘waste’. We must end this cruel practice now.”

Campaigners say the practice is “unnecessary and incompatible with the UK’s values and reputation as a

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nation that cares deeply about the welfare of animals”. The letter adds: “This is a crucial opportunity to reaffirm the UK’s place as a world leader in animal welfare, a title currently very much at risk.

“A clear commitment to ending male chick culling and transitioning to in-ovo sexing technology would confirm that the UK remains at the forefront of global efforts to build a food system based not only on efficiency, but on compassion and integrity.”

Commitment

Sexing technology is already widely used in countries including France, Germany and the Netherlands.

Other signatories include TV vet Dr Marc Abraham, comedian Dave Spikey and 53 MPs, peers and MSPs.

Richard McIlwain, CEO of the Vegetarian Society, said: “This is a pivotal moment for the Government to prove its commitment to animal

welfare. The technology to end male chick culling is ready and already working in other countries.

“Including a ban in the animal welfare strategy would not only bring the UK in line with international best practice, but also reflect the overwhelming public expectation for change. It’s time to leave this outdated practice behind.”

Recent research commissioned by the Vegetarian Society found 76% of Brits would pay more to switch to eggs from farms that do not cull male chicks if they were available.

A Defra spokesperson said: “This Government wants to see the highest possible standards of animal welfare. We are carefully considering the issue of routine male chick culling.”

Dame Joanna added: “I support this important campaign and it’s easy to lend your support too. Search ‘ban hatch and dispatch’ and please sign the petition today to spare these male chicks from an unnecessary and wasteful loss of life.”

● You can sign the petition online at hatchanddispatch.vegso.org/

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