

STABBED DAD

MEETS



HOLIDAY Joe Robinson

Turks arrest ex-soldier on Syria charge

BY JOHN KELLY

A FORMER soldier who once fought against Islamic State in Syria has been arrested in Turkey.

Joe Robinson was seized with his Bulgarian girlfriend and her mum while on holiday in the resort of Didim – though the women were later released.

Mr Robinson, 23, from Leeds, served as a medic with the People's Protection Units of Syrian Kurdistan in 2015, which Turkey regards as a terror group.

The Kurdistan Solidarity Campaign said: "Joe has gone on holiday to Turkey not realising the kind of state it has now become."

Girlfriend Mira Rojkan, a law student in Leeds, said: "They said someone sent an email saying we were terrorists."

The Foreign Office said it was seeking contact.



TIME OUT The Biebs

Justin set to take 2 years off singing

BY AMY SHARPE

JUSTIN Bieber is taking a two-year break from making music, it was claimed last night.

Sources told US gossip website TMZ that the pop superstar plans to "rededicate his life to Christ".

But he reassured fans he will return to music.

The revelation comes after an explosive week for the 23-year-old singer.

He cancelled his Purpose World Tour on Monday – with 14 shows still to go.

Some sources claim he wanted to "reconnect with his faith" and had plans for his own church. Others blamed poor ticket sales.

And on Wednesday, he accidentally knocked over paparazzo Maurice Lamont – who brushed off the incident – while driving in Hollywood.



HELL NIGHT

Gun cops shoot terrorists dead

EXCLUSIVE BY GERALDINE McKELVIE

AS sirens and screams filled the air Richard Livett lay with his blood seeping away on the cold pavement, a hair's breadth from death.

What began as a cheerful night watching football in the pub had exploded into carnage as three terrorists unleashed hell on London Bridge.

Richard, 51, became the first stabbing victim of their vehicle and knife rampage as a blade was plunged into his back.

It sliced through his vital organs, narrowly missing a main artery, broke two ribs and punctured a lung.

Richard should not have lived to recall that night of horror on June 3.

But against the odds he, and 11 other victims rushed to The Royal London Hospital, are all alive today.

They survived thanks only to the hospital's major trauma centre and Queen Mary University's Centre for Trauma Sciences which save and transform hundreds of shattered lives every single day. And this week Richard had an emotional reunion with the hero medics who saved him from death.

He also pledged his support for Barts Charity's Transform Trauma Appeal, backed by the Sunday Mirror, which aims to help raise £1million to fund their vital research.

INCREDIBLE

He said: "These are the people who saved my life. I consider myself lucky just to be here, and it's all thanks to them.

"I don't feel anything towards the terrorists. I know they have been dealt with so I can't focus on them.

"What I can focus on is the incredible people who saved my life and that is why I am supporting this appeal.

"I want to do everything I can to support trauma care and the people who are there for all of us.

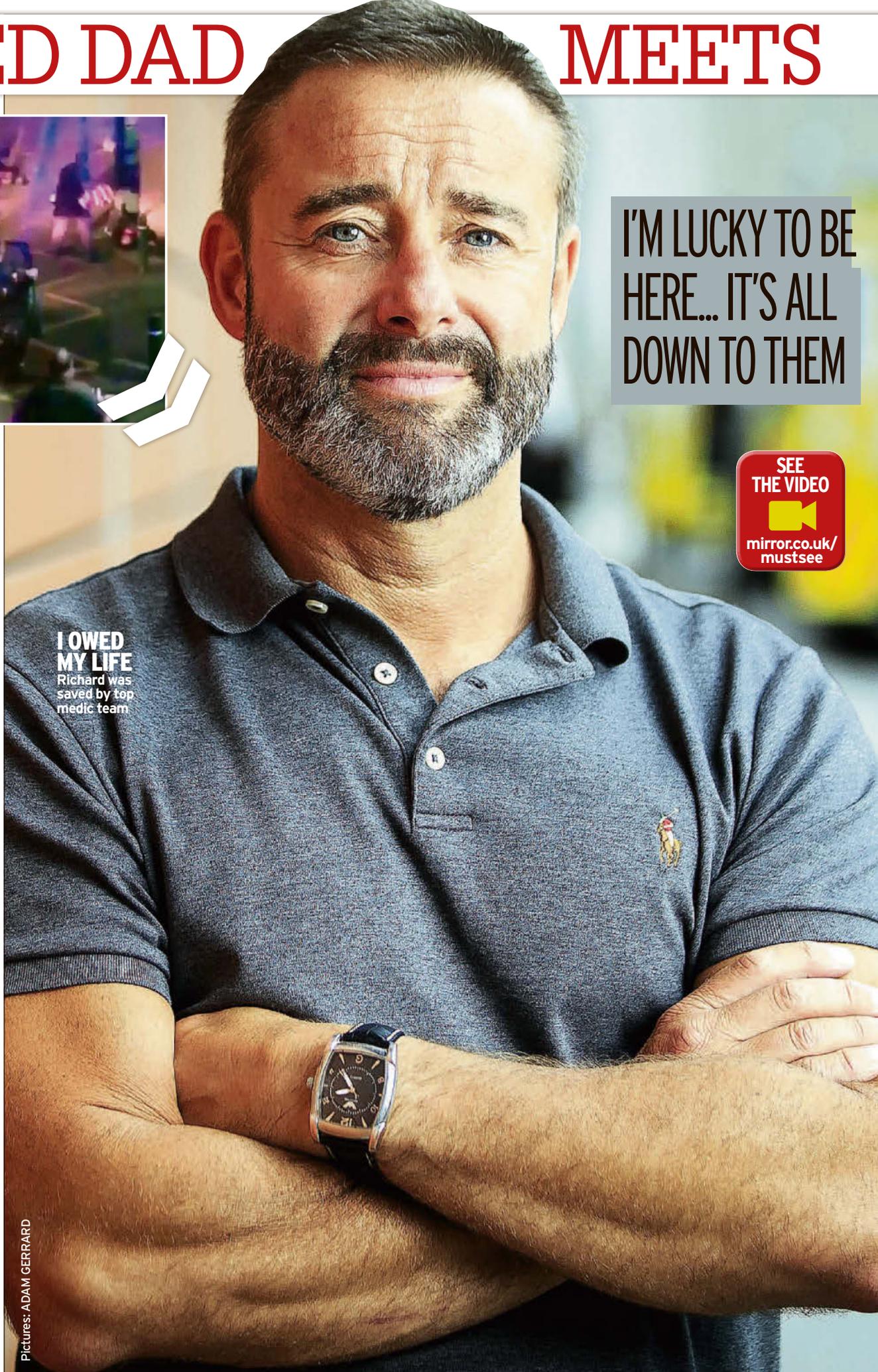
"None of us know when we will need them but the difference between life and death. By supporting the Transform Trauma Appeal we can help improve survival and recovery."

When an ambulance brought Richard to the hospital in Whitechapel, East London, he was taken into the care of trauma surgeon Martin Griffiths and the Emergency Department team. They first drained blood from his chest before he was whisked to theatre.

In just one operation Martin and his team repaired Richard's damaged spleen, diaphragm and stomach.

Richard said: "Everyone had a role to play in saving my life – Martin, the anaesthetist, the A&E doctors and trauma nurses. Seeing them all together again is very emotional.

"Everything changed in a split second that night and suddenly my life was in the hands of these incredible people. I



I OWED MY LIFE
Richard was saved by top medic team

Pictures: ADAM GERRARD

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felt like my world had fragmented into a thousand pieces and I had no idea how to put it together again. I remember going into survival mode and then thinking of my family, and how it would affect them if I didn't make it home. But I did make it home.

"Now I can't speak highly enough of everyone who treated me, from the ambulance staff to the nurses who looked after me in intensive care."

It is because of the research carried out by the

centre that Richard made it through. Their findings on everything from clotting blood to halting multiple organ failure are used to guide clinical practice at medical units in Britain and around the world. They need £1million to carry on trying to save the 50 people a day

in the UK who die needlessly from trauma – a silent killer that receives only one per cent of medical research funding.

Business owner Richard and his brother-in-law Keith Leach, 53, were walking across London Bridge that fateful night after watching the Champions League final when horror erupted. The pair were just 6ft away when a van hired by fanatics Khuram Butt, Rachid Redouane and Youssef Zaghba crashed into railings after mowing down pedestrians.

Richard assumed the crash was an accident



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HERO MEDICS WHO TREATED HIM

My lifesavers of London Bridge

DR JAMES PENNINGTON
Consultant,
Adult Critical
Care Unit

DR BEN CLARKE
A&E Consultant

DR ROSEL TALLACH
Consultant Anaesthetist

PROFESSOR KARIM BROHI
Consultant Trauma Surgeon

DR JAMES WEBSTER
Emergency Department

MOLLY BLACKBURN
Victim Support



NATALIE POOLE
Theatre Sister

CATHERINE SMITH
Senior Sister, Adult
Critical Care Unit

MR MARTIN GRIFFITHS
Trauma Surgeon

RICHARD LIVETT
Patient

ZODIDI KUSI-APPIAH,
Sister, Trauma Ward

JESSICA RICH
Physio

DR JO SHEPHERD
Trauma
Research
Fellow

Miracle workers

This is how the fight to save Richard's life unfolded.
June 3, 10.14pm: Ambulance arrives and takes Richard to The Royal London Hospital.
10.30pm: Trauma surgeon **Martin Griffiths** and emergency department consultant **Ben Clarke** examine Richard in the resuscitation bay and assess his injuries.
11pm: Anaesthetist **Rosel Tallach** puts Richard

under. **11.30pm:** Martin operates on Richard, repairing the damage to his lungs, spleen, stomach and diaphragm, assisted by theatre sister **Natalie Poole**.

June 4-14: Richard is cared for while in hospital by adult critical care consultant **James Pennington** and nurses **Zodidi Kusi-Appiah** and **Catherine Smith**. He also receives specialist

treatment from physiotherapist **Jessica Rich**.

Friday: Victim support programme manager **Molly Blackburn** meets Richard to discuss his counselling options.

Ongoing: Researcher **Jo Shepherd**, under the guidance of **Professor Karim Brohi**, director of the centre for trauma sciences, is studying Richard's injuries to see if care can be improved.

and went towards the van to see if he could help. But he said: "Someone was coming towards me and I saw the glimmer of a knife in the darkness. I had no time to react."

"I heard the words, 'Allah, Akbar!' then an arm round my back and the knife thrusting into my back."

"I was surprised by how little pain I felt. It had just been like a hard punch."

Superfit Richard, who worked out twice a day before the attack, got separated from Keith in the chaos.

He staggered to Borough Market – where unknown to him the three terrorists were running amok stab-

bing other people – in desperate search of help and collapsed outside The Globe pub. He said: "I knew I had to get to a hospital. It was carnage, people were running in all directions and all I could hear was high-pitched wailing. Time stopped and a second felt like an hour."

The pub was in lockdown but two women risked their lives by coming out to wrap him up in blankets.

He was then found by off-duty Army officer Lieutenant Jared Bambridge and an off-duty doctor who gave him vital first aid. Minutes later, armed police arrived and shot the killers. As



SAFE NOW
Martin talks
to Richard

bullets flew, Lt Bambridge selflessly lay over Richard to protect him. With the terrorists all dead Richard was carried back over the bridge to safety.

He said: "The sights I saw will stay with me for the rest of my life. There were bodies across the road." He came

round the next evening to find his entire family including wife Tricia, 47, son Robert, 21, and daughter Ellen, 19, by his bedside.

He said: "It was quite a shock when I saw the bandages on my wounds – but I was told I was going to be fine."

By a quirk of fate, surgeon Martin had previously treated Richard's dad for a heart trauma.

Martin said: "I didn't recognise Richard at first in his hospital gown but then we made the connection when he saw my identity badge."

"He told me he thought he'd be okay if he was in my hands. His injuries

were very severe but I knew he could survive. We do good work here."

Richard received such amazing care he was able to leave hospital just 10 days later.

And one of the first things he did was return to Borough Market with Keith, who had escaped the night of mayhem uninjured, as soon as it was reopened to the public.

He said: "It was tough, physically and emotionally. But it was a hurdle I had to overcome because I don't want to live in fear."

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