**An eyewitness has described the moment a man in a Help for Heroes T-shirt was reportedly** [**hacked to death by two men near a primary school in south-east London.**](http://metro.co.uk/2013/05/22/police-respond-to-serious-incident-in-woolwich-3804903/)

Witness James Heneghan said he saw two black males attack the man, who has been identified as a serving soldier, like he was ‘a piece of meat’ on John Wilson Street in Woolwich at around 2:20pm.

‘They were hacking at this poor guy, literally,’ he told LBC radio in an emotional interview. ‘They were hacking at him, chopping him, cutting him.’

‘These two guys were crazed,’ he added.

‘They were just animals. They dragged him from the pavement and dumped his body in the middle of the road and left his body there.’

He said the two men asked people nearby to take pictures of them posing with their weapons ‘as if they wanted to be on TV or something’.

‘They were oblivious to anything, they were more worried about having their photo taken, running up and down the road,’ he said.

‘They had no intention of running off or leaving or anything.

‘In my opinion, they were waiting for the police to arrive to be shot by the police. That’s the only thing I can think.

**MORE:** [**Woolwich killing: Reaction to machete ‘terror attack’**](http://metro.co.uk/2013/05/22/woolwich-death-reaction-to-machete-terror-attack-3805361/)

‘It’s horrendous what they were doing to that guy.’

He also said that it was 20 minutes before armed police arrived at the scene.

‘When the armed police came flying around the corner, the man with the beanie hat, the tall guy, he charged at the police vehicle,’ he said.

‘A shot was fired by the other guy with the gun.

‘Six shots were fired, both men went down and we now know they are dead as well.’

The London Air Ambulance service has since confirmed that one person has died, while two were taken to hospital – with one in a serious condition.

David Dixon, headteacher of the nearby Mulgrave Primary School and Early Years Centre, said he had seen a body lying in the road.

‘All the traffic had stopped. There were gunshots after that so I am not sure about the situation after,’ he told BBC News.

‘But all I needed to know was that there was an emergency and we needed to go into our emergency procedures to make sure that the children were as safe as possible.’

**Muslim council statement-**

‘This is a truly barbaric act that has no basis in Islam and we condemn this unreservedly. Our thoughts are with the victim and his family.

‘We understand the victim is a serving member of the Armed Forces. Muslims have long served in this country’s Armed Forces, proudly and with honour.

‘This attack on a member of the Armed Forces is dishonourable, and no cause justifies this murder.’

Mohammed Shafiq from the Ramadhan Foundation also said yesterday: ‘I wish to condemn the evil and barbaric crime carried out in Woolwich.

‘Our immediate thoughts are with the family and friends of the victims. From whatever angle you see the attack, it was at every level evil.

‘We must allow the police to gather all the facts before unnecessary speculation and wait for the facts before determining its impact on our country. But what happens in the days to come, London and our nation will come together and will not be divided. The terrorists will never win and succeed in their evil plans. But tonight we think of the family of that soldier killed’

**Tommy Robinson- leader of the English Defense League**

“I felt sick and anger, anger. I know why its happened- cause of an open contempt of our armed forces by members of the Muslim community- and it’s something that’s been allowed to flourish. From when they attacked our armed forces in Luton, the Police’s response was to protect them and arrest English people. When they protest against our soldiers, they don’t have to protest a mile away, when we protest them we are kept miles away, but they are 2 feet away, spiting, spiting at their mothers, right? That utter disrespect that our government’s just allowed. And then they burn poppies, I get arrested and get a fine 7 times worse then (sic) their pathetic 50 pound fine, this is just a progression”

(when arrested for marching from Woolwich to Tower Hamlets-

At the start of the walk in Hyde Park, Mr Robinson had said: "There's two of us doing a charity walk.

"They're (police) saying it (Tower Hamlets) is a Muslim area but to me there is no Muslim area, there are just areas of my capital city that if I have to walk from A to B then you have to walk through."

"Obviously I don't want to get arrested and I don't want to get in trouble so we'll cross that bridge when we get to it."

Transcript of killer’s rant to onlookers after attack:

“The reason we have killed this man today is because Muslims are dying daily by British soldiers.

And this British soldier is one. It is an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. By Allah, we swear by the almighty Allah we will never stop fighting until you leave us alone.

So what if we want to live by the Sharia in Muslim lands? Why does that means you must follow us and chase us and call us extremists and kill us.

Rather you lot are extreme. You are the ones that when you drop a bomb you think it hits one person?

Or rather your bomb wipes out a whole family?

That is the reality. By Allah if I saw your mother today with a buggy I would help her up their stairs. This is my nature.

We are forced by (inaudible Arabic) through many passages in the Koran we must fight them as they fight us.

An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.

I apologise that women had to witness this today but in our lands women have to see the same.

You people will never be safe. Remove your governments, they don’t care about you.

You think David Cameron is going to get caught in the street when we start busting our gun, you think politicians are going to die? No it’s going to be the average guy, like you and your children.

So get rid of them. Tell them to bring our troops back so we can all live in peace.

So leave our lands and we can all live in peace, that’s all I have to say.

Allah’s peace and blessings be upon you.”