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# 'Violence will not be tolerated' - police speak after Mohammed verdict

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The incident which led to the death of Mohammed al-Majed was 'unforgivable and unwarranted' say the man who led the investigation to bring the three men responsible for the Qatari student's death to justice. DCI Trevor Bowles, from the Major Crime Branch, headed the investigation.

He said: "The thoughts of my investigation team are with Mohammed's family at this very difficult time.

"This has been a long and painstaking investigation which has ta

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ken officers across the world in search of the truth behind what happened on August 22 in Hastings.

"The conviction of George Austin, Alexander Quinn and Paul Rockett sends out a clear message.

"Violence will not be tolerated on the streets of Sussex.

"Here we have seen the tragic consequences arising out of a series of violent acts.

"What happened on that night was unforgivable and entirely unwarranted."

Chief Inspector Mark Ling, Hastings District Commander, said: "The death of Mohammed shocked and saddened us all.

"Hastings Police will continue to work hard with our partners to prevent and reduce all types of violent crime.

"Incidents of racially motivated crime and other hate crime are taken extremely seriously and fully investigated.

"Hastings has seen reductions in racially motivated offences and indeed in all incidents of public place violent crime.

"At the same time we encourage people who are victims of these types of crime to report them to us.

"We fully support the council in all the work they are doing, making positive progress to bring people closer together.

"Our aim is to make Hastings a safe place for all of us to live in and visit."

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