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An Anzac Day terror attack has been foiled, according to police who yesterday arrested five men claimed to be connected to a high-ranking ISIS figure.

Spy agency ASIO visited the family of one of the terror suspects last year to warn them that their son should stop communicating with the extremist recruiter, who had also groomed Melbourne terrorist Numan Haider.

More than 200 officers were involved in seven simultaneous pre-dawn raids, sweeping in to nab the five young men accused of plotting to bring terror to the streets of Melbourne.

It is alleged a plan to attack police and the public with swords and knives was imminent, forcing Victoria Police and Australian Federal Police to act quickly.

The five were all associates of Haider, who was shot dead by police after attacking two officers in a stabbing frenzy last September outside a Melbourne police station.

They also attended the Al-Furqan Islamic Information Centre in Springvale South, where Haider is believed to have been radicalised.

It can be revealed police obtained surveillance warrants for the homes of Sevdet Ramadan Bozan, 18, (pictured on Page 1), Eathin Oswald Almo Crase, 19, Hamza Canervic, 18, Ismail Safi, 19, Limin Suicic, 25, and Mehman Aazmi, 18.

One of the names in the warrant was not arrested, however police said they had the threat “fully contained”.

Bozan was yesterday charged with conspiracy to commit acts done in preparation for, or planning, terrorist acts.

He was dressed casually and remained silent during the brief hearing, which lasted only minutes.

His lawyer, Anthony Millan, indicated there would be an application for bail and he was remanded to appear in court again on April 24.

A second man remained in custody late last night.

All others were released, however police said one man is expected to be charged on summons with prohibited weapons offences.

The Sunday Mail can reveal ASIO visited the family of Anzac Day terror last year and warned him against continuing to communicate with the terrorist recruiter, who has not been named.

Yesterday’s raids were part of Operation Rising, which was launched by counter-terrorism officers late last month. Police believe two men were planning a terrorist strike in Melbourne after information came to light of an alleged attack within a week.

Authorities said the terror plot likely to have targeted an unspecified Anzac Day event in Melbourne, but there was intelligence suggesting an incident could have unfolded in the days leading up to it.

“It is alleged both men were undertaking preparations for a terrorist attack at an Anzac Day event in Melbourne targeting police officers,” AFP Acting Commissioner Neil Gaughan said.

“They are associates of Mr Haider. However, as that is currently a serious investigation I am not going to make any further comment on that.”

Acting Chief Commissioner Tim Cartwright said police had found knives and swords in the raids but added no guns were discovered and were swept up in a suicide attack in Ramadi.

Swoop: Police executed raids across Melbourne’s southeast yesterday and were seen leaving houses with evidence.

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Dad says terror suspect did not believe in war

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WITHT automatic weapons raised, heavily armed tactical police in black paramilitary uniforms smashed their way into a suburban Melbourne home moments after 1am yesterday.

The target was Eathan Cruise, 19, a close friend of Numan Haider, the 18-year-old Afghan-Australian who was shot dead by police after he stabbed two women outside a Victorian police station last September.

Eathan was getting ready for bed and his parents were about to turn off the TV when their side door was blown down and the front and side windows were simultaneously smashed.

Up to 15 officers, some with balaclavas and machine guns, rushed through the house yelling commands they went.

Eathan’s father Glen, who asked that his surname be omitted, said警方 did not publish, was tackled by two officers. They threw him to the floor as other police grabbed his shirtless son in his bed.

He was dragged to the kitchen, where his father was being restrained on the floor.

Eathan, an Aboriginal teen, was described as Christian but had turned to Islam in the past 18 months and had only recently returned to live at the family home.

His great-grandfather, Christian Pastor Robbie Cruise, an Aboriginal elder, said Eathan had been a Muslim girl who may have introduced him to terror.

“He is a beautiful boy ... (who) just fell in love with the girl,” Eathan said.

Although they spoke at times about Eathan’s views, Glen said his son expressed no intention to join the fighting in Iraq or Syria and did not support ISIS’s actions.

“He was into the practice as a good Muslim, the kind that doesn’t believe in war,” Glen said. “They have got no proof. My son is a very polite, good boy. He never does any thing wrong.”

Eathan’s passport was seized last year, about the same time as Numan Haider’s passport was taken away.

He had become angry at Haider’s death and also at the recent death of another young Victorian who was fighting in Iraq and Syria, although Glen said he was not the type to seek out trouble.

ASIO visited the family last year, as they had done with a number of other young men and boys, and warned them against continuing to communicate with a certain individual, who security agencies would not directly name.

“ASIO told me themselves there is a person that keep ring my son’s phone and Numan’s,” Glen said.

Search warrants showed police were looking for weapons, USBs, propaganda and books, or information relating to Anzac Day events.

A document citing grounds for the search said police suspected Eathan Oswald Almo Cruise, and the other named men, of preparing to carry out a terrorist act.

No weapons or propaganda were found at the home but police took away three mobile phones, a laptop computer and financial records belonging to the 19-year-old. Glen said his son was released without charge last night.

Glen claimed his son was thrown against the refrigerator during the raid and beaten to semi-consciousness on the kitchen floor. Blood remained on the floor and smeared across the refrigerator yesterday.

He said he intends to make a formal complaint about the way police conducted the raid, claiming he was called racist names.

Acting Chief Commissioner Tim Cartwright said capsicum spray was used during one of yesterday’s seven raids.