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"My name is death to traitors, freedom for Britain"

● The chilling words of the alleged killer of Member of Parliament Jo Cox who appeared in court yesterday.



The parents of murdered Labour Party MP Jo Cox, Gordon and Jean Leadbeater look at floral tributes left in Birstall,

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THE man charged with murdering British lawmaker Jo Cox gave his name as "death to traitors, freedom for Britain" when he appeared in court yesterday accused of a killing that could be a defining moment in a vote on European Union membership.

The murder of Cox, a 41-year-old mother of two young children, has

shocked Britain, elicited condolences from leaders around the world and raised questions about the tone of campaigning before the EU referendum which takes place next Thursday.

Cox, an ardent supporter of EU membership, was shot and stabbed in the street in her electoral district in northern England on Thursday.

Wearing a grey sweat shirt and trousers

and flanked by two security guards, 52-year-old Thomas Mair was asked his name by a clerk at Westminster Magistrates' Court in London.

"Death to traitors, freedom for Britain," Mair said. When asked again what his name was, Mair calmly repeated: "My name is death to traitors, freedom for Britain."

"Bearing in mind the name he has just

given, he ought to be seen by a psychiatrist," Deputy Chief Magistrate Emma Arbuthnot told the court.

Mair, balding with a grey goatee beard, made no further comment in the 15-minute hearing, his first appearance in public since police arrested him in the town of Birstall, Yorkshire, where Cox was killed.

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