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by arson attack and who now wears stab vest tells Mail...

I've been driven out of politics by death threats — for supporting Israel

A VETERAN minister is quitting frontline politics after being subjected to a campaign of death threats and intimidation over his pro-Israel views.

Justice minister Mike Freer told Rishi Sunak yesterday that he will step down at the election following a string of threats and incidents, which culminated in an arson attack on his constituency office in December.

The 63-year-old has suffered more than a decade of intimidation and says he feels 'lucky By **Jason Groves** Political Editor

to be alive' after narrowly escaping a confrontation with terrorist killer Ali Harbi Ali, who murdered fellow Tory MP Sir David Amess.

Mr Freer told the Mail that he could no longer put his family through the anxiety of knowing he might be targeted every time he stepped outside. He said his husband Angelo had become 'incredibly jittery' since it emerged that Ali had visited his Finchley and Golders Green constituency office with the intention of killing him.

On police advice, Mr Freer has had to wear a stab vest when attending scheduled

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