Lyon: man arrested after priest shot at church

**Greek Orthodox priest was left with life-threatening injuries**

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Police have arrested a suspect after a gunman shot and seriously injured a Greek Orthodox priest in the French city of Lyon, local media have reported.

The priest, named by French media as Nikolaos Kakavelakis, was shot at twice and seriously injured in the stomach at about 4pm local time on Saturday as he was closing the church in the city’s seventh arrondissement, police said.

The Lyon newspaper Le Progrès and other local media reported that a man answering a police description of the alleged attacker had been arrested soon after 7pm in a kebab shop in the city. There was no immediate confirmation he was the suspected attacker.

The Lyon public prosecutor’s office said it had opened an investigation for attempted murder, and was **liaising (co-operating)** closely with the national anti-terrorism prosecutor. The shooting has not so far been declared a terrorist attack.

The French interior ministry said police and emergency services were at the scene and advised passersby to avoid the area.

The shooting comes three days after a man armed with a knife killed three people in a church in Nice on the Côte d’Azur, and barely two weeks after teacher Samuel Paty was **beheaded(decapitated)** outside his school 20 miles north-west of Paris.

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Teacher decapitated (beheaded) in Paris named as Samuel Paty, 47

**Terrorism investigation opened after 18-year-old attacker shot dead by polic**

A history teacher decapitated outside his secondary school in a [Paris](https://www.theguardian.com/world/paris) suburb on Friday after he showed a **caricature (γελοιογραφία**) of the prophet Muhammad to his pupils has been named.

Samuel Paty, 47, who taught history and geography at the school in Conflans-Sainte-Honorine , north-west of the French capital, was attacked on Friday evening by an 18-year-old man who was shot dead by police shortly afterwards.

The anti-terror prosecutor has opened an investigation into “assassination linked to a terrorist organisation and association with terrorist criminals”.

Earlier this month, Paty had shown a class of teenage pupils a caricature from the satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo during a moral and civic education class discussion about freedom of speech, sparking a furious response from a number of parents who had demanded his **resignation (quit his job).** Before presenting the caricature, the teacher reportedly invited Muslim students to leave the classroom if they wished.

Afterwards, the father of a 13-year-old girl who did not leave the class posted a video on YouTube claiming the teacher had shown a “photo of a naked man” claiming he was the “Muslim prophet”. The father called on other parents to join him in a collective action against the teacher, whom he described as a “*voyou*” (thug).

In order to calm the situation, the school organised a meeting between the headteacher, the teacher and an official from the education authority.

The teacher had gone to the local police station, with the head of the school, earlier this month after a legal complaint about his lesson. He reportedly told investigators he could not understand because the daughter of the father who had complained was not in class the day he showed the cartoon. The professor lived near the school and was used to walking through a wood to get home, but had decided to change his route to walk through a residential area because he felt threatened.

Jean-François Ricard, France’s anti-terrorist prosecutor, said the teacher had been “assassinated for teaching” and the attack was an **assault (attack)** on the principle of freedom of expression. “This is the second attack to take place during the Charlie Hebdo trial which shows the high level of terrorist threat we face,” Ricard said.

He said police shot the killer after he shot at police with an air rifle and threatened them with a knife. The killer Abdullakh Anzorov, an 18-year-old who had been given a residency card in March 2020, was a refugee and lived in Évreux in Normandy.

A court in Paris is [currently trying 14 people](https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/sep/02/charlie-hebdo-attack-suspected-accomplices-go-on-trial-in-paris) in connection with the January 2015 killings at Charlie Hebdo and the kosher supermarket Hyper Cacher, and the gunning down of a police officer. Three weeks ago, a man with a knife [stabbed two members of a television production company](https://www.theguardian.com/media/2020/sep/26/suspect-in-new-charlie-hebdo-attack-angered-by-republished-cartoons-say-paris-police) outside the former offices of Charlie Hebdo in response to the newspaper’s decision to republish the controversial caricatures, originally printed in 2015, to mark the opening of the trial.

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Knife attacker in Nice kills three people

**Suspect shot and injured by police after attack in church in southern French city**

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A man armed with a knife has killed three people – two women and a man – in a terrorist attack at a church in Nice on the Côte d’Azur.

The killings happened at 9am on Thursday inside the Notre-Dame **Basilica (church)** in the city centre.

One of the victims was reported to be a 70-year-old woman. There were reports the woman had been beheaded or had her throat cut.

A man, believed to be the **church warden ( person in charge of the church=εφημέριος)**, was the second victim. A woman in her 40s was critically injured and managed to run from the church but died of her injuries.

Police described the scene as a “vision of horror”. The national anti-terrorist prosecutor said an investigation had been opened into “killings linked to a terrorist organisation”.

The attacker – named by French media as Brahim Aoussaoui – was shot in the shoulder by police and taken to hospital. He had no identity papers on him.

He is reported to be a 21 year old Tunisian national who arrived in [France](https://www.theguardian.com/world/france) via Lampedusa in Italy at the beginning of October. Police say they are verifying the name he has given.

One of the female victims had been “decapitated” but there are no details of how the two others were killed.

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Vienna shooting: What we know about 'Islamist terror' attack

**Four people have been killed and 23 others have been wounded in a gun attack in the Austrian capital, Vienna.**

The gunman was shot dead by police.

**Here's what we know about the attack.**

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The shooting began at 20:00 (19:00 GMT) on 2 November near the **synagogue ( Hebrew place of** **worship**) on Seitenstettengasse, when a heavily armed man opened fire on people outside cafes and restaurants.

Many were out enjoying drinks and eating out before a looming midnight curfew, as Austrian restrictions were about to come into effect to try to stem rising cases of coronavirus.

Initially police were unsure how many attackers there were. Some witnesses spoke of two or more, and it took almost two days for police to go through thousands of hours of mobile phone **footage** (**material)** to determine that the gunman was acting alone.

Members of the special forces quickly arrived at the scene. One police officer was shot and injured before the perpetrator, who was armed with an automatic rifle, a pistol and a machete, was shot dead at 20:09 local time. He was also wearing a fake bomb vest.

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A major anti-terrorist operation then swung into action and police set up roadblocks around the city centre.

Police named six crime scenes in central Vienna's nightlife area known as the Bermuda Triangle: Seitenstettengasse and nearby Morzinplatz, Salzgries, Fleischmarkt, Bauernmarkt and Graben. The suspect was shot dead near St Rupert's Church.

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**Terrorist Shooting in Capital of Austria**

A gunman killed by the police was an Islamic State “sympathizer,” the interior minister said. The police were searching for possible accomplices on Tuesday morning.

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**The slain gunman was an ISIS ‘sympathizer,’ an official says.**

A terrorist attack in central Vienna on Monday night left at least four people dead and many others wounded, including a police officer, government officials said.

One gunman was killed by the police. Austria’s interior minister, Karl Nehammer, called that gunman an Islamic State “sympathizer” at a Tuesday morning news conference. He did not reveal the man’s name, but he said the police had searched his apartment.

The police were still searching for possible accomplices on Tuesday morning, with about 1,000 officers **fanning (spread all over)** out across Vienna. The search was concentrated on central Vienna, and officials urged people to avoid the area.

But they also appeared to raise the possibility that the slain gunman had acted alone, though the authorities had previously said there were multiple attackers. Mr. Nehammer said the gunman killed by the police had been wearing a belt that looked like an explosive device, but later proved to be fake.

At least 14 people were injured, six of them seriously, according to Harold Soros, a spokesman for the Interior Ministry.

“It is definitely a terror attack,” said Austria’s chancellor, Sebastian Kurz.

The Vienna police initially said the attack, which began around 8 p.m., had involved “several suspects armed with rifles.”

The shootings took place in the heart of the Austrian capital, hours before the midnight start of a nationwide lockdown, one of several being imposed in Europe to stop the spread of the coronavirus.

“We have become the victim of a disgusting terror attack that is still going on,” Chancellor Kurz said in a televised address to the nation just before midnight.

As the night wore on, more gunfire was reported elsewhere across Vienna’s First District. Police officials described a chaotic situation, with several “exchanges of shots.” Emergency vehicles blocked off streets, and a streetcar line through the area was shut down.

The chancellor said he had called in troops to ensure the security of Austria’s official buildings, freeing up the police to “concentrate fully on the fight against terror.”

**As the immediate danger passed, the city stayed on edge.**

Hours after the attack began, tensions eased slightly as police officers began escorting people who had been trapped in bars and restaurants through security corridors. The opera house and a theater were also evacuated.

But the police maintained a heavy presence in the center of the city as they searched for suspects. More than 150 special police officers and 100 regular duty officers **were on** **duty,** and a **crisis team in the Interior Ministry was overseeing the response.**

“There is a lot to monitor,” Mayor Michael Ludwig said. “Many people are still in the inner city and we have to see that we get as many of them out of there.”

The authorities urged people to stay home and avoid the middle of the city. They also said children would be allowed to stay home from school on Tuesday.

The area where shots were first reported is a tight web of streets packed with bars and pubs, known locally as the “Bermuda Triangle.” It is also home to Vienna’s main temple, the Seitenstettengasse synagogue — but it was not clear what the intended target, or targets, of the attackers had been.

The president of the Jewish Religious Community in Austria, Oskar Deutsch, said [on Twitter](https://twitter.com/DeutschOskar/status/1323356101430120449) that the initial shooting had occurred “in the immediate vicinity” of the temple, but that it was closed at the time.

“It is not clear right now whether the main temple was the target,” he said.

The police took to Twitter to urge restraint.

“Please don’t share any rumors, accusations, speculations or unconfirmed numbers of victims,” they said. “That does not help at all! Stay inside, take shelter, Keep away from public places.”

The attackers struck as Austrians congregated outdoors to enjoy a final night out before the country imposes strict new measures to control the pandemic.

“You could feel a lot of people wanted to get out one more time before lockdown starts,” said Ameli Pietsch, 23, who was in the area an hour before the attack. “It was a mild evening and lots of people were outside.”

All that changed in a moment.

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<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/11/02/world/europe/vienna-shooting.html>

**Answer the questions basing your answers on the texts from different sources:**

1. Who do you think was the real target behind all of these terrorist attacks?

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