Nice attack: Three dead and several injured in suspected terror assault on church

Three people have been killed and several more wounded in a what is described as a terror attack by a suspected Islamist in the southern French city of Nice on Thursday.

It brings back terrible memories both for Nice residents and people across France in the wake of other terror attacks in recent years.

The aggressor is said to have attacked people with a knife inside the Notre-Dame basilica in the heart of the city. A suspect has been arrested; a police source said he was shot and wounded as security forces intervened and was taken to hospital.

Two people -- a male church warden and a female worshipper whose throat was cut -- were killed inside the Catholic church. Another woman, seriously injured, died nearby after fleeing the church to take refuge in a bar.

The condition of the other people who were injured was not immediately clear.

The attacker was around 25-years old and cried "Allah Akbar" as he carried out the assault, according to an unconfirmed claim from a police source. Nice's mayor has said the man continued to make the same cry as he was tackled by police.