



Man surrenders and confesses to Germany stabbing attack

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A 26-year-old man has given himself up and confessed to a mass knife attack at a street festival in Germany, police said on Sunday.

"The involvement of this person is currently under intensive investigation," prosecutors and Düsseldorf police said.

He is under investigation for murder, attempted murder and membership of a foreign terrorist organisation, Germany's federal prosecutor told the BBC.

Three people were killed and another eight injured in the city of Solingen during a festival to celebrate its 650-year history, in what Chancellor Olaf Scholz described as a "horrific act".





Germany's Bild and Spiegel news websites reported that the suspect surrendered himself in dirty blood-stained clothes.

Police described him as Syrian, and German media reported that he arrived in Germany in December 2022, after leaving the war-torn country.

Bild reported that special task force (SEK) officers stormed a refugee centre that the suspect was associated with, detaining another person there.

Police also arrested a 15-year-old boy who is alleged to have known about the attack in advance.

The refugee centre is located about 300m (984ft) from Fronhof - Solingen's central market square where people were stabbed on Friday night - according to Bild.



Police raided a refugee centre in Solingen which the attack suspect was associated with. Solingen - a city famous for its steel industry - has about 160,000 inhabitants. It lies about 25km (15 miles) east of Düsseldorf.

The city's authorities asked people to leave the Fronhof area after the attack at about 22:00 local time (21:00 BST) on Friday.

The planned three-day celebrations of the city anniversary - for which about 75,000 people had been expected - were cancelled after the attack.

Solingen Mayor Tim Kurzbach later said that "all of us in Solingen are in shock, horror and great sadness.

"It breaks my heart that an attack has happened in our city. I have tears in my eyes when I think of those we've lost.

"I pray for all those still fighting for their lives. Also my greatest sympathy for all those who had to experience this, these images must have been horrific."

People have been bringing flowers and candles to the site of the attack that shocked the entire country.

Players from Germany's top Bundesliga football league wore black armbands during Saturday's matches.

The attack may fuel an already fraught debate about immigration and asylum in Germany.

It comes ahead of key regional elections in the country's east next week, where the far right is eyeing gains.



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