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Deadly shisha bar shootings rock Germany

- The shootings late Wednesday targeted bars in Hanau, according to local media

- Police raided the suspect's apartment and say they found two bodies - believed to be him and his mother

- Officers also found a confessional video in which he claimed certain people 'have to be exterminated'



Hanau | Germany

At least eleven people were killed in two shootings at shisha bars in Germany, with an unknown number of attackers still at large, police and media said.

The shootings late Wednesday targeted bars in Hanau, about 20 kilometres (12 miles) from Frankfurt, according to local media, where police launched a huge manhunt for the gunmen.

The first attack occurred at the "Midnight" bar in the centre of the city around 10pm (2100 GMT), police and reports said. Witnesses reported hearing a dozen shots, local media said.

The attacker, or attackers, then fled the scene by car, ac-



A far-right shooter, named by German media only as Tobias R (pictured), opened fire at two shisha bars in the city of Hanau overnight, killing nine people before going back to his parents' apartment before shooting his mother and then himself (Courtesy of Daily Mail)



Emergency service swarmed the area after the shooting. A silver Mercedes covered with rescue blankets was seen in front of a bar in Hanau (Courtesy of Daily Mail)

According to police. There was then a second shooting at Arena Bar.

According to local media reports, three people were killed in front of the first bar and five in front of the second.

At least five people were also seriously wounded, reports said.

A journalist at the scene saw around thirty police cars leaving Hanau police station and,

according to witnesses, police officers with machine guns were deployed in the city.

A silver Mercedes covered by what looked like a survival blanket could be seen behind a police cordon and surrounded by officers in front of "Arena Bar", with shattered glass on the floor.

"The police can now confirm that eight people were fatally wounded. The search for

suspects is going at top speed. There is no clear information yet as to a motive," authorities said.

Germany has been targeted in recent years by several extremist attacks, one of which killed 12 people in the heart of Berlin in December 2016.

But far-right attacks have become a particular concern for German authorities.

In October, a deadly anti-Semitic gun attack in the eastern city of Halle on the holy day of Yom Kippur underscored the rising threat of neo-Nazi violence. The rampage, in which two people were shot dead, was streamed live.

Last June conservative politician Walter Luebecke, an advocate of a liberal refugee policy, was shot at his home.

On Friday police arrested 12 members of a German extreme right group believed to have been plotting "shocking" large-scale attacks on mosques similar to the ones carried out in New Zealand last year.



A Mercedes Benz was left damaged with glass covering the floor as police look on at the crime scene in Hanau last night (Courtesy of Daily Mail)

Owner of car used to flee shooting was 43-year-old German



Police have seized a vehicle believed to belong to the suspect from outside an apartment where it is thought he killed himself (Courtesy of Daily Mail)

Reuters | Berlin

The German interior minister of the state of Hesse said the owner of the car used to leave the scene of a shooting in Hanau that left nine people dead was a 43-year-old German man from that town.

Peter Beuth said the car was

found at the owner's address and when a special task force entered it, they found two further people dead - the suspect and his 72-year-old mother.

Police said their information suggested the gunman had committed suicide at his home after fleeing in a car. He is a suspected right-wing extremist.

Scores rescued from blaze in Myanmar's Yangon



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Yangon

Scores of people were rescued from a blazing building in Myanmar's commercial hub Yangon early Thursday, many brought to safety with a cherry-picker crane from the highest floors.

Around 60 fire trucks raced to the 12-storey apartment block as smoke and flames spread through the building.

No deaths had been reported by mid-morning and the cause of the blaze had not been established. Nyi Nyi, 34, said he

ran out of his home to warn his elderly neighbours but was forced to retreat after nearly passing out.

"I couldn't see anything as it was too dark with smoke," he said, adding firefighters arrived just in time.

The fire service rescued people with a cherry-picker as smoke billowed out across the street, causing traffic to snarl up.

After years of under-investment, Yangon's downtown buildings have notoriously poor safety standards and fires are common.

Suspects in abduction, murder of 7-year-old Mexican girl detained

- The girl had been reported missing on February 11 after she left school

- The suspects face between 80 and 140 years in prison

- Mexico recorded more than 1,000 femicide victims in 2019,

Mexico City

Mexican authorities arrested a couple believed to have kidnapped, tortured and murdered a seven-year-old girl on Wednesday, days after the discovery of the victim's body sparked protests in the violence-racked country.

The suspects "were detained in a town in the State of Mexi-



Children attend the burial in Mexico City of the seven-year-old girl whose body was found over the weekend with signs of torture

co," Mexico City mayor Claudia Sheinbaum tweeted, without giving more detail.

The girl had been reported missing on February 11 after she left school, and her tortured body was found in the capital on Saturday.

Video footage released earlier appeared to show the girl being held by the hand of another woman and walking in the street on the day she disappeared.

Prosecutors on Tuesday released pictures of the two sus-

pects -- identified as Giovana and Mario Alberto "N" -- after searching a house near the victim's home.

During the search investigators found "identification, photographs, clothing and other personal objects" that linked the two suspects to the child's disappearance, said Ulises Lara, spokesman for the Mexico City prosecutor's office.

The suspects face between 80 and 140 years in prison given the gravity of the crime, Lara added.

Protests demanding an end to violence against women have been staged around the capital in recent days -- including at the victim's school, her funeral and outside the presidential residence.

Mexico recorded more than 1,000 femicide victims in 2019, according to official figures, although experts believe the true figure may be much higher due to difficulties in registering murders as femicide.