

Man shot after attacking three officers shouting 'in the name of the Prophet' in Cannes



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Police officers in southern France were attacked by a knifeman this morning in a suspected terror attack. Three men narrowly avoided serious injury while sitting in a police car in the city of Cannes.

BFM TV, citing a police source, said the attacker opened the door of a police car stationed in front of the police station, stabbing the policeman at the wheel with a knife. He then tried to attack a second policeman in the car but a third policeman in the car fired his weapon, seriously injuring the attacker . . . who had previously threatened staff outside the main Police Commissariat in the town 'in the name of the Prophet'.

They added: 'He pulled open a car door and started stabbing...He had been shouting religious slogans referring to the Prophet throughout the attack. The knifeman is now in a critical condition in a hospital in Cannes.'

David Lisnard, the mayor of Cannes, said: 'One of the officers responded with his gun. There are no deaths and the circumstances of the attack are being clarified.'

According to [Le Figaro](#) the assailant is named Lakhdar B. an Algerian born in 1984 who holds an Italian residence permit.

Both officials confirmed that specialist anti-terrorism magistrates were now leading the enquiry. The incident was confirmed by French interior minister [Gerald Darmanin](#) this morning.