

Reading; Police now keeping an open mind on motive. Reading stabbings: Police to upgrade investigation to terror status

The latest from the [Sky News](#)

Thames Valley Police said it has launched a murder investigation and is keeping an open mind as to the motive, and although it is not currently treated as a terrorist-related incident it is being supported by colleagues from Counter-Terrorism Command.

Images have emerged of police carrying out an armed operation at a block of flats in Reading where the suspect was apparently held.

Sky News' home affairs correspondent Mark White said: "A block of flats, about two miles from the park where the stabbings took place, was raided by counter-terrorism specialist firearm officers. There was the sound of an explosion inside the building after all residents were taken to safety. The building is believed to be the home address of the 25-year-old man, understood to be a Libyan national resident in the UK, who was arrested and is now in custody." *To be fair the explosive sound often heard at such raids isn't always the potential terrorist's bomb-making equipment, but the stuff the police use to blow the front door off. I believe the old-fashioned battering ram, or the largest officer present's boot are considered a bit old school.*

Earlier security sources