

Station attacker came deliberately to Netherlands; Insults to Islam the reason behind Amsterdam terrorist attack

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The Afghan national who stabbed two American tourists in Amsterdam's central station on Friday came deliberately to the Netherlands to carry out his attack, the public prosecution department said on Monday evening. He made the trip because he felt the prophet Mohammed, the Koran and Islam were being insulted in the Netherlands, and also made mention of anti-Islam MP Geert Wilders,

According to Jawed S., the Netherlands "often insults the prophet Mohamed, the Koran, Islam and Allah"

On Twitter Wilders said that "Muslim terrorists hate our way of life and our freedoms. They answer Islam criticism with violence, like this Jawed S."

The Prosecutor also said that there are no indications that S. was working with others. The man is currently being psychologically examined. On Monday afternoon he was remanded into custody for another two weeks.

Jawed S, who has a German residency permit, came to Amsterdam by train from Germany towards the end of the morning and stabbed his two victims shortly after his arrival. He has told investigators he did not know they were American tourists.

Amsterdam police chief Pieter-Jaap Aalbersberg told television

talk show Pauw on Monday evening he is convinced there would have been more victims if the police had not acted so quickly. He was already under police observation for 'strange behaviour' when he launched his attack in the western tunnel under the station, Aalbersberg said. A specially trained spotter had noticed S 'aimlessly wandering around' and alerted colleagues. They were on the point of questioning him when S stabbed one of his victims in the back. Nine seconds later he attacked the second and police shot him in the hip. Hospital S had two large knives in his possession, one of which was still in his rucksack.

Two 38-year-old American tourists were seriously injured in the attack. The police believe the victims were randomly chosen. They are still in hospital. The American embassy asked that their privacy be respected.

Last week police arrested a Pakistan national at The Hague's main railway station after he placed a video on Facebook in which he made vague threats against parliament and Wilders, without mentioning him by name.