

June 2020 Terror Attacks

In June 2020 there were two attacks within Europe

June 12th, London, United Kingdom: a Hassidic Jewish man identified as Alter Yaakov Schlesinger, an Orthodox rabbi from Stamford Hill's Satmar community, was stabbed in Stoke Newington, in the north-west part of the London Borough of Hackney.

The attacker was immediately tackled to the ground by a group of street workers while the police arrived at the scene. According to witnesses, while the Rabbi was standing outside a bank, he was suddenly attacked by the assailant and stabbed multiple times.

The attacker, a man in his 40s said to be of Asian descent and later identified as Stanley Francis, has been arrested on suspicion of attempted murder. He was taken to a local hospital with minor head injuries before being taken to a police station.

The previous day, the local MP, Labour's Dianne Abbott, had received complaints regarding posters appearing at a bus station in the vicinity reading "End state brutality," and "End Israeli Apartheid."

Rabbi Schlesinger suffered severe injuries to his head, back and neck, but survived the attack. ^{1 2 3}

June 20th, Reading, United Kingdom: at approximately 7 pm an individual armed with a 5 inches-long knife and later identified as 25 years-old Libyan refugee Khairi Saadallah, attacked groups of people in Forbury Gardens, a park near the center of Reading. The attacker, who was also heard shouting incomprehensible words, managed to kill three people and injure three more before being tackled to the ground by a police officer and arrested. The incident was treated by British authorities as "terror-related".

On 27 June 2020, the suspect was charged with three counts of murder and three counts of attempted murder and appeared at Westminster Magistrates' Court on 29 June 2020. ^{4 5 6}

¹ <https://www.jpost.com/diaspora/antisemitism/hasidic-man-stabbed-in-london-in-suspected-hate-crime-631244>

² <https://www.expressandstar.com/news/uk-news/2020/06/12/stoke-newington-hero-believes-knife-attack-on-jewish-man-was-hate-crime/>

³ <https://www.timesofisrael.com/orthodox-jewish-man-stabbed-and-wounded-in-london/>

⁴ <https://news.sky.com/story/reading-attack-suspect-khairi-saadallah-in-court-charged-with-stabbing-three-friends-to-death-12017470>

⁵ <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-53225418>

⁶ <https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2020/jun/22/reading-terror-suspect-had-ptsd-other-mental-health-issues-khairi-saadallah>

Summary table

Location	Site	Year, month	Day	Target	Attacker(s)	Sex	Weapon(s)	Nationality	Age	Mental ill.	Motivation	Dec. attackers	Dec. vict.	Inj. vict.	Previous Conviction
London (UK)	Urban	2020/06	12	Civilians	1	M	Knife	British	44	n/a	hate crime	0\1	0	1	n/a
Reading (UK)	Park	2020/06	20	Civilians	1	M	Knife	Libyan	25	yes	jihadism	0\1	3	3	yes

Comments

June's attacks both took place in the United Kingdom and if summed with the June 26th incident in Glasgow, where a [Sudanese refugee](#) was shot dead by the police after stabbing several people inside a hotel hosting refugees (the attack was not included in our monthly report as it is not terror-related) shows how Britain is now facing two problems, having to deal with out of control refugees, Islamist extremism and hate crime.

Home Secretary Priti Patel recently claimed to be planning a new legislation that will make it easier and faster to remove foreign criminals who are abusing UK's hospitality.

Additionally, police sources and experts indicated that MI5's watchlist has doubled to 43,000 this year, and that nine-tenths of these are jihadists.^{7 8 9 10}

It is also worth mentioning that Reading knife-man, Khairi Saadallah, had been involved in the government's Prevent deradicalization program, just like the Westminster bridge attacker Usman Khan (2019), Parson's Green bomber Ahmed Hassan (2017) and the Manchester Arena bomber Salman Abedi (2017). A fact that once again raises the question about the effectiveness of the deradicalization program.

⁷ <https://www.dailymail-co-uk.cdn.ampproject.org/c/s/www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-8450211/amp/MI5s-terror-watchlist-doubles-43-000-just-one-year.html>

⁸ <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2020/06/22/priti-patel-pledges-new-laws-bar-deport-foreign-criminals-abuse/>

⁹ <https://nypost.com/2020/06/27/glasgow-stabbing-suspect-identified-as-sudanese-asylum-seeker/>

¹⁰ <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-53211998>