

August 2021 Terror Attacks

In August 2021, one terror episode was registered in Europe

August 17th, Ancona, Italy: a 24-year-old Algerian with a French passport showed up at the Dorica Marina armed with a stick and threw a man who was busy fixing his rubber boat into the water, trying to drown him. The attacker then fled the scene by water, swimming until a nearby railway and, once out of the water, he attacked a scooter rider, making him crash into a car.

The Assailant once again escaped the scene while shouting meaningless phrases and managed to reach a hideout in a park where he was eventually arrested.^{1 2 3 4}

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
Ancona (Italy)	Urban	2020, 08	17	Civilians	1	M	Stick	Algerian/French	24	n/a	Islamist	0\1	0	2	No

Comments

According to information received from local sources, the attacker asked the rubber boat owner if he was a Christian or a Muslim before attacking him. Something that hasn't been indicated in the local media accounts. Inside his backpack, investigators recovered a Koran, a piece of paper with Arabic writing, and some cash (around 10 euros).

The attacker had numerous criminal records for theft (apartment and car), mugging, attempted sexual violence, and assault, all committed between January and August 2021. A few weeks before the Ancona assault, the individual was praying on a prayer rug in a park in the city of Milan, when he suddenly attacked a woman who was passing by on a bicycle, biting her in the neck. According to media sources, the individual had no prior convictions.

¹ <https://www.ilrestodelcarlino.it/ancona/cronaca/aggressore-marina-dorica-1.6703972>

² <https://www.anconatoday.it/cronaca/aggressione-ancona-porto-bastone-oggi.html>

³ <https://www.cronacheancona.it/2021/08/18/arrestato-per-tentato-omicidio-indaga-anche-la-digos-al-belvedere-scoperto-il-rifugio/318462/>

⁴ <https://www.cronacheancona.it/2021/08/18/arrestato-per-tentato-omicidio-indaga-anche-la-digos-al-belvedere-scoperto-il-rifugio/318462/>