

# September 2021 Terror Attacks

*In September 2021, one terror attack was registered in Europe*

**September 17<sup>th</sup>, Torre Pacheco, Spain:** One person was killed and two were severely wounded when an individual crashed his car at 120 km/h against a bar terrace. The driver was also killed in the crash.

The attacker was identified as 30-year-old Moroccan citizen (with Spanish nationality obtained in 2020) Abdellah Gmara, from Beni Mellal. It was initially reported that the crash had been caused by the stab wounds that the driver had suffered before crashing against the bar.

However, it later emerged that Gmara's knife wounds were self-inflicted before driving the vehicle at full speed against the target. In addition, the Spanish police found a note with Islamist allusions motivating the crash as a suicide attack. These elements changed the course of the investigation, bringing up the terror attack hypothesis.

## 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
Torre Pacheco (Spain)	Urban	2021, 09	17	Civilians	1	M	Car	Moroccan/Spanish	30	yes	Islamist	1\1	1	2	n/a

## Comments

A few days after the incident, a Spanish judge launched a probe to determine whether Gmara was a terrorist, while mental illness is not being ruled out. The two options could indeed go side to side as one doesn't necessarily exclude the other.

As reported by the website [Atalayar](#), Gmara's was not known to be religious, he occasionally prayed and did not attend the mosque very much. However, Gmara had recently asked his landlord Hassan for a prayer mat and spent most of his time without working, locked in his flat browsing the internet.

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