

France: Terror probe opened after woman killed in knife attack at Paris region police station

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An assailant stabbed to death a woman administrator at a police station in a Paris suburb, before being gunned down by police, in what appears to be the latest instance of Islamic terror in France. The attack happened at around 2.30pm in the entrance to the police station in the town of Rambouillet in the Yvelines département. The victim, a mother of two, had reportedly gone out into the street to change the parking disc on her car when she was confronted by the attacker.

The suspect was a young man (36) of Tunisian extraction police said in a press conference. He was not known to intelligence services.

Francois Bersani, a police union official, said the attacker stormed into the building before shouting "Allahu Akbar."

France's national anti-terrorism prosecutors said they had opened a terror investigation, also involving the DGSI domestic intelligence service, into the murder of a person holding public authority. President Emmanuel Macron said France would never give in to "Islamist terrorism" after the attack in Rambouillet, a tranquil commuter town about 60 kilometres from Paris, Chief anti-terror prosecutor Jean-Francois Ricard, who spoke outside the station along with Prime Minister Jean Castex, confirmed that "comments made by the assailant" indicated a terror motive, without further details.

