

# Geert Wilders on New Year's Eve Sexual Assaults in Cologne Germany by Arab and North African men



Protest Signs in Cologne Germany on New Year's Eve Sexual Assaults

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Reports of sexual assaults and robberies of women gathered for celebrations in Cologne, Germany on New Year's Eve have created a firestorm of concern in Germany, but also in neighboring Holland. Geert Wilders, leader of the Freedom Party (PVV) raised questions in the Hague Parliament of the ruling coalition cabinet members on January 5<sup>th</sup>. Today, Wilders sent a letter to Prime Minister Rutte leader of the VVD party ruling coalition requesting preventive actions to foil such possible attacks by migrants and refugees in Dutch reception centers and communities.

Reports of 90 incidents by women victims in Cologne of such sexual attacks and robberies indicated that the perpetrators were "Arabic or North Africa looking" males. It heightened concerns in this most culturally and ethnically diverse German city and among opposition political leaders who have questioned the wisdom of allowing in more than 1 million predominately Muslim migrants and refugees from the Middle East, North Africa and South Asia. That prompted Chancellor Merkel ,who has welcomed the mass immigration wave of Muslims, as a means of dealing with Germany's acute labor shortage to have the ruling CD government Justice Minister investigate

these charges and determine if any arrests can be made by local law enforcement. However, reports of riots at reception centers by migrants and refugees have aroused protests in a number of German communities.

CNN updated these developments arising from the Cologne New Year's Eve sexual attacks , "[Reports of New Year's Eve sex assaults in Cologne fuel German migrant debate:](#)"

A spate of alleged sexual assaults and robberies at New Year's Eve festivities in the German city of Cologne has fueled a political firestorm over immigration in Germany.

Ninety criminal incidents, a quarter of which were sexual assaults, were reported following New Year's Eve celebrations in the city, Cologne police told CNN.

Police said victims described the perpetrators as gangs of Arab or North African men. Many of the assaults were likely intended to distract, allowing attackers to steal mobile phones and other devices, police said.

Authorities said the crimes, including a rape, occurred around the train station, next to the western German city's landmark cathedral.

Video footage of the celebrations in the area show riotous scenes, with revelers shooting fireworks into crowds.

In a phone call with Cologne Mayor Henriette Reker Tuesday, German Chancellor Angela Merkel expressed outrage over the attacks, labeling them "disgusting" and calling for the culprits to be identified and punished as soon as possible, CNN affiliate ARD reported.

Cologne police Chief Wolfgang Albers said at a press conference Monday that the incidents were "intolerable," describing them as "crimes of a totally new dimension."

The episode raised questions about the viability of

Cologne's famous Carnival next month when hundreds of thousands are expected to join celebrations on city streets, he said.

A smaller number of similar assaults also were reported in the German city of Hamburg on New Year's Eve, Hamburg police told CNN.

The women involved in the Cologne sexual attacks gave evidence of what occurred:

One of the Cologne victims said she was too scared to go out alone following the ordeal.

"The men surrounded us and started to grab our behinds and touch our crotches," she said.

"They touched us everywhere. I wanted to take my friend and leave. I turned around and in that moment someone grabbed my bag."

She said she feared she could be killed or raped by the attackers.

"Nobody noticed and nobody helped us. I just wanted to get out."

Another victim said she had unsuccessfully tried to fight off her assailant.

"But there were so many people around me that there was no control. There was no way out. There was no way to protect yourself," she said.

"We ran to the police. But we saw the police were so understaffed. They couldn't take care of us and we as women suffered the price."

[Watch](#) this UK Telegraph video of protests in Cologne against these sexual attacks and robberies of young women allegedly by

Arab/North African young men: