

New Zealand ISIS knifeman STILL can't be unmasked:

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A knifeman with links to ISIS who went on a stabbing rampage injuring at least six people while screaming 'Allah Allah' will remain unnamed after a New Zealand judge imposed a gagging order protecting the jihadist and his family's privacy. The attacker, identified only as 'S', was a 32-year-old Sri Lankan man who moved to the country in 2011, but was placed under 24/7 police surveillance having recently been released from prison on terror-related charges.

The Islamist's identity will remain shielded under New Zealand's stringent privacy laws, after a High Court judge ruled the knifeman's family must have at least 24 hours to give his family an 'opportunity to seek a suppression order'.

The number of victims has been updated to seven

Police have released the ages of the victims injured in yesterday's terrorist attack in Auckland. Four of the seven are women, aged 29, 43, 60, and 66. The other three men are 53, 57, and 77.

A local man witnessed the very first moments of the attack which left him shaken.

☒ "... I was just buying stuff and walking toward the milk aisle, and then suddenly I heard a person shouting loudly 'Allahu Akbar' and just running," the 34-year-old witness said. "So there was this lady in front of me and he jumped on her so she fell, so that person [the attacker] also sort of lost his balance. He also fell. Then he got up. But I was behind so I couldn't see his face but this person was wearing like a khaki jacket and he had a knife, a pretty big knife –

like I would say the size of his arm. It was very scary. It was like a mini sword, not like a full sword. It was like a sword literally.” He described the “slightly hefty” attacker as about 172cm tall.

Three critical patients, and another in a serious condition, were taken to Auckland City Hospital. One person in a moderate condition is at Waitakere Hospital, and another in a moderate condition is at Middlemore Hospital. The victim taken to Middlemore Hospital with moderate injuries remains in a stable condition, a Counties Manukau DHB spokesman told the Herald this morning. The Herald asked Auckland DHB for an update on the four patients taken to its hospital – three critical and one serious – and a spokeswoman said to liaise with police.

In terms of the attacker, “this was someone who was known to our national security agencies,” Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said from Parliament last night. “There are very few who fall into this category and I can give you this assurance.”

She said the attacker was ISIS-inspired.

Ardern also confirmed, “yes, I was personally aware of him . . . Yes [my heart sank] because I knew we had been doing everything we could, everything that we could. So yes, I was absolutely gutted.” *Because innocent New Zealand citizens had been attacked and could have been killed? Or because the Muslims of Christchurch Mosque and elsewhere might face some constructive criticism?*

On Saturday, the day after the attack,