‘Sweden has been attacked’: Prime Minister Stefan Löfven

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Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Löfven says that Sweden ‘has been attacked’ after a truck drove into a crowd on one of Stockholm’s main shopping streets, injuring several people.

A truck drove into a crowd of people on the busy Stockholm shopping street Drottninggatan near Klarabergsgatan just before 15:00 on Friday. Several people have been injured and there have also been fatalities, police have confirmed, but they have not released details on the number of people.

Police also said there are reports of shots being fired in the proximity of the Åhlens city department store but that those reports have not been confirmed.

There are no confirmed arrests. Police had as of 18:00 not traced the driver of the truck. Police have released CCTV images of a man they would like to trace “in connection with the suspected terror attack in Stockholm”. *(He’s a dark young chap with a little beard.)*

Swedish brewery company Spendrups, which owns the truck, said it had been stolen earlier in the day. *(cf Berlin)*

The city’s subway system has been shut down, and Stockholm’s central railway station has been evacuated.

Swedish security police Säpo say that a “large number of people are injured”, and that they are now assisting the police in an investigation. “Intensive intelligence work is being conducted in order to identify the person or persons behind the attack,” they add.

The truck was rammed into a crowd just yards from the scene of a 2010 suicide bombing that left the perpetrator dead in the middle of the Christmas shopping rush.

Sweden’s King Carl XVI Gustaf has released a statement about the incident.

“I and the entire royal family have sadly been informed about this afternoon’s attack in Stockholm. The background to and

extent of the incident is not yet know. We are following developments but our thoughts already go to those affected and their families," the statement reads.

An eyewitness, Peter Bjurbo, a reporter at national Swedish broadcaster Sveriges Radio, speaks to LBC