

Taylor Swift shows in Vienna canceled after 2 arrested for planning terror plot

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Taylor Swift's three concerts in Vienna this week have been canceled after two suspects were arrested for allegedly plotting a terror attack, authorities said.



"We have no choice but to cancel the three scheduled shows for everyone's safety," a message from Barracuda Music said. "All tickets will be automatically refunded." *Earlier reports anticipated that the concerts would take place.*

It is understood the stadium has not yet been deemed safe for the public.

The cancellation comes hours after authorities announced a 19-year-old Austrian citizen was arrested Wednesday morning and a second suspect was arrested in the afternoon.

The suspects allegedly radicalized themselves online, Franz Ruf, director-general for public safety in the Ministry of the Interior, said at a press conference. The 19-year-old suspect allegedly pledged allegiance to the leader of the Islamic State in the beginning of July, Ruf said. One of the suspects is a native Austrian. Authorities are still investigating the case – and believe there are other suspects involved, according to Austrian media.

Vienna was a target of their planned attack and the 19-year-old suspect had a particular focus on Swift's Vienna concert, Ruf said.

[According to Ruf](#), the substances retrieved from the 19-year-old are currently being evaluated, likely to determine whether they were meant to be used for the purposes of constructing a bomb.



One man was arrested in Vienna, while the 19-year-old – considered to be the main suspect – was detained in the town of Ternitz south of the capital.

Both the attackers allegedly had detailed plans on how to carry out a mass attack.

Authorities, who received a tip from foreign intelligence agencies, asked local residents to evacuate the place as they cordoned off the roads during their raid.