

# Unarmed US marines foil attack by Moroccan gunman with Kalashnikov and handgun on train – follow live updates

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The suspect, of Moroccan origin, is known to intelligence services, AFP reports.

Belgian Prime Minister, Charles Michel, has said the shooting was a “terrorist attack”: “I condemn the terrorist attack on the Thalys (train) and express my sympathy for the victims,” Michel wrote on Twitter

*The train was on Belgian soil at the time on its journey between Paris and Amsterdam*

✖ Le Monde reports that as well as the Kalashnikov, the 26-year-old suspect was also carrying a handgun and cartridges.

The local paper [La Voix du Nord](#) reported that two US marines on the train had overpowered the man. The paper reported that the marines had intervened when the man was loading heavy ammunition in a toilet on the train. Both marines were reported to have been injured, one by gunfire, the other by a knife.

The train stopped at Arras station where the gunman was arrested and is currently being questioned by police. Various other arms were reportedly found in the suspect’s baggage.

Counter-terrorist police have taken over investigation, prosecutors say “The anti-terrorist section of the

prosecutor's office has taken over this case, in agreement with the local prosecutor, in view of the weaponry used, the way it happened and the context"