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Kraków: armed attack on and around the Rynek Główny

INFORMATION CUT-OFF	**Saturday 7 November 2026, 16:25 CET** (about 80 minutes after the first shots)
REFERENCE	GSC/SITREP/PL/01/11/2026 · Version 1.1 (supersedes v1.0, cut-off 16:13). Further updates to follow
BASIS	Open sources only, not independently verified by GSC. Includes unverified reports, each graded below.

BOTTOM LINE: WHAT CHANGED SINCE v1.0

- **Toll up:** police, as quoted by an international wire, now report **at least 3 dead and 10 injured**; the fire service has said 3 dead and about a dozen injured **[O]**. **Five dead** appears in national and local media without an attributed origin. No service has confirmed it **[A]**.
- **Threat picture improved:** police are quoted as saying the suspect was caught trying to flee and that they are **not searching for additional perpetrators [O]**. Earlier reports of two masked occupants remain unexplained.
- **Suspect reportedly shot:** national media say police shot him and that he was being taken to hospital, and video of an officer firing is reported. Police have not confirmed this in anything we could read **[A]**.
- **Unchanged:** suspect not identified, no stated motive, no formal terrorism classification seen. The PM's word remains *zamach* (attack). We saw **no all-clear**, and the Rynek remains cordoned off.

Status at 16:25

Item	Current picture	Grade
Location	Rynek Główny near St Mary's Basilica, and ul. Sławkowska. Police also operating on ul. Dietla.	[O]
Attacker	One man, detained while fleeing; no others sought, per police. Reportedly shot and hospitalised [A]. Identity not released.	[O]
Dead / injured	At least 3 dead, 10 to about a dozen injured, per police and fire service. Competing figures on p. 3.	[O]
Police casualties	2 officers injured per fire service. Local media: the officer who made the arrest near Dietla is seriously wounded.	[O] / [A]
Weapon	Firearm. Automatic or submachine gun in several media and witness accounts; type not officially stated.	[A]
Response	Police, city guard, fire service, ambulances; air ambulance (LPR) landed on the square. Fire unit from Tarnów reportedly tasked.	[F]
Public measures	Cordon on the Rynek, people moved out. Fire service called the area a "hot zone" at 15:56. St Mary's Basilica closed.	[O]
Political level	PM Tusk briefed by the interior minister. Ex-PM Morawiecki and the US Ambassador have posted statements. No presidential statement seen.	[O]

Grades (as in GSC's 1 November assessment): [O] official position · [F] corroborated by two or more reliable sources · [A] credible report, not established · [W] weak or unverified · [J] GSC judgement.

Timeline, 7 November (CET)

Times from 15:21 are mostly the time a report appeared, so each event happened earlier. **New in v1.1** entries are in bold.

Time	Event or report	Grade
~15:00	Police: a man from a vehicle that entered the square begins firing at random people.	[O]
~15:03	Fire service: shooting at ul. Sławkowska, fired from a passing car. This is the earliest specific time given.	[O]
15:21	Local media: manhunt under way; witness reports of casualties on Sławkowska and at Stradomska/Dietla; unofficial “5 dead”.	[W]
≤15:26	Services urge people to shelter in a safe place.	[O]
15:32	TV presenter, on air: bodies in the streets, “probably 5” dead, foreigners involved, city guards rather than police with the bodies.	[W]
15:34	Witness at Stradomska/Dietla: three cars and a collision, then shots; at least two people on the ground afterwards. Shots also fired towards a shop on the Rynek; injured treated inside a shop.	[A]
15:35	Witness: people and horse-drawn carriages fleeing, followed by a car with a man firing from it.	[A]
15:39	Fire service confirms deaths and injuries. Local media’s own figure: 2 dead, 8 injured.	[O] / [A]
15:44	Shots also reported on Stradom and at Plac Matejki.	[W]
15:46	Witness sheltering in a café: ordered to leave the Rynek; area being fenced off.	[A]
≤15:49	**Police communiqué: perpetrator detained; injured include officers.** Fire service: 2 dead, 8 injured.	[O]
15:51	A shop and a tram reported damaged. Tram operator MPK: no passengers or drivers hurt, on information so far.	[A]
15:52	St Mary’s Basilica closed until further notice.	[O]
15:53	City: shots fired on the Rynek; police also operating on ul. Dietla; still awaiting confirmed scale.	[O]
15:55	PM Tusk posts: briefed by the interior minister; police examining the background and circumstances of the *zamach*.	[O]
15:56	Fire service: the area around the square is still a “hot zone”; do not approach.	[O]
≤16:07	Fire service: 2 dead, at least 10 injured, including 2 officers.	[O]
16:12	Local media: officer who detained the suspect near ul. Dietla seriously wounded; says video of the moment exists.	[A]
16:14	**Local media, on unofficial information: death toll has risen to five.**	[A]
16:16	**Local media publish a photo from the arrest site, captioned as the perpetrator and the wounded officer.**	[A]
16:19*	**Police, via an international wire: at least 3 dead, 10 injured; suspect caught trying to flee; no additional perpetrators sought.**	[O]
≤16:22	**Reactions: ex-PM Morawiecki calls for all available forces against those responsible; the US Ambassador condemns the attack.**	[O]
undated	**Fire service: 3 dead, about a dozen injured. National media: 5 dead; suspect shot by police and being taken to hospital.**	[O] / [A]

*Time inferred by GSC from a time stamp on a foreign republication.

Casualty reporting as it evolved

Time	Reported by	Dead	Injured	Grade
15:21	Local media, “unofficial”	5	not given	[W]
15:32	TV presenter, personal account	“probably 5”	unknown	[W]
15:36	Online portal, unconfirmed	5	3	[W]
15:39	Local media, editorial information	2	8	[A]
15:42	Anonymous social media post with video	3	–	[W]
15:49	Fire service	2	8	[O]
15:51	Anonymous witness: four near the church, one elsewhere	4 + 1	–	[W]
≤16:07	Fire service (superseded)	≥ 2	≥ 10, inc. 2 police	[O]
16:14	Local media, own unofficial information	5	–	[A]
16:19*	**Police, via international wire: best-sourced at cut-off**	**≥ 3**	**10**	**[O]**
undated	Fire service spokesman	3	about a dozen	[O]
undated	National media, unattributed	5	≥ 10, inc. 2 police	[A]

*Time inferred by GSC. Social media posts also circulate 3–5 dead, unconfirmed by services.

Attacker, vehicle and weapon: conflicting claims

Question	Version A	Version B / others	GSC reading [J]
How many	One man; no others sought: police **[O]**.	Two masked people: national media, citing police accounts **[A]**. “Attackers” (plural): witnesses.	One suspect likely; a second occupant not excluded.
Fate	Detained while fleeing: police **[O]**; near ul. Dietla: local media **[A]**.	Shot by police, taken to hospital: national media **[A]**. Killed: unnamed reports **[W]**.	Detention firm. Probably also wounded.
Fired how	From a moving car: fire service; witnesses.	Got out, opened the door and fired, then turned on those fleeing: broadcast media; police wording partly similar.	Both may be true, at different moments.
Vehicle	Black Subaru, plates from Ostrowiec Świętokrzyski: national media **[A]**.	Black Subaru, “foreign plates”: partisan outlet, unattributed **[W]**.	Black Subaru plausible. Plates contradictory.
Weapon	Submachine gun in bursts; automatic: broadcast media sources **[A]**.	“Machine gun” (lay witness). Long weapon; automatic or smoothbore: local portal **[W]**.	Long automatic likely. No official type.
Appearance	Mask, glasses on head: witness **[W]**. Masked: several reports.	Military-style clothing: local portal **[W]**.	Masking fairly consistent.
Route	Sławkowska to Rynek: fire service. Then towards Grodzka, police following: witness.	Reverse direction, fleeing police: Dietla – Krakowska – Grodzka – Rynek: local portal **[W]**.	North-to-south best fits reports (see p. 4).

Motive and the information fog

Circulating claim	Where it comes from	Status at cut-off	Grade
Terrorist attack	PM's word *zamach*; an opposition MP's post calling it a terrorist act and asking if it was a provocation.	*Zamach* is not a legal finding. No formal classification seen.	[A]
Criminal score-settling	Local press, seen second-hand.	Sits poorly with police and fire accounts of random targets.	[W]
Link to nearby rally	A right-wing rally on the Constitutional Tribunal crisis took place about 500 m away.	National media report no information linking them. Expect this claim to spread.	[W]
Foreigners took part	A TV presenter on a partisan channel, no source given.	Unsupported. Nationality not released. High potential for inflammatory spread.	[W]
Shots were not random	One anonymous witness.	Contradicts police and fire service.	[W]
Several separate shootings	Reports from Stradomska, Sławkowska, Dietla, Plac Matejki.	Unclear if one moving event or several. Stradomska/Dietla casualties are the least explained.	[A]
Police absent at first	The same TV presenter.	Conflicts with reports of a quick response and an officer wounded making the arrest.	[W]
Helicopter photo on the Rynek	An online portal could not date the image.	That image is unverified, but the LPR landing itself is widely corroborated.	[F]

DO NOT CONFLATE

- **Pharmacy knife attack, ul. Galla** (reported 30 October): three staff hurt, attacker in custody. Its headline appears alongside coverage of this event.
- **Earlier shooting case near ul. Dietla:** a 26-year-old Georgian national charged over vehicle damage, two others sought. Date unverified; nothing links it to today. **It must not be read as today's suspect.**
- **Low-quality aggregators and "Krakow" namesakes:** some English-language sites give uncited detail, and one describes a Krakow in Wisconsin, USA.

GSC assessment [J]

- **Death toll: likely to rise above three.** Police and fire figures have moved from two to three, and national and local media now report five. Those reports may share an origin, so five remains unconfirmed.
- **Geography: one moving attack is the more likely explanation.** Plac Matejki, Sławkowska, the Rynek, Grodzka, Stradomska and Dietla form a roughly north-to-south line through the Old Town. An attacker driving south and being stopped near Dietla would fit most reports, though not the reverse route.
- **Threat: probably contained.** The police line that no other perpetrators are sought lowers the risk of a second active attacker. Keep following instructions until an all-clear; the two-occupant reports still need explaining.
- **Motive: keep it open.** Random targeting points away from a targeted criminal hit. It does not by itself establish terrorism; a lone-actor attack with personal or mental-health drivers also fits.
- **Political context: disinformation risk is high.** The Constitutional Tribunal crisis, a nearby rally and the run-up to 11 November, flagged in our 1 November assessment, give any claim about the attacker's identity or politics immediate reach.

Immediate guidance for people and organisations in Kraków

- Stay out of the Old Town and the Rynek–Grodzka–Stradom–Dietla corridor. If nearby, stay indoors and follow police instructions until an all-clear is issued.
- Account for staff, visitors and principals in central Kraków. Expect cordons, diverted trams and traffic disruption for the rest of the day.
- Rely on Małopolska Police, the fire service and the City of Kraków for facts. Do not forward videos or claims about the attacker's identity.

Priority gaps and what the next update should resolve

- A primary police or prosecutor toll (three or five), condition of the wounded, and receiving hospitals (none named so far).
- What explains the reports of two masked occupants; a formal end to the shelter advice; reopening of the Rynek.
- Suspect's identity and condition; weapon type and legal status; ownership of the vehicle.
- Legal classification, including any terrorism designation, the lead prosecutor, and any change in national alert level.
- Whether Stradomska/Dietla and Plac Matejki are part of the same event.

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