

# Authorities explore terrorism link as 2 Swedish soccer fans gunned down in Brussels

Oct. 16 (UPI) — Two people were shot to death by an armed assailant in the Belgian capital of Brussels late Monday in an apparent terror attack on Swedish soccer fans in the city to attend an international match.

Police confirmed to Belgian broadcaster RTBF that shots were fired around 7:15 p.m. local time near Place Sainctelette, one of the city's main intersections, killing two people.

No one was yet in custody, they said.

Local media reports indicated the victims were wearing jerseys of the Swedish national team, which played against the Belgian national team in Brussels Monday night in a UEFA European Championships qualifying match at King Baudouin Stadium.

Authorities are working under the assumption the slayings were a terrorist attack, the Brussels daily Le Soir reported.

An unverified social media video viewed by police and media shows a man claiming to be a jihadist and a member of Islamic State claiming responsibility for the attack, saying he killed three Swedes in an act of revenge for "the Muslims."

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