

Eight, including suspect, killed in shooting at German Jehovah's Witness church

March 10 (UPI) — German police said in a press conference Friday that eight people were killed in a mass shooting at Jehovah's Witness church in Hamburg on Thursday.

Police said among the dead were four men, two women and the unborn baby of a pregnant woman. The mother who had carried the child for about seven months survived the shooting. Authorities confirmed that all were German citizens but were not related to the shooter.

Police said the suspect, who they identified as Philipp F, took his own life once officers entered the building, running up a flight of steps to another floor from where the shooting took place.

The 35-year-old suspect was a former member of the congregation who left 18 months ago over "ill feelings" but had no prior criminal record, police said.

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