

# 《"伊斯兰国"宣称对柏林圣诞集市袭击负责》

导读:极端组织"伊斯兰国"通过其宣传机构宣布,对于当地时间19日晚发生在德国首都柏林的圣诞集市卡车袭击案负责。



A "soldier" of the Islamic State group carried out a truck attack that killed 12 people at a Berlin Christmas market, a news agency linked to the jihadists said Tuesday.

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A soldier of the Islamic State carried out the Berlin operation in response to appeals to target citizens of coalition countries, the IS-linked Amaq news agency said in a statement posted online.

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The statement did not identify the attacker.

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The truck was rammed into shoppers at the Christmas market in Berlin on Monday night, killing 12 people and wounding dozens more in what German Chancellor Angela Merkel said was a likely "terrorist" attack.

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Police arrested a Pakistani asylum-seeker soon after the attack but released him on Tuesday for lack of evidence, leaving investigators to pursue their hunt for the real perpetrator.

While Germany has so far been spared the devastating jihadist carnage, it has suffered a spate of attacks this year.

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In some cases, the assaults have been claimed by IS and carried out by asylum seekers.

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On July 18, a 17-year-old asylum-seeker wielding an axe and a knife attacked passengers on a Bavarian train, injuring five people, before being shot dead by police.

The IS group released a video purportedly featuring the attacker announcing he would carry out an "operation" in Germany, and presenting himself as a "soldier of the caliphate".

A US-led military coalition that includes Germany has been carrying out air strikes against IS positions in Iraq and Syria since 2014.

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