# Vehicle attack shatters Liverpool FC Premier League victory celebrations



The day that should have been a monumental celebration for Liverpool Football Club transformed into a scene of chaos and heartbreak on May 26, 2025. Just over a half-hour after the jubilant parade festivities had commenced, a horrific incident unfolded on Water Street as a vehicle drove into a crowd of supporters, resulting in widespread injuries and hospitalisations.

Earlier that day, the atmosphere was electric. A jubilant crowd gathered along the 10-mile route to witness the team parade the Premier League trophy, achieved after a 35-year wait. Liverpool's supporters, estimated to be as many as half a million, sang the club's anthem "You'll Never Walk Alone" as the open-top bus carrying the team made its triumphant passage past landmarks like the Royal Liver Building. Players, including captain Virgil van Dijk and star Mohamed Salah, shared the joyful moment with fans who had travelled from around the globe to be part of this historic occasion.

However, in a tragic turn of events shortly after 6 PM, a car driven by a 53-year-old local man collided with multiple pedestrians, including four children. The aftermath was devastating—27 individuals, including two seriously injured, were taken to hospital, while many more received treatment for minor injuries at the scene. Eyewitness accounts described the chaotic scene, where ambulances rushed to the area and emergency services worked tirelessly to assist the wounded. A bystander, who had come to celebrate, recounted the surreal shift from euphoria to panic, stating, “I won’t be sending any [photos] now. I’d had the most wonderful day but now I don’t even want to think about what I just saw."

The driver was apprehended at the scene, and authorities were quick to clarify that the incident was not connected to terrorism, aiming to preempt the spread of misinformation in light of previous incidents of unrest driven by social media speculation. Merseyside Police released a description of the suspect, emphasizing their commitment to investigating the situation thoroughly while reassuring the public that no further suspects were being sought.

As the news spread, reactions poured in from various sectors, with Prime Minister Keir Starmer expressing his condolences and commending the response of emergency services. Liam Robinson, the Liverpool city council leader, noted that the tragic event cast "a very dark shadow" over what was intended to be a day of joy. Liverpool FC also responded, suspending social media activities and cancelling planned events to respect the gravity of the incident.

Amidst the chaos, a sense of unity emerged. The broader football community rallied in support of Liverpool FC and its fans, with rival clubs, including Manchester United and Everton, publicly expressing solidarity. Former players shared messages of hope, with Liverpool legend Kenny Dalglish referencing the club's anthem in a statement that underscored the enduring strength and resilience of the Liverpool community.

This incident not only marred a significant achievement for Liverpool FC but also reopened discussions surrounding crowd safety at high-profile events. The echoes of past tragedies linked to the club, such as Hillsborough and Heysel, resonate with these recent events, highlighting a complex history of both triumph and sorrow that continues to shape the Liverpool fanbase.

As investigations continue, the soccer world in mourning will seek to come to terms with this tragic event. In the aftermath, the narrative of unity and resilience will likely prevail, but the memories of joy—quickly overshadowed by horror—will remain etched in the hearts of those who gathered to celebrate what should have been a defining moment for Liverpool FC.

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6. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2025_Liverpool_Parade_incident> - On 26 May 2025, a man drove into a large crowd on Water Street in Liverpool during a victory parade celebrating Liverpool F.C.'s Premier League win. According to the North West Ambulance Service, 47 people were injured, 27 of whom were hospitalised; Merseyside Police detained a 53-year-old white British man at the scene. Prior to the incident, locals and supporters of Liverpool F.C. were taking part in the football club's city-wide victory parade to celebrate their victory in the 2024-25 Premier League. An estimated 1 million people were in attendance. The open-top bus carrying the football club's team and staff members took a 10-mile long route starting at Allerton Maze and ending at The Strand in the city centre. The incident took place 10 minutes after the bus had passed through the area. Shortly after 6 p.m. BST on 26 May 2025, a motorist was arguing with pedestrians before he accelerated and ploughed into a large group of pedestrians on Water Street in Liverpool during the parade. The vehicle then stopped and people began smashing its windows, but the driver accelerated again and rammed into more people. Victims with head and limb injuries were reportedly being treated inside a nearby restaurant. By 7 p.m. a North West Air Ambulance had landed at the scene and the area was quickly cordoned off with tape and metal barriers after a man was detained. A large blue tent was set up inside the cordon and a paramedic said he believed the Royal Liverpool University Hospital may be overwhelmed. Merseyside Police said they had detained a 53-year-old white British man who was from the Liverpool area and counter-terrorism police were involved. Just before 9:30 p.m. the North West Ambulance Service (NWAS) said they had cleared the scene and would give an update on casualty numbers during a press conference later that evening. At 10:51 p.m. a press conference on the incident began, where NWAS confirmed that 27 people were taken to hospital, four of whom were children, whilst a further 20 were treated at the scene for minor injuries; two of those hospitalised had serious injuries, including a child, and a number of others also took themselves to hospital for treatment. Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service added that four people were trapped under the vehicle and had to be removed, including one child. One of the people injured, a man from Northern Ireland who was struck by the car with his girlfriend, said he was in "absolute agony" as he spoke to BBC News from hospital. A cycling paramedic had also been struck by the vehicle, but avoided injury. ([en.wikipedia.org](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2025_Liverpool_Parade_incident?utm_source=openai))