# Seven Iranian men charged over violent Knightsbridge embassy clash



Seven men have been charged following a violent altercation outside the Iranian embassy in central London that left two men seriously injured. The Metropolitan Police responded to a large-scale fight on Princes Gate in Knightsbridge shortly after 9.50 am on Friday. The two victims, aged 37 and 39, were hospitalised with serious but non-life-threatening injuries. Eight individuals were initially arrested in connection with the incident, including one of the injured men, but seven of those arrested have now been charged with causing grievous bodily harm with intent. All charged men, all Iranian nationals, have been remanded in custody and are due to appear at Westminster Magistrates’ Court on Monday.

The charged individuals are Mohammad Nadiri, Pourrezaei Vahid, Armin Hasanlov, Esmaeil Balouchy, Saeed Hosseingholipoor, Farzin Suleimani, and Aref Yazdan Parast, with addresses spanning London, Liverpool, Brentford, Mitcham, Birmingham, and Isleworth. The incident reportedly involved opposing groups of protesters — those supporting and those opposing the Iranian regime — leading to clashes outside the embassy. Following the violence, police have imposed restrictions preventing further gatherings in the area until Sunday afternoon to maintain public order.

Footage circulating on social media showed two men lying injured within a cordoned-off section of Princes Gate, highlighting the severity of the clash. This episode echoes previous disturbances outside the Iranian embassy, such as in September 2022 when violent protests led to at least five police officers being seriously injured and multiple arrests. That earlier unrest involved objects being thrown at officers and mass disorder, illustrating the embassy area as a focal point for tensions related to Iranian political issues within London.

Police initially arrested six men in connection with the latest incident on the day of the clash, before an additional arrest raised the total to eight. Two men injured in the melee were treated at the scene before hospital transfer, with investigations ongoing amid efforts to maintain security around the embassy.

The location has also been the site of previous protests and confrontations. Notably, in March 2018, four protesters were arrested after climbing onto a balcony of the embassy and waving flags in defiance of the Iranian government. Further that year, supporters of a dissident Iranian cleric forcefully entered the embassy, replaced the Iranian flag with their own, and chanted slogans against Tehran’s authorities before being arrested.

The recent charged individuals face serious allegations of inflicting grievous bodily harm with intent, reflecting the gravity of violence erupting in political demonstrations on UK soil. The Metropolitan Police continue to monitor the situation closely, emphasising the importance of peaceful protest and public safety around diplomatic missions.

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