# French Police Shoot and Kill Armed Man Trying to Set Fire to Synagogue in Rouen



Early on Friday, French police shot and killed an armed man who allegedly attempted to set fire to a synagogue in Rouen, Normandy. The Interior Ministry confirmed the incident, with Minister Gerald Darmanin announcing on social media platform X that the individual was "neutralized." The confrontation escalated when the suspect, armed with a knife, moved towards the police officers. Rouen Mayor Nicolas Mayer-Rossignaol expressed that the attack affected not just the Jewish community but the entire city. The situation comes amid heightened tensions over the Israel-Hamas conflict, which has led to an increase in antisemitic acts in France. Firefighters remain at the site for safety measures.