



NEWS REPORT

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Title: Danish police have shot and wounded a man at the home of Kurt Westergaard, whose cartoon depicting the Prophet Muhammad sparked an international row in 2005.
Country: Denmark

Context

Issue at stake: Attempted assassination of the cartoonist Kurt Westergaard
Ground of discrimination: of religion and belief
Source: miscellaneous
Field: other (hate crime)
Legislative provisions: Criminal Provisions on terror-related crimes and attempted homicide

Content

Political development: A 28-year-old Somali man with a residence permit in Denmark was arrested on January 2, 2010, armed with an axe and a knife, as he forced his way into the house of the cartoonist Kurt Westergaard in Aarhus, Denmark. In connection with the arrest, the police fired shots at the perpetrator and wound him in the knee and the hand.

The arrested person will be charged with attempted murder of the cartoonist Kurt Westergaard and a police officer on duty.

The Danish Security and Intelligence Service (PET) believe that the attempted assassination of the cartoonist Kurt Westergaard is terror-related. According to PET's information, the arrested person has close relations to the Somali terror organisation al-Shabaab and al-Qaida leaders in East Africa.

Internet link source and additional information: <http://www.pet.dk/Nyheder/KW%20drabsfors%C3%B8g.aspx>