



Situation Room

**** Terrorist attack in Vienna, 2nd November 2020 ****

Period under review: from **2 November 2020** to (morning) **3 November 2020**.

Situation analysis recap:

- Several **attackers opened fire** on residents in the centre of Vienna around 8 p.m. on the night before the implementation of lockdown measures in the fight against the Corona epidemic. This was the **last evening before the lockdown** and several residents visited pubs, restaurants, theatres and cinemas in the city centre.
- **Locations of the attack:** reportedly 6 locations, the main location is Seitenstettengasse (near Schwedenplatz). This is the second terrorist attack at this location after a Palestinian terrorist killed two people in the synagogue on this street in 1981.
- According to the media outlets, **at least 4 people have been killed**, 15 people seriously wounded, among them one policeman. Initial indications about hostage situations were not confirmed. **People were instructed to stay at home.**
- According to Die Presse, it was just a matter of time before such an attack would take place in Austria.
- Key Austrian and European political figures have strongly condemned the attack.
- Austrian authorities refrain from commenting on the perpetrators and their motives.
- Counter-terrorism operation included the ordinary police, special police, EKO Cobra unit of the Federal Ministry of Internal Affairs, intelligence agencies and also the Austrian armed forces.

Sources/Further Reading:

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