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Khalid Masood

**LONDON:** London Mayor Sadiq Khan looks at floral tributes to victims of Wednesday's attack outside the Houses of Parliament in London yesterday.—AP

## UK POLICE ARREST 10 IN LONDON ATTACK PROBE

ATTACKER MASOOD KNOWN IN A NUMBER OF OTHER NAMES

**LONDON:** British police are combing through "massive amounts of computer data," have searched more than 20 sites and have contacted thousands of witnesses in a vast operation to trace how a British man became radicalized and launched a deadly attack on Parliament, a senior official said yesterday.

In a briefing outside Scotland Yard, London's top counterterrorism officer, Mark Rowley, said more "significant" arrests had been made, bringing to 10 the number of people in custody over Wednesday's attack, which killed four people and the assailant. Police said the attacker, Khalid Masood, was born Adrian Russell Ajao in southern England in 1964. He was also known as Adrian Elms and "may also be known by a number of other names," police said.

The latest arrests were a man and a woman detained early yesterday in Manchester, northwest England. Police believe Masood acted alone but Rowley said police were trying to determine whether others "encouraged, supported or directed him."

The Islamic State group has claimed responsibility for the attack on Westminster Bridge and at Parliament. Detectives have searched 21 properties in London, Brighton, Wales, Manchester and the central English city of Birmingham in one of Britain's biggest counter-

terrorism operations in years. Wednesday's attack was the deadliest in Britain since suicide bombers killed 52 commuters on London's transit system in July 2005.

"We've seized 2,700 items from these searches, including massive amounts of computer data for us to work through," Rowley said, adding that contact had been made with 3,500 witnesses. "We've received hundreds of uploads of video images to our online platform. Given this attack was in the heart of the capital we also, of course, are dealing with statements from a wide range of nationalities." Masood drove his car into crowds on Westminster Bridge before fatally stabbing a police officer on Parliament grounds. He was shot dead by police.

An American man from Utah, a British retiree and British female school administrator were killed on the bridge, and police officer Keith Palmer was stabbed to death at Parliament, police said. The latest victim, a man who died in a hospital Thursday, was identified as 75-year-old Leslie Rhodes from south London.

### Poignant reminder

More than 50 people of a dozen nationalities were wounded in the attack, 31 of whom required hospital treatment. "Those affected include a real cross-section of ages from at least

12 nationalities," Rowley said. "It's a poignant reminder, I think, that the impact of this attack on the capital will reach around the world."

Rowley said two police officers targeted in the attack have significant injuries. Two other people also remain in critical condition, one with life-threatening injuries. The 52-year-old attacker was born in southeastern England and had most recently been living in Birmingham, where several properties have been searched by police. Police say Masood has had a string of convictions

between 1983 and 2003 for offenses including assault and possession of an offensive weapon. Prime Minister Theresa May said Thursday that Masood was "investigated in relation to concerns about violent extremism" some years ago. But she called him "a peripheral figure." The manager of a hotel in the beachside city of Brighton in southern England, where Masood stayed the night before the attack, said he seemed unusually outgoing and mentioned details about his family, including having a sick father.—AP

## NEW VIDEO SHOWS CONFUSION IN LEADING MAY OUT OF PARLIAMENT

**LONDON:** Newly published video showing British Prime Minister Theresa May being rushed out of Parliament while an attack unfolded nearby seems to show some confusion and delays on the part of her security detail.

Yesterday, The Sun newspaper showcased the 73-second video, taken by a bystander in Parliament on Wednesday. May had been voting in Parliament when

the attacker in a SUV ran over a number of pedestrians on Westminster Bridge and rushed onto Parliament's grounds, where he was shot dead after fatally stabbing a policeman.

In the video, there are times when May is seen standing exposed to possible sniper fire. At one point, she wanders off for a few moments without a security escort before she is ushered into her Jaguar sedan.—AP