

One injured in Norway mosque shooting



Oslo, August 11 (RHC)-- A gunman armed with multiple weapons opened fire in a mosque near the Norwegian capital Oslo over the weekend, injuring one person before being overpowered by an elderly worshiper, police and witnesses said.

The head of the mosque described the assailant, who was later arrested, as a young white man dressed in black and said he was wearing a helmet and bullet proof vest. Police were alerted to the shooting at the al-Noor Islamic center in the Oslo suburb of Baerum.

Police first reported that the victim had been shot, but later said one person had sustained "minor injuries" and that it was unclear if they were gunshot wounds.

Norway was the scene of one of the worst-ever attacks by a right-wing extremist in July 2011, when 77 people were killed by Anders Behring Breivik.

Police said there was no indication that people other than the "young man" arrested were involved in Saturday's incident. "It is a Norwegian young man, with a Norwegian background. He lives in the vicinity," Oslo police officer Rune Skjold told a press conference on Saturday evening.

Skjold added that the suspect had been known to police before the incident but could not be described as someone with a "criminal background." The police bomb squad was later spotted outside an address

linked to the suspect, according to media reports.

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