London Attack

What happened in London?

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- Four people including a terrorist, are dead after an atrocity in the heart of London .
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- The attacker drove a car along a pavement on Westminster Bridge, mowing down dozens of pedestrians near the Houses of Parliament.
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- He then left his vehicle wielding a knife and stabbed a Police officer to death before being shot.
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Why the lone wolf attack happens?

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- Though terrorist groups have not succeeded in staging a major organised attack on the West since the Brussels attack a year ago, their supporters have **staged a steady war of attrition,** carried out by knife, vehicle or whatever other means are at hand.
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- These kinds of attackers are sometimes referred to as '**lone wolves'.**
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- Terrorists like the London attacker know that their violence, **trivial in the grand scheme of things,** will not create a caliphate, or subjugate their enemies.
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- Their political project is to engineer a backlash which **breaks up Muslims from the wider community**, and thus give their cause the legitimacy and mass base it now does not enjoy.
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- Demonizing the entire Muslim populations, as **Europe's resurgent Right** is doing, will gift jihadists something their bombs and knives have failed in

winning them. That is the outcome that must be avoided.
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- Intelligence and policing are key weapons to win this long war.
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