

Injuries in assassination attempts

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In order to understand what kind of injuries can occur with assassination attempts and to train security and medical personnel properly JDMT is collecting facts about assassination attempts that happened in the past.

Example 1:

Assassination attempt on Wolfgang Schäuble

Wolfgang Schäuble (Former Interior Minister, Germany) was shot at by a paranoid schizophrenic at an election-event in Oppenau on October, 12th 1990. The assassin shot three times in direction of the minister. Two shots hit the minister's spine and jaw and one shot hit his bodyguard.

Immediate medical care was provided by an emergency doctor on scene. Firstly Mr. Schäuble was transported to the regional hospital in Offenburg and due to severe injury transferred to the clinic of the University of Freiburg.

After multiple surgical interventions Wolfgang Schäuble's state was stable so far. His injury at the spine and his neurological deficits substantiated suspicion that he would remain paraplegic below the 3rd thoracal segment.

He has come back to politics after rehabilitation and at the moment he's still active as the Minister of Finances in the German government.

Example 2:

Assassination attempt on Oskar Lafontaine

The former candidate for Chancellor of Germany was attacked with a knife by a schizophrenic woman at an election-event in Colone-Müllheim in April, 25th 1990. The assassin stabbed Oskar Lafontaine in his neck close to his carotid artery and hurt him perilously.

Primary care was provided by a paramedic and a firefighter from the audience and by the bodyguards. They succeeded in stopping the bleeding. Within half an hour Lafontaine was transported to the clinic of the University of Colone in an ambulance.

Despite the assassination attempt Lafontaine participated in each event of his current election campaign and remained in the government until 2009.