

ISIS Claims Responsibility For Manchester Bombing

The Islamic State has claimed responsibility for the fatal bombing in Manchester, [according](#) to the Associated Press.

Two explosions at the Manchester Arena killed 22 people and injured around 50 others at an Ariana Grande concert Monday night. The bombs, which contained nails, were [detonated](#) by a suicide bomber.

The use of nails and screws are common with explosives used by jihadis.

BREAKING: Islamic State group says one of its members carried out the Manchester attack that killed 22 people.

— The Associated Press (@AP) [6:48 AM - 23 May 2017](#)

1. Minutes ago, ISIS claimed responsibility for the deadly blast in Manchester. It appeared via Nashir, an official ISIS outlets pic.twitter.com/8QQDmTQ1Dz

— Rukmini Callimachi (@rcallimachi) [7:28 AM - 23 May 2017](#)

“With guidance from Allah, ... one of the soldiers of the Caliphate was able to place explosive devices amidst a gathering of Crusaders in the British city of Manchester,” the ISIS statement [read](#), adding “What is coming is tougher and worse for the worshipers of the Cross and their helpers.”

ISIS claimed that the attack was revenge for “transgressions” against Muslims.

Pro-Islamic State accounts [celebrated](#) the bombing before ISIS claimed responsibility for the attack. Netizens on a pro-ISIS forum referred to the bombing as “a successful and surprising blow” against the U.K., calling it revenge for the country’s participation in the air strikes in Iraq and Syria, reports SITE Director Rita Katz.

Pro-ISIS accounts instructed followers to “hunt your prey” prior to Monday’s deadly bombing in Manchester. The accounts reportedly provided information on key targets in the country.

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