



## Italian Citizen Confirmed Dead in Berlin Attack

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Fabrizia Di Lorenzo is one of the 12 people who were killed in the lorry massacre. Originally from Sulmona of L'Aquila in Abruzzo, she had been living in Germany for several years.

Horror struck Berlin on Monday evening when a Schwarzmuller rental truck plowed into a Christmas



market. Of the 12 people who were killed in the [terror attack](#) [2], the government confirmed that Italian woman Fabrizia Di Lorenzo was one of them.

"The German judiciary, as reported by Germany's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, has performed the necessary verifications and unfortunately it is now certain that among the victims there is also the Italian national, Fabrizia Di Lorenzo," Italy's Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, [Angelino Alfano](#) [3], said. "I am affectionately close to her family and loved ones and join them in their immense grief."

After Aflano confirmed her death, [Premier Paolo Gentiloni](#) [4] took to Twitter to offer his condolences.

"Italy remembers Fabrizia Di Lorenzo, an exemplary citizen killed by terrorists. The country joins in the pain of the family."

President [Sergio Mattarella](#) [4] expressed his sorrow too.

"The news that Fabrizia Di Lorenzo has been identified among the victims of the Berlin massacre confirms our worst fears of the last few days. The pain at her death is great. Once again one of our young compatriots has been the victim of the senseless, execrable violence of terrorism. I express the solidarity and closeness of the whole country to Fabrizia's parents and brother."

The 31-year-old was reported missing by her family after the attack. Her mobile phone and travel pass were found near the [Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church](#) [5] where the hijacked lorry careered through huts and stalls packed with visitors. Her parents and brother traveled to Berlin to help German officials with DNA identification of her body.

Originally from Sulmona of L'Aquila in Abruzzo, she had been living in Germany for several years, working for a logistics company. Her relatives own [Ristorante Lucia](#) [6] in the North End neighborhood of Boston.

Police in Germany and across Europe are still in search of the prime suspect, [Anis Amri](#) [7]. The 24-year-old Tunisian is believed to be armed, leaving Europeans to face the prospect of a holiday season with a violent and radicalized man on the loose.

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